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Orange High Student Awarded AVID Scholarship

ORANGE, Calif., May 25, 2011– The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that Aracely Payan, a senior at Orange High School, was recently awarded a \$5,000 Kingston Technology four-year renewable scholarship at the annual Orange County AVID Senior Standout Recognition held at the Heritage Forum in Anaheim. Aracely will attend the University of California, San Diego in the fall.

Alice Prothero, Honors English and AVID teacher at Orange High, introduced Aracely with these words: “Aracely Payan is a true role model for our AVID program. She continually looks to improve herself and reach for academic excellence. In class her assignments are always the most prepared and her high level thinking comes across beautifully in both her writing and her leadership in Socratic Seminars. As a result, her peers frequently seek her out for academic advisement. Aracely has always carried a full load of Advanced Placement classes and maintained above a 4.0 grade point average. This is even more amazing when you realize she does all of this while balancing a full work load at her family owned restaurant.”

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an elementary through postsecondary college readiness system that is designed to increase schoolwide learning and performance. The AVID system accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional development, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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