



Guided by our interest in promoting stronger involvement in our schools and investment in our children, each year **BerwynC.A.R.E.S.** awards scholarships to Morton West High School students headed to college. Due to generous contributions from our community and membership, we were able to award six scholarships this year.

We are honored to announce the 2010 recipients* and their achievements below.
Each demonstrated true passion for personal and academic development.

Congratulations Cassandra Cisneros!

Cassandra Cisneros is ranked 54th in her class. She scored a 22 on the ACT and has a GPA of 3.767. She was a member of the 2010 Club, NHS, Italian Club and French Club. An active student athlete, she was on the Badminton, Tennis and Gymnastics teams and was recognized with honors that include West Suburban Conference (Academic Achievement Award), Scholastic Achievement Award, Scholastic Achievement Award (Gymnastics), Sportsman Award (Tennis), All-Conference Champ (Tennis). She works part time as a lifeguard and swim instructor and will be attending Illinois Wesleyan University to study Biology in hopes of becoming Pediatrician. Congratulations to Cassandra and her Parents, Karine and Manuel!

Congratulations Jocelin Gamez!

Jocelin Gamez is ranked 6th in her class. She scored a 26 on the ACT and has a GPA of 4.465. Her school activities include: Swim Team, Water Polo Team, National Honor Society and Mathletes. She has been recognized as an Illinois State Scholar and for the Gold Honor Roll. She was actively involved in her church youth group and Awaken Your Mind. She has been accepted to both UIC and Dominican University and plans to study Chemistry or Bio-Chemistry in hopes of becoming Pharmacist. Congratulations to Jocelin and her parents, Estela and Reynaldo!

Congratulations Iseli Hernandez!

Iseli Hernandez is ranked 3rd in her class. She scored a 27 on the ACT and has a GPA of 4.5. She was active in Cross Country, Track and Field, serving as Track and Field Co-Captain. She has been recognized by the National Honor Society and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, other academic honors include State Scholar, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award and Science Fair Gold Award (State). She is undecided on which college to attend but she wishes to study Psychology in hopes of becoming a psychologist. **Congratulations to Iseli and her parents, Maria and Guadalupe!**

Congratulations Julia Irmis!

Julia Irmis is ranked 14th in her class. She scored a 25 on the ACT and has a GPA of 4.17. At school she was active in Student Council, the Theater Department, Thespian Guild and Band. She was recognized as a member of the National Honor Society and as Junior Girl of the Year. Her volunteer activities include time spent at Trinity Church as a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader. She has been accepted to both Durham University and University of Kent to study English Literature and History in hopes of becoming a University Professor. **Congratulations to Julia and her parents, Elizabeth and James!**

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Congratulations Diana Saavedra! (Lorraine X. Page Scholar*)

Diana Saavedra is ranked 36th in her class. She scored a 20 on the ACT and has a GPA of 3.884. She was a member of the Math Team, Spanish Club, Guitar Club and played in the Band, as well as serving on the Class of 2010. Her community activities include: Big Brother Big Sister, R.O.S.E. Program, Ronald McDonald House of Charity, UNICEF, Special Olympics, Chicago Cares and the March of Dimes. She has numerous that include: National Honor Society, National Social Studies Award, Silver Honor Award, Gold Honor Award, Best of Berwyn, Student of the Month, Outstanding Academic Achievement and Homecoming Queen. She will be attending Loyola University Chicago to study Pre-Med in hopes of becoming a General Practitioner “The career of my childhood dream”. **Congratulations to Diana and her parents, Maria and Juan!**

Congratulations Christina Soto! (Democratic Citizens of Berwyn Scholar*)

Christina Soto is ranked 139th in her class. She scored a 19 on the ACT and has a GPA of 3.238. Her school activities include Varsity Tennis, Spanish Club, Varsity Club and Service Club. She has volunteered for Ronald McDonald House Charities, March of Dimes, Feed My Starving Children and St. Mary of Celle Community Services. She will be attending Concordia University to study Psychology in hopes of counseling troubled teens. **Congratulations to Christina and her mother, Maria!**

About Berwyn C.A.R.E.S.

Berwyn C.A.R.E.S. (Citizens Aligned to Renew Education for Students) is an organization created to unite residents interested in renewing and sustaining an enthusiasm, interest and passion for the education system in Berwyn. Become a member and connect yourself with the center of education in Berwyn. Learn more at **www.BerwynCARES.org**.

**Applications were judged by an independent panel using a number of criteria including academic achievement, community activities, special interests and career plans. The highest scoring applicants received awards named in honor of scholarship funds created with donations from the Page Family and the Democratic Citizens of Berwyn.*