

Shopper Scholarship Winner is going to be Cardinal

Darian Orozco will be a Stanford Chemical Engineering Student this September



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This year's Shopper Scholarship winner, Darian Orozco, is River Valley High School's top tennis player, and their top math, physics and chemistry student. He will also be River Valley High's Valedictorian.

Darian visited Stanford University last month and spent the night in the dorms with another chemical engineering major. "It's a great school, academically," he said. "And it's a really fun environment." He also seemed impressed at how small the enrollment is at Stanford. "There are only 1,700 students in the freshman class," he said.

The Shopper Scholarship was the first scholarship offered to River Valley High School's first graduating class. Shopper publisher Clark Buschmann said it's a tradition he intends to continue. He said, "It goes every year to a student who shows amazing achievement in two distinct disciplines."

Darian has a couple extra achievements to spare. He was All-League tennis player in each of the last three years with the Tri-County Conference (TCC). He made it to the section tennis tournament in singles this year, and won the TCC doubles championship in each of the last two years (this year with doubles partner Ricky Dhaliwal). The TCC includes schools from Sacramento, and Woodland.

Either math or chemistry is Darian's most significant academic achievement, with physics as a close third place. He's taken many Advanced Placement (AP) classes and received perfect 5s on both the AP Chemistry and AP Calculus BC exams. He chose the chemical engineering major because it requires all three of his favorite subjects. "It has a broad range, and I can have an emphasis on one subject that becomes my strength," he said.

Stanford's Top-ranked NCAA Division 1 Tennis Team won't have Darian on its roster this fall. But the Stanford Club Team will. He said he's looking forward to watching Stanford football games. "All students get into all home games free," he said. "And I have my Cardinal gear."

Shopper Scholarship winners are currently attending UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and Stanford. We're hoping to have photos soon of each of them reading The Shopper™ at school.

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