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NORWALK, Calif. – May 8, 2014 - Cerritos College psychology students Alexandra Gomez and Amalia Lira were awarded the Association for Psychological Science Psi Beta Award by the Association for Psychological Science (APS).

Gomez and Lira have been awarded full funding to attend the 2014 APS Convention from May 22 - 25 in San Francisco.

Both competed against students nationwide and were selected for the scholarship and received this award based on their academic achievements and their scholarly contributions to the discipline of psychology. Their accomplishments in their laboratory coursework will be recognized at the convention.

"I am so excited to have been selected at a very competitive national level amongst other outstanding students in psychology," said Lira.

Gomez agreed. "I'm looking forward to building confidence in the world of psychological research. I’m honored to represent Cerritos College at a professional conference.

Gomez and Lira will be presenting their original research they conducted in Dr. Duff’s research methods class.

“Only ten students were handpicked from across the country to recognize their scholarship and pursuit of psychological science as a profession.” said Dr. Kimberley Duff, psychology professor at Cerritos College. “The fact that not only one but two of our students were chosen is a testament to the caliber of students we have at Cerritos College.”

According to Dr. Duff, who also serves as a regional vice president of Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology, this is the first time that the Association for Psychological Science has partnered with Psi Beta and undergraduate students at the community college level.
students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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