

## 'Future leaders' honored at chamber dinner

### HPHS seniors lauded for various accomplishments

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All it took was one visit to The Learning Center for Mark Heymann to be hooked.

Not to the learning, necessarily, but the helping, and Heymann spent his remaining three years at Highland Park High School tutoring students up to four class periods a day.

His 81 tutoring sessions (with more to come) — for which he uses a “gentle, reaffirming and endlessly positive” demeanor, according to his nomination materials — led him to be one of 12 HPHS senior to earn a college scholarship on behalf of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce.

“It’s just amazing to be recognized by teachers and businesses and the entire community,” Heymann said during the chamber’s 53rd Annual Student Honor Dinner Thursday, May 3, at Highland Park Country Club.

Heymann was the recipi-

ent of *The Highland Park Landmark* Scholarship, as each honor was sponsored by a business or organization within the Highland Park community.

Other local sponsors included: First Bank of Highland Park, Highland Park Hospital, American Legion Post 145, Highland Park Community Foundation, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park-Highwood Lions Club and the chamber.

Two scholarships honor the Bradford family, whose patriarch, William S. Bradford, a longtime Highland Park dentist, founded the Student Honor Dinner in 1965.

The catalyst for the dinner was a \$500 donation from a local women’s club to Bradford when he was a teenager. The funds helped him attend Harvard, where he earned his doctorate.

Chamber President Ginny Glasner said it was important to “mold and encourage” the students’ development as they prepare for the next stages of their lives.

Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering was on hand to congratulate the honorees and had a special

message for them.

“Your contributions to the community and as role models ... makes us so proud,” she said. “You are future leaders.”

The night was complete with a dinner accompanied by music from the Highland Park jazz band.

It was one of the last memories the students will have of Highland Park High School, as graduation looms on May 31.

Heymann will attend the University of North Carolina in the fall, probably majoring in a math or science field, he said.



Scholarship recipient Jason Estrada is congratulated by a Highland Park High School teacher during the 53rd Annual Student Honor Dinner Thursday, May 3, at Highland Park Country Club. JOE COUGHLIN/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

### AND THE HONOREES ARE ...

Scholarship recipients from the chamber of commerce’s Student Honor Dinner

Name	HPHS Department/Club
Melany Alvarez-Villatoro	English learners
Alejandro Cruz	Science
Jason Estrada	Social studies
Campbell Flower	Rotary interact
Isaac Friedman	Math
Mia Harris	Student Senate
Mark Heymann	The Learning Center
Christopher Ibarra	Hispanos Unidos
Sam Perlman	Fine arts
Willy Quijano	Fine arts
Jazmin Santiesteban	World languages
Cecil Sigle	Physical education