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East Tech Construction Technology Program Senior Awarded Prestigious Michael T. Martin Memorial Scholarship



Denisse Villafana, a senior in the Construction Technology Program, was awarded the 2014 Michael T. Martin Memorial Scholarship. Each year the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Nevada Contractors Association (NCA) select a student from a high school in Clark, Nye, Esmeralda or Lincoln counties who exemplifies leadership, integrity, creativity, dedication and studiousness along with a desire to enter a career in construction. Ms. Villafana applied for the scholarship in February and had to complete a rigorous formal interview with members from AGC. At a luncheon held at The Orleans Hotel & Casino on Thursday, April 24th, AGC and NCA presented Ms. Villafana with a check for \$12,000 to apply to her college tuition. Ms. Villafana, her family, and Mrs. Goetting, East Tech's principal, attended the luncheon. Ms. Villafana will enter UNLV's Construction

Management Program this fall. She has been a stellar student at East Tech and served internships with Holman's of Nevada and The Penta Building Group. She has been invited back to work with The Penta Building Group over the summer. She is thrilled to have received this prestigious scholarship and is excited to attend UNLV. She is also thankful to her instructors at East Tech, including Mr. Vega and Mr. Litz, her Construction Technology teachers. For her, this is a dream come true that will help her secure her next dream to work for either a construction company or her family's concrete business after she graduates from UNLV. East Tech congratulates Ms. Villafana and wishes her the best!