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Local CSUSB Chemistry Student Receives Water Scholarship from Western

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Lois B. Krieger California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB) Endowed Scholarship has been awarded to student Gracie Cervantes in the amount of \$1,366. Cervantes, a chemistry student at CSUSB, will be completing her senior year. According to CSUSB officials, she has a strong interest in water and plans to pursue a career in the water industry. Her studies have led to her involvement in a Lake Elsinore water analysis project.



Dr. James Noblet, CSUSB; Western Dir. Field; Gracie Cervantes; Western Dir. Lopez; Dr. Dave Maynard, CSUSB

“It’s an honor to present Gracie with this award. She is a deserving student who has demonstrated interest in the field of water,” said Western General Manager John Rossi. “With students struggling to pay for education costs, it’s a real privilege for Western to award a hard-working student with a merit that holds the namesake of Lois B. Krieger, a pioneer for women in the water industry.”

Cervantes was recognized for her acceptance of the Krieger Scholarship at Western’s Board Meeting Aug. 15. “I am grateful that Western Municipal Water District has acknowledged my interest and dedication to water quality. Thanks to the scholarship, I will be able to continue my studies in this amazing field,” she explained.

The Lois B. Krieger CSUSB Endowed Scholarship was named in honor of a true leader in water, Lois Krieger. Krieger served as Western’s representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors for more than two decades. Holding the position as the first woman president for the Association of California Water Agencies, Krieger was instrumental in developing a comprehensive water policy, “Water for Californians.” She retired in 2001 after a 25-year career dedicated to solving water issues locally, regionally and throughout the state.

The scholarship program is just one of Western’s many educational programs that are dedicated to teaching students about the importance of water and water use efficiency. Other educational programs include the District’s school assembly programs, resource materials, Solar Cup competition, tours and Krieger Grants.

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