

San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation  
Scholarship Committee  
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Dear Gary Stephens, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to thank you and the scholarship committee for your generous San Diego County Law Enforcement scholarship. I am happy to learn of my selection for this great honor, and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I will be majoring in the Master of Science of Criminal Justice Leadership with an emphasis on Community and Family Justice offered by Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. In the present world of the Criminal Justice System, which is composed of the police, court and corrections, there is a serious need for strong leadership, especially in the law enforcement community. Unfortunately, the present crisis of many law enforcement agencies reflects on the lack of leadership, training and education. Nonetheless, the combination of good work and education of police officers will add to the public confidence that our law enforcement officers earn and deserve.

As a State of California Peace Officer and a 10 year veteran of the San Diego Police Department, I want to thank you and the scholarship committee again. I conclude, Rudolph W. Giuliani once wrote, "Surround yourself with great people. Have beliefs and communicate them. See things for yourself. Set an example. Stand up to bullies. Deal with first things first. Loyalty is the virtue. Prepare relentlessly. Underpromise and Overdeliver. And Don't assume a dam thing."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis P Benavides".

Officer Luis P Benavides  
San Diego Police Department  
Accident Investigations Bureau  
Traffic Division