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**22nd Annual 4.0 Student Recognition Celebration
to Contribute Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars**

LANCASTER, CA – The AV Fair & Event Center in partnership with the Antelope Valley Union High School District will host the 22nd Annual 4.0 Student Recognition Celebration on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6 pm in the H.W. Hunter Pavilion. The long-standing event honors high school students who've maintained a 4.0 or higher-grade point average throughout their high school career. This year's monetary donations have hit a record high, with over one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars in cash contributions donated from Pacific Property, County of Los Angeles, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, AV Fair & Event Center, and several other local businesses. In addition to the monetary scholarship recipients being announced, the University of Antelope Valley (UAV) will once again provide a full-ride scholarship, valued at \$60,000.00.

Over 850 local High School seniors, graduating with a cumulative 4.0 or higher GPA, will be recognized for their academic achievements from thirteen local high schools including Academies of the Antelope Valley, Antelope Valley High School, Desert Christian High School, Eastside High School, Highland High School, Lancaster High School, Littlerock High School, Palmdale High School, Paraclete High School, Quartz Hill High School, S.O.A.R - Students of Academic Rise High School, The Palmdale Aerospace Academy, and William J. Pete Knight High School.

As is tradition, qualifying 4.0 students who attend the event will have the opportunity to enter their names into the scholarship drawings. Monetary scholarship amounts start at \$2,500.00, with the highest monetary scholarship contribution being \$15,000.00. A total of \$117,600.00 dollars in cash scholarships will be awarded to students whose names are randomly drawn. 100% of each scholarship will be given to the student whose name is randomly drawn. A separate entry drawing will determine the lucky student receiving the UAV full-ride scholarship valued at over \$60,000.00.

AV Fair & Event Center Board of Director President Angie Hughes stated, "These students, their teachers, parents, and mentors have diligently worked together for the past several years, and they deserve to be celebrated. Watching these young adults wait in anticipation to see if they are one of the lucky students to win a cash scholarship, or the full-ride UAV scholarship, is the highlight of the evening. This year's event has certainly been elevated, thanks to the extreme generosity of the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Pacific Property, Los Angeles County, and several local businesses and individuals, of which many contribute year after year. This is an amazing program that is only made possible by a great community."

This year's event scholarship raffle is at a record high, with over one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars to be drawn including, one (1) fifteen-thousand, two (2) ten-thousand, four (4) five-thousand, and twenty-five (25) twenty-five-hundred-dollar scholarship drawings. The event will also include inspirational messages from community leaders and other key influencers including Pastor Chris Johnson from Grace Chapel, Ashley Cortes, and Dr. Tracy West.

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