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**North-West College and Yesi Ortiz Partner to Award First Back to School Scholarship**  
*Award Highlights Mutual Commitment to Changing Lives Through Education*

WEST COVINA, Calif.—This week, Yesi Ortiz presented Leondrea Cross with the first Yesi Ortiz Back to School Scholarship. Ortiz, known as the Voice of LA and friend to North-West College (NWC), promoted the \$1,500 NWC scholarship through a contest hosted by Power 106 (KPWR-FM 105.9). Along with the award, which was chosen by random drawing, Cross won a tablet and VIP tickets to the upcoming Power 106 Valentine's Crush concert to be held February 13th at The Forum in Inglewood, California.

"I was so honored and proud to partner with North-West College to give something back to the community," Ortiz said.

After hearing the contest advertised on Power 106, Cross visited the North-West College campus in Pomona to gain a better idea of the school's offerings. She explained she found multiple programs that would allow her to advance in her career, including the Licensed Vocational Nurse and Surgical Technology programs.

"When I heard I won, I was very excited," Cross said. "I'm currently seeking work as a machinist—we are the ones that make scalpels, hospital beds, and other medical supplies. I think going back to school would give the skills I need to get a job in this field."

Ortiz and North-West College plan to offer additional Back to School Scholarships in the future as they continue to partner to emphasize the power of education.

"I'm looking forward to the next scholarship, which will make it possible for another person to go back to school and change their life," Ortiz said.

**About North-West College**

Founded in 1966, North-West College has been committed to training individuals to enter and advance in the health care field for nearly 50 years. A leader in allied health education, the College offers 12 short-term programs at seven campuses throughout Southern California, including West Covina, Pomona Valley, Pasadena, Glendale, Riverside, Santa Ana, and Long Beach. Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), North-West College offers a supportive educational environment for those ready to start a health care career. To date, the College has graduated more than 45,000 students—individuals who have gone on to raise the standard of excellence at health care organizations of all types.

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