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The California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship Foundation (CACESF) held its second Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on April 17 at The Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

San Diego resident Diana Ramos was selected as the second place winner from a panel of judges out of over 200 applications throughout California. Applicants were asked to write an essay on "The Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit During Your College Years."

The three finalists read their essays in front of the attendees and four judges, Assembly Members Jean Fuller and Roger Niello, CACESF Co-founder Patrick Lozano and California Association of Collectors (CAC) President Dale Van Dellen. Senator Dick Aekerman and Assembly member John Benoit also made a special appearance for the reception portion of the event.

Each student received a certificate of participation, recognition from the California Legislature and will have their essay published in Collector's Ink, the monthly journal of CAC. All finalists walked away winners; the first place winner Laura Johnson from Apple Valley received \$2,500; Diana Ramos got \$2,000 and the

third place contestant Jessica Martin from Orland was awarded \$1,500 in scholarships.

Ramos is a senior at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego. She is an active member in student government serving as vice president of her senior class. She plans on pursuing a career in hospitality and hotel management at the University of Denver this fall.

The Educational Scholarship Foundation was founded in 2005 by CAC. The scholarship was started to help California high school graduates pursue their education at any accredited public or private college, university or trade school as well as to emphasize the importance of good credit management to high school seniors. Check out the CACESF website at www.CACESF.org for the latest announcement for the 2008 scholarships.

CAC is a non-profit association that represents over 400 collection agencies throughout the state. CAC's mission is to promote, stimulate, increase and improve the educational, social, economic and ethical welfare of the California collection industry and the public it serves. For more information go to www.calcollectors.com or call CAC at (916) 929-2125.