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REQUEST FOR COVERAGE/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

- WHAT:** Press conference to award the Odessa College, Taco Villa and Rosa's Café "Drive to Success" 2010 Ford Mustang to one of five Odessa College student finalists.
- WHO:** Rosa's Café and Taco Villa representatives and Odessa College officials, student services representatives, faculty, staff, students and more.
- WHEN:** Promptly at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 13
- WHERE:** Taco Villa, corner of 42nd Street and Grandview Avenue
- OTHER:** Odessa College in conjunction with Rosa's Café and Taco Villa will reward one of five Odessa College student finalists with a new 2010 Ford Mustang. The five finalists names were drawn Tuesday, May 4 at Odessa College from more than 50,000 entries. The five finalists are:
- Sara Watson – OC nursing student from Odessa. She is a 2003 Odessa High School graduate who has loved Mustangs since she was a kid. In fact she owns a 2004 Mustang, but wouldn't mind having a new one. Watson works full time and maintains a 4.0 GPA. While she likes all of her OC instructors, Dr. Chet Cooper, biology professor, is one of her favorites.

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- Kristi Holly – OC “CollegeNOW” (dual credit) student attending Monahans High School. She is a senior this year and will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall to study occupational therapy. On the day Holly was named as a Drive to Success finalist, her twin sister won first place in the regional high jump competition in Lubbock. It will be a big week for the Holly family with one sister having the opportunity to win a state title in high jump while the other has a chance to Drive to Success in a 2010 Ford Mustang.

- Aaron Dumas – OC automotive technology student. On the day the finalists were drawn, Dumas noticed the excitement at the Rudy Acosta Pavilion, but decided not to stick around because he didn’t think he would be lucky enough to have his name called. Fortunately for him, the finalists were not required to be present to win.

- Nora Rodriguez – OC cosmetology student from Andrews. She has two children, an 11-year-old son and a one and half-year-old daughter. As a cosmetology student, Rodriguez has to drive back and forth to Odessa everyday for class, which is an increase in wear and tear on her vehicle. She works at Pizza Hut in Andrews on the weekends when she is not in class. Rodriguez said she has enjoyed having Lou Ann Hitt and Theresa Vaughn as her OC cosmetology instructors.

- Luzviminda “Luz” Naturilla - OC nursing student. She is the only finalist not from the Permian Basin. In fact, Naturilla is a student from New Zealand. She was born in the Philippines but moved to New Zealand in 1996 where she became a citizen of that country. Naturilla now lives in Odessa to be closer to her husband’s family, which own and operate Susie’s Grocery and Deli located on Eighth Street. According to Naturilla, the big difference between Odessa and her home in New Zealand is that it is much greener in New Zealand.