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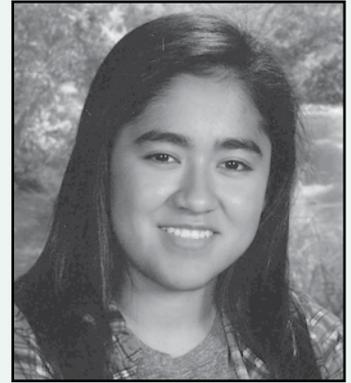
**CHLOE  
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SANTIAGO**



**DAISY  
CONTRERAS**

## Four students garner \$1,000 WTS scholarships

Graduates from three area high schools and one college student are 2017 recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from WT Services. Grant winners include one from Friona High School, one from Hereford High School, a WTAMU student, and one graduate from Adrian High School.

This spring's four scholarships bring the overall number awarded by WT Services since 2014 to 18, totaling \$11,000.

Hereford High School recipient Chloe Casarez is the daughter of Raul and Jennifer Casarez. Timothy Sanchez, WTAMU recipient, is the son of Max and Patsy Sanchez of Hereford.

The Friona High School recipient is Griselda Karina Santiago, daughter of Efrain and Griselda Santiago.

Daisy Contreras, daughter of Martin and Adela Contreras of Hereford, is the Adrian High School recipient.

Chloe Casarez plans to attend Texas Tech and will major in Biology. She hopes to eventually pursue a dream of becoming a dermatologist. She ranked in the top 10 percent of her graduating class and was a member of the National Honor Society. During high school she volunteered with the Pilot Club of Hereford and with the local Snack Pak 4 Kids program.

“My motivation for attending college and furthering my education is making my parents proud of me. I will be their first child in college. I have always felt my calling to be associated with helping

others,” says Chloe.

Timothy Sanchez, a 2015 Hereford High graduate, has attended West Texas A&M University for two years, where he is majoring in computer information systems. His college awards have included being named to the Deans List for the fall of 2015 and for both semesters in 2016. He has received the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship, the Paulus F. Schoreter Leadership Scholarship, and the T. Boone Pickens Scholarship, and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his college class. He works as a student assistant in the WTAMU Office of Career Services, utilizing communication and computer skills.

“Being in college for two years now, I have dis-

covered it's very stressful paying for school. I hope to become a programmer or work within information technology for a local company,” he explains.

Griselda Karina Santiago will be the first in her family to attend college. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and will major in Nursing. She was a member of the Spanish Honor Society and the Region 16 Migrant Leadership Team, and participated in choir and band at Friona High. Her community service activities have included canned food drives and Snack Pak 4 Kids.

“My motivation for going to college is my mother's health. I will major in nursing hoping to help others ease their health (See **SCHOLARS**, Page 2)

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Here are some myths and realities concerning broadband privacy:

**Myth**--Internet service providers are selling customers' sensitive personal information such as financial information and Social Security numbers.  
**Reality**--It's illegal to sell or share consumers' sensitive personal information. ISPs have publicly committed to following privacy practices modeled after the FTC's well tested approach governing only privacy for the rest of the internet ecosystem. Those principles prohibit sharing sensitive info. Health and children's data are protected under additional federal laws that remain fully in force, and existing privacy law at the FCC still remains.

**Myth**--When Congress rejected ISP-only rules through the Congressional Review Act, consumers lost privacy protections over their data.

**Reality**--Since the rules never took effect, consumers haven't lost anything. Congress rejected uneven rules that would have created separate and unequal privacy regimes.

**Myth**--You can buy someone's sensitive personal information such as Social Security numbers.

**Reality**--ISPs don't sell sensitive information to the public.

**Myth**--ISPs know more about your internet behavior than other online companies.

**Reality**--Thanks to wide use of encryption technologies ISPs only know which websites subscribers might be visiting, not the content of those sites. A study by a privacy expert from the Obama and Clinton administrations found ISP access to customer data was neither comprehensive nor unique--social networks or ad networks have far more visibility into what consumers are looking at online.

**Myth**--Consumers can't opt-out of allowing their ISP to share their browsing data for online marketing purposes.

**Reality**--Consistent with the rest of the internet, all major ISPs allow subscribers to opt out of practices that would allow providers to collect and share their non-sensitive data for marketing purposes.

**Myth**--This rule was

adopted by the FCC under the Obama administration because ISPs were inappropriately tracking consumers online.

**Reality**--There were no egregious consumer complaints that prompted FCC adoption of special ISP-only privacy rules. The FTC has long protected consumers' online privacy, bringing more than 150 privacy and data security enforcement actions against ISPs, online search, content, and e-commerce sites. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and FTC Chair Maureen Ohlhausen have jointly expressed their support for a comprehensive and consistent

framework.

**Myth**--A recent court decision (FTC vs. AT&T Mobility) affirmed the FTC has no ability to enforce online privacy protections on ISPs, so now no agency can protect consumer privacy.

**Reality**--In addition to many existing privacy protections, the FCC is appealing this court decision. Leaders of the FCC and the FTC have promised to work together on ensuring any new FCC broadband privacy works with how the FTC enforces the law--so consumers have consistent and strong privacy protections across all of their online experiences.

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pains," she says.

Valedictorian of her Adrian High School class, Daisy Contreras has dreams of becoming a counselor. Toward that end, she plans to attend West Texas A&M University where she will major in Psychology. She has a head start on college, having taken dual credit classes in high school that allowed her to accumulate over 30 hours of college course credits.

She was a member of the National Honor Society at Adrian High and active in various offices in Future Farmers of America, basketball, track, tennis

and yearbook. She was named to the All Star Cast in one-act play, and was named to the All-District team in basketball.

"I have worked incredibly hard on getting into college, and began dual credit work my sophomore year. Since a young age I have always wanted to help people and as I grew older I started zeroing in on how. A bachelors degree in counseling will take up to six years to achieve, but I know it will be worth it in the long run. I had a dream as a young girl and it is slowly becoming a reality," says Daisy.