



## *Garrett Ordóñez*

Recipient of

### Avery R. Burton "Excellence in Academics and Sports" Memorial Scholarship

Thank you for considering me for the Avery R. Burton "Excellence in Academics and Sports" Memorial Scholarship. The Avery Burton Foundation's message resonated powerfully with me. I applied after learning that Avery Burton attended Foothill High School, where he carried determination and perseverance with him.

Despite all my hardships and obstacles, I persevered in my studies and have evolved from these learning experiences. Finishing as class salutatorian with a 5.89 GPA, I demonstrated accumulated academic knowledge and applied it within the community. I developed a research paper on water conservation, which was recently selected to represent Nevada for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, and proposed the implementation of water faucet aerators. I plan to explore this field more in-depth at the University of Southern California (USC), where I will major in Environmental Studies.

Earning this scholarship will alleviate my already immense tuition cost and will set forth a financially stable future. I am incredibly thankful for the Foundation and plan to bring the same sentiment of perseverance to university.

*Thank You!*