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Iowa College Access Network Awards Scholarship

DES MOINES, IOWA – Oct. 6, 2008 – Antonio Salazar Jr. of Des Moines was the lucky winner of an Iowa College Access Network® (ICAN) \$500 college scholarship drawn from 230 entries submitted at the 2008 Latino Heritage Festival in Des Moines.

Salazar, who has attended Des Moines Area Community College, plans to enroll at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines to study business and accounting. “I was overwhelmed and surprised,” said Salazar. “I have looked very hard for scholarships, and I found it at the Latino Festival with my family. I am very grateful. College isn’t cheap and \$500 would come in handy for any person.”

“We are happy to award Antonio this scholarship,” said Juan Garcia, ICAN outreach representative. “The drawing is a way to help students get closer to college and a big help to families who really need it.”

“The Iowa Latino Heritage Festival has grown to be the biggest ethnic festival of its kind in Iowa,” Garcia said. “Many newcomers to our state arrive with the desire to achieve the American dream, and ICAN’s free services can help them accomplish their desire to further their education.”

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ICAN Director Rob Miller encouraged students to seek out any scholarship money they may qualify for. "Scholarships are a great help to any student, and many are available by putting in a little effort." Miller suggested starting a scholarship search by visiting the ICAN Web site, www.ICANSucceed.org, where students can see a list of scholarships and find additional search sites. "None of these sites will charge students for the search, and they all link to legitimate scholarships. This is a smart move that can really pay off for students wanting to reduce college costs."

About ICAN: ICAN is the official Statewide College Access Network for Iowa, as designated by the National College Access Network (NCAN). Iowa College Access Network provides free information and support to students and their families as they plan their postsecondary education and apply for financial aid. ICAN operates two centers located in Cedar Rapids at 1100 Blairs Ferry Road N.E., Suite 104, and in West Des Moines at 160 S. 68th Street, Suite 1101. Both are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call (877) 272-4692 or visit www.ICANSucceed.org.

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