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CONTINUING A LEGACY: UT SOUTHWESTERN HONORS TWO STUDENTS WITH MLK SCHOLARSHIPS

DALLAS — January 10, 1995 — Two medical students will be honored with the 1995 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship given annually by UT Southwestern Medical Center.

UT Southwestern will present \$1,000 MLK scholarships to second-year medical student Atoosa Kourosh and fourth-year medical student Ana Morales. The awards will be given during a Thursday, Jan. 19, ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Gallery Cafeteria and food court on the UT Southwestern campus. The All-City Boys Choir from Garland will perform during the ceremony.

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Hugh Robinson, chief executive officer and chairman of the Tetra Group, will present a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Tetra Group is a consulting firm that provides construction management and business development services. Robinson was instrumental in establishing the Museum of African-American Life & Culture and is chairman of its board. He also serves on several other civic and professional boards. He is a member of the executive committee of the Dallas Museum of Art.

The MLK awards are given to UT Southwestern students on the basis of community service, financial need and full-time enrollment status in one of UT Southwestern's three schools: Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences or Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

As one of the two finalists, Kourosh is being honored for her active participation in several groups, including the Student National Medical Association, a group of African-American medical students at UT Southwestern. Kourosh also participates in motivational and tutoring programs for youth. She is involved in the Adopt-A-School program, through which she teaches basic science at Maple Lawn Elementary School. She also is a mentor in the West Dallas Youth Clinic mentor program, which is aimed at giving high-risk minority youth positive role models.

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Morales is president of the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), a group of Hispanic medical students at UT Southwestern. She also is involved in tutoring and mentoring programs. Morales is a volunteer in the Helping Others to Succeed Program, through which she helped high-school seniors study for the Texas Test of Academic Skills Proficiency exam. She also served on the advisory council and helped educate Hispanics on the value of donating blood during Hispanic Blood Donor Day. She and LASO members were translators and answered donors' questions during the blood drive.

Four finalists also were selected. They are second-year medical students Ken Adams and Mark Vital and third-year medical students Rebecca Minter and Darwin Parker. Finalists receive a gift certificate from Borders Books and Music Inc.

The selection committee was made up of Dr. Drew Alexander, assistant dean for minority student affairs; Dr. Nancy Fain, associate dean for the allied health school; Dr. Joel Goodman, associate professor of pharmacology; Dr. George Ordway, associate professor of physiology; and Dr. Jorge Albores-Saavedra, professor of pathology. Ex officio members were Abby Freeman, vice president for human services administration and minority affairs, and Chuck Kettlewell, registrar and director of student financial aid.

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