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Ramirez, Malacara earn Por La Gente scholarships

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RACINE - The Por La Gente Association of Racine announced the recipients of the Por La Gente Academic and Athletic Scholarships. Each receives a \$500 scholarship.

Jamie Ramirez, daughter of Lisa Ramirez of 3248 Republic Ave., is the recipient of the academic scholarship. Merissa Malacara, daughter of Henry and Jennifer Malacara of 1222 N. Indiana St., is the recipient of the athletic scholarship.

Ramirez is a candidate for graduation from Park High School and has been on the honor roll all four years.

She has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America as well as working with the Positive Impact program. Ramirez also has been a member of the student government for three years, spent some of her free time volunteering at the Imaginarium of Racine, tutoring in the elementary schools and serving dinners at Lutheran Social Services.

Ramirez plans on attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a career in business.

Malacara is a candidate for graduation from Walden III High School.

She has been involved in gymnastics for nine years, winning numerous medals and trophies. Malacara competed on the diving team for two years, where she was named captain one year and also received a leadership plaque.

As a student, she has been on honor roll all four years of high school.

She is a member of the student government where she currently is serving as president. Malacara has been a member of Model United Nations and Model Organization of American States, volunteers as a camp counselor and tutors in math, English, and science.

Malacara will be attending Marquette University, where her intended major is psychology.

The Por La Gente Association has committed resources to financially help Antonio Guzman in his pursuit of a degree in pharmacy. Guzman is a senior at Park High School.

He intends on doing his pre-pharmacy work at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Guzman volunteers many hours at Ridgewood Care Center. The Journal Times named him one of the "Hispanic Leaders of Tomorrow."

The Por La Gente Association raises money for these scholarships through its annual Basketball and Softball Invitational.

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