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Eastern Student Wins Promesa Youth Award

Willimantic, CT – Katherine Ramirez, junior at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU), has been named the recipient of the 2004 Promesa Youth Award from the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission. Ramirez was recently presented with the award at the 7th Annual Gala Awards Banquet held at the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino.

The Promesa Youth Award is given to one female and one male each year.

“Each year, the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission pays tribute to Connecticut residents whose common bond is anchored in their tradition of values, commitment and shared vision that helps to shape our future,” said Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell. “I salute you for your exemplary service.”

“It was an honor receiving this award for my contribution to the Latino community,” said Ramirez. “I strive to make a difference in people’s lives and encourage them to continue with their goals and give back to the community. It was a moment that I won’t forget because not only did I have my family attend, but O.L.A.S. members and the administration was there too, and I thank them for their support.”

Ramirez has served as a residence hall secretary during her freshman year at Eastern. She was the president of the Organization of Latin American Students

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(O.L.A.S.), a Student Orientation Leader, and a member of the Education Club and the National Education Association. Currently, Ramirez is a senator in the Student Government Association and a member of the Student Ambassadors Club.

Her community service activities include assisting and renovating West Avenue Projects for children and volunteering at Lebanon Elementary School in Willimantic. She plays a pivotal role in motivating and mentoring other Latino students at Eastern.

Ramirez is majoring in psychology and Spanish. Her future plans include obtaining a master's degree in higher education administration.

Paul Bryant, dean of student affairs at Eastern, and Michael Pernal, executive vice president, were among those who nominated Ramirez.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.