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City Of Las Vegas To Recognize Outstanding Youth Leaders

Annual Batteries Included Youth Achievement Awards Gala Friday, May 20

Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman will join other officials and dignitaries in honoring local youth leaders at the 2016 Batteries Included Youth Achievement Awards Gala at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 20, at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts, 361 Symphony Park Ave.

The Batteries Included Youth Initiative is a unique collaboration between the city, Clark County School District and Nevada Partners that represents a combined commitment to excellence and achievement.

The program has 16 sites located in community centers and high schools across the valley, with the ultimate goal of increasing graduation rates, reducing the number of disconnected youth, and mentoring the next generation of leaders in our community. Batteries Included works to ensure the teens reach their greatest potential by providing after-school educational activities focused on leadership, preparing for college and careers. Through all of their efforts this year, they have collectively contributed over 3,700 hours of volunteer time.

Mayor Goodman, City Manager Betsy Fretwell, Clark County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky and CCSD Board President Trustee Linda Young among those who will be gather to celebrate the difference that 300 high school youth have made in their own lives and the community.

This year's honorees include:

- Kolton Blanda, Cimarron Memorial High School – Mayor's Award recipient
- Unique Hardy, Rancho High School – Leadership Award recipient
- Karla Ibarra, Legacy High School – Art Award recipient
- Clara Herrera, Rancho High School – Career Development Award recipient
- Sari Blanda, Legacy High School – Education Award recipient
- Courtney Jones, Las Vegas Academy – Environmental Award recipient

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