

Dominic Martinez awarded the Salazar Prize

The Salazar Prize, awarded annually to the student with the highest cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the second year of law school, honors the memory of Tibo J. Chavez, Salazar's late uncle, who inspired lives of service and excellence in the law through his many accomplishments.

Steve Scholl ('89), a trial attorney and adjunct professor at the law school and coach for the Mock Trial Competition, introduced Martinez.

Martinez was on his high school's mock trial team when he met Scholl. Scholl pointed out that Martinez became valedictorian of his class while on the high school team and that he participated in the National Mock Trial, involving two months of extremely intense preparation, and still was able to pull off the highest grades as a second year law student.

"Tibo Chavez was the type of lawyer and public servant that I aspire to be, and I am honored to receive the award established in his memory," said Martinez. "I'm very thankful to my family, friends, educators, and mentors for the support that they've given me through my first two years of law school."



Dominic Martinez ('17) and the Salazar Prize with sponsor John P. Salazar, an attorney with the Rodey Law Firm, and Dean Sergio Pareja.