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Oh my! The pressure is on!

It's... fantasy football league draft weekend.

A year ago I promised myself I'd skip this season, partly because it can



## First Take

By Randy Hoett, photo editor goes. Anyway, the rules have since changed, there won't be any free sales, and I caved, and said I'd do it again. Draft! Now I have to go through the agony of trying to pick the best quarterback, running back, receiver, kicker, defense,

etc., while nine other "owners" are doing the same thing. Is there a strategy? Don't ask me. I just buy a fantasy football magazine and do pretty much whatever the "experts" recommend. I'll let you know how I do in, um, early January.

## Lotteries

Winning numbers selected Friday, Aug. 20.

**ARIZONA**  
Fantasy 5 - 16, 21, 32, 40, 41  
The Pick  
Pick 3 - 8, 2, 9

**CALIFORNIA**  
Fantasy 5 - 3, 5, 26, 29, 32  
Afternoon Daily 3 - 0, 6, 5  
Evening Daily 3 - 8, 6, 4

**MEGA MILLIONS**  
41, 43, 51, 57, 70 MEGA: 1

# Mexico aids 18 AWC students with \$9,000 in scholarships

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mayra Franquez looks forward to getting her associate's degree in business from Arizona Western College and transferring to Arizona State University. There, she plans to major in finance with the goal of opening her own business.

She has the Mexican Consulate in Yuma and Arizona Western College to thank for helping her toward her goal.

Franquez, now in her second year at AWC, is one of 18 recipients of scholarships provided through the Mexican Foreign Ministry's Institute for Mexicans Abroad program.

The Mexican Consulate in Yuma provided \$9,000 from the program for \$500

scholarships for 18 current students at AWC who are Mexican citizens or are of Mexican descent.

And the AWC Foundation is trying to double the amount of the scholarships by seek matching donations from Yuma-area residents.

"I am so thankful to be a recipient of this scholarship," Franquez said. "I believe this program helps Mexican citizens achieve their goals in the U.S., and thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to complete my education."

As of Friday, the AWC foundation had collected \$4,500 in donations, half of what it needed, to be able to match the donation from the consulate dollar for dollar.



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**THE MEXICAN CONSULATE IN YUMA, THROUGH THE INSTITUTE FOR MEXICANS** Abroad program, recently provided \$9,000 in scholarships for 18 Arizona Western College students. In the photo (from left) are Gladys Anaya, coordinator for development and alumni relations for AWC; scholarship recipients Uriel Espinoza, Perla Haro, Alma Haro and Xitlali Martinez; Edith Garcia, Mexican vice consul in Yuma; Laura Campbell, executive director of the AWC Foundation, and Linda Elliott-Nelson, retired vice president of learning services for AWC.

In the Institute program, The Mexican Foreign Ministry enlists its consulates in Yuma and other U.S. cities to provide a variety of programs and services to people with Mexican nationality or roots living in those communities. The Mexican government began providing money for the scholarships in 2005.

In 2016, the consulate in Yuma and AWC formed a partnership to provide financial help to students

through the IME. Since then, the college and the consulate have provided scholarships totaling almost \$90,000 to 99 full-time students.

"We appreciate our partnership with the Mexican Consulate in Yuma," said Laura Campbell, the foundation's executive director. "Each year they provide funds that support the academic development of Mexican students and increases their opportuni-

ties to successfully earn a degree."

The latest scholarships were announced at a recent event at which Linda Elliott-Nelson, retired vice president of learning services for AWC, was recognized for her ongoing support of the scholarship program.

"Dr. Elliott-Nelson was one of the key people involved in the early development of our partnership, and she continues to work

with and support the Yuma office of the Mexican Consulate, the AWC Foundation, and AWC to this very day," said Gladys Anaya, coordinator of development and alumni relations for the foundation. "We're grateful for Dr. Elliott-Nelson and the tireless work that she does to ensure students are provided with postsecondary opportunities for the betterment of our joint communities."