

THEY DO THEIR OWN STUNTS

At their inaugural Stuntwomen's Awards recently, the Diamond in the Raw Foundation celebrated outstanding women working in the stunts, action, athletics and extreme sports areas of television and film. Actress Linda Hamilton and basketball champion Lisa Leslie were among the honorees, and actress Angela Bassett served as a special presenter.

The organization gave educational scholarships to deserving teens who have risen above personal obstacles to become high achieving students. Among the six winners was Carolina Ramos, an 11th grader at the Marlton School for the Deaf. In addition to the scholarship, Carolina was excited to meet some of the celebrities especially, "because I have a dream of maybe one day becoming an actress myself." At the event, Kristin Vontrese Lee, a 12th grader also at Marlton, performed the "Diamond in the Raw" song in American Sign Language. "I never thought it would happen," Kristin said, "but I signed and danced to the song with a group of girls who were singing with their voices. They made me feel so inspired!"

Diamond In the Raw Foundation's mission is to educate and expose at-risk teen girls to various careers in the entertainment industry. La Faye Baker and Jadie David, co-founders, served as executive producers, and Romell Foster-Owens produced and wrote the show. ■

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Diamond In The Raw Scholarship Winners show off their plaques at the recent Hollywood Stuntwomen's Awards Luncheon in Bel Air, California. (l to r) Carolina Ramos, Marlton School for the Deaf; Denise Sabal, Camp Kenyon Scudder School; Paige Hurd, Actress, *Everybody Hates Chris*; Candice Readeux, Cal State Northridge; Jazzmin Perez, El Camino High School; Joy Hubbard, Taft High School