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About CFF

Inspire. Innovate. Achieve.

Established in 1997, the mission of the Classroom of the Future Foundation (CFF) is to unite business, community, and educational leaders in creating innovative learning environments in San Diego County schools. CFF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works to advance its mission by ensuring that San Diego students are prepared to thrive in a competitive global society.

CFF is an extension of the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and is known for being the convener of business, community, and educational leaders around innovation in education in our region. Moreover, CFF is a catalyst and champion for the creation of learning programs that apply proven business and technology-based practices in the school setting. CFF is also a trusted resource for school districts, and a thought leader on innovation in the classroom.

To get involved and learn more about opportunities to support CFF, please visit classroomofthefuture.org.



Welcome to the Classroom of the Future Foundation's (CFF) Innovation in Education Awards. Tonight's seventeenth annual event, "Celebrating Innovation and Honoring Achievement," is our first Virtual Event to recognize and honor those who champion innovations in education.

First and foremost, we trust that all of you, your families and colleagues are safe and healthy during this pandemic.

CFF is committed to shining a light on programs that get students excited about learning and enhancing achievement. It is with this in mind that CFF will honor four classroom programs this evening that truly embody the organization's goals to "inspire," "innovate," and "achieve." In addition, CFF will recognize seven innovative educators for the extraordinary impact that they each have made on the learning environment in San Diego County. Finally, CFF will recognize the achievement of exceptional students in the AVID program by rewarding their accomplishments with High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships to pursue a STEM degree. These outstanding students model what can be accomplished through determination and hard work.

CFF challenges you tonight to expand innovative thinking and practices in your district or business to help create greater access and equity for all students, as well as to help prepare them for college and our workforce. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of students.

Enjoy tonight's Innovation in Education Awards! I hope you leave the event inspired and ready to bring greater innovation to education.

Warm Regards,

Nancy Rohland-Heinrich

Dr. Nancy Rohland-Heinrich
Chair of the Board of Directors
Classroom of the Future Foundation

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Master of Ceremonies - Drew Schlosberg, XTRA Weekly; CFF Advisory Board

AVID HIGH TECH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

USS Midway Museum Scholars

Presented by: Sara Hanscom, Education Director, USS Midway Museum

CELEBRATING INNOVATION AND HONORING ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Nancy Rohland-Heinrich, Chair of the Board of Directors, CFF and
Senior Vice President, National University System

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Dr. Paul Gothold, San Diego County Superintendent of Schools

TODD W. GUTSCHOW VISIONARY & OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Thomas Dillon, Ph.D., CFF Advisory Board, SAIC (Retired)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY DRAWING GIFT

STUDENT SPEAKER

Dennise Arenas, Rancho Buena Vista High School

California State University San Marcos

AVID HIGH TECH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

JACK IN THE BOX SCHOLARS

Presented by: Drew Martin, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Jack in the Box

NANCY STABB FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Presented by: Drew Schlosberg, XTRA Weekly; CFF Advisory Board

JOE RINDONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by: Drew Schlosberg, XTRA Weekly; CFF Advisory Board

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Presented by: Colleen Peterson, Peterson Hill Marketing, CFF Advisory Board

INSPIRE AWARD

Sponsored by: Lexia Learning

Presented by: Jenna Hibbard, Account Executive, Lexia Learning

Beebots & Cubelets

Central Elementary School, Escondido Union School District

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INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR AWARD

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Presented by: Colleen Peterson

Glen Warren, Director of Literacies, Outreach, & Library Services

Encinitas Union School District

PRESENTATION OF JCCS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by: Dr. Paul Gothold, Dr. Francisco Escobedo, and Dr. Rudy Castruita

Presented by: Drew Schlosberg, XTRA Weekly; CFF Advisory Board

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INNOVATE AWARD

Sponsored by: SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Presented by: Josh Rehhaus, SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Personalized Learning Team Program

Cardiff Elementary School District

REMARKS BY VEBA

Presented by: Michael Simonson, Deputy Superintendent,

San Diego County Office of Education, VEBA Board Member

COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sponsored by: Paxton Patterson

Presented by: Roland Johnson, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Paxton Patterson

Matthew R. Tessier Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent Innovation & Instruction,

Chula Vista Elementary School District

SDCUE INNOVATIVE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sponsored by: San Diego Computer-Using Educators (SDCUE)

Presented by: Pamela Rabin, SDCUE

Sophia Jacob, Teacher, Santana High School

Grossmont Union High School District

SDCUE INNOVATIVE TOSA OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sponsored by: San Diego Computer-Using Educators (SDCUE)

Presented by: Pamela Rabin, SDCUE

Melissa Hughes, TOSA, Energy Station

Chula Vista Elementary School District

INNOVATIVE PRINCIPAL AWARD

Sponsored by: Curriculum Associates

Presented by: Dr. Abram Jimenez, Curriculum Associates

Eric J. Chagala, Ed.D., Principal, Vista Innovation & Design Academy (VIDA),

Vista Unified School District

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BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented by: Drew Schlosberg, XtraWeekly, CFF Advisory Board

USS MIDWAY MUSEUM

Remarks by: RADM John "Mac" McLaughlin USN (Ret.), President & CEO,
USS Midway Museum

ACHIEVE AWARD

Sponsored by: National University System

Presented by: Dr. David Andrews, President, National University System

Fire Academy Program

Health Sciences High & Middle College

ACHIEVE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

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INNOVATE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

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Honeycomb by EDGE Program, Helix Charter High School

REMARKS BY SONY ELECTRONICS, INC.

Presented by: Michiko Araki, Vice President, New Business Group & Corporate Marketing,
Sony Electronics, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY DRAWING GIFT

INNOVATIVE SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

Sponsored by: SDG&E

Presented by: Praem Kodiath, EV Analytics Manager, SDG&E

Holly McClurg, Ph.D., Superintendent, Del Mar Union School District

IMPACT AWARD

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Presented by: Steve O'Connell, President/CEO, North Island Credit Union

World of Work Initiative, Cajon Valley Union School District

REMARKS BY PROMETHEAN

Presented by: Rob Milstead, Field Representative, Southern California, Promethean

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INSPIRE AWARD

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Beebots & Cubelets Central Elementary School Escondido Union School District

A teacher wants nothing more than for students to 'get it,' to truly understand a concept. When that doesn't happen, it's time to be innovative. The inspire award this year recognizes that desire and drive to find just the right tool to move students from "huh?" to "ah hah!"

By the way, this video was shot the day before schools closed due to covid-19. That's back when masks weren't even thought of yet.

This award illustrates the unique attributes of the program that get kids excited about learning. This award specifically focuses on the program characteristics responsible for increasing student interest and enhancing student learning.

INNOVATE AWARD

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Personalized Learning Team Program Cardiff Elementary School District

The power of teamwork goes a long way in education...as proven by the school district that's being awarded the Classroom of the Future Foundation Innovate Award.

This award showcases the creative innovations of the programs that facilitate enhanced learning. This award specifically focuses on the uniqueness of the "program actions" that increase student interest and drive achievement.

ACHIEVE AWARD

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**Fire Academy Program
Health Sciences High & Middle College**

Some education programs challenge both the mind and the body. Perhaps none more than the rigorous and rewarding career pathway that's being recognized this year with the Classroom of the Future Foundation Achieve Award.

This award demonstrates the tangible program results that drive student learning. It specifically focuses on the "program evidence" that directly correlates to positive student outcomes.

IMPACT AWARD

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**World of Work Initiative
Cajon Valley Union School District**

The Classroom of the Future Foundation IMPACT AWARD recognizes an extraordinary program that dramatically impacts the learning experience for students. Take a look at what can happen when school becomes an exciting pathway to a future career.

This award is a best-of-show award given to the one program that best embodies all three CFF goals – to inspire, innovate and achieve.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

CFF recognizes Honorable Mentions in each of the inspire, innovate, and achieve, categories for their outstanding programs and their contributions to innovations in education that make a difference. Many thanks to Sony Electronics, Inc. for sponsoring these honorable mentions.

ACHIEVE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

POMERADO LAUNCH LAB PROGRAM
Poway Unified School District
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Laura Crow
Pomerado Launch Lab Program



INNOVATE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

Honeycomb by EDGE Program
Helix Charter High School
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Helix Charter High School
From left to right: Gifford Asimos, Julio
Torres, & Christina Potter



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Todd W. Gutschow Visionary & Outstanding Leadership Award THOMAS DILLON, Ph.D.

Tom was born and raised in a suburb of New York City. His high school years included a big commitment to playing football. He attended Harvard College and joined the Marine Corps' Platoon Leader's Class during his freshman year. A serious football injury prevented him from receiving his officer's commission at graduation in 1966. Instead he enrolled at the University of Colorado where he was granted the University's first PhD in Chemical Physics in 1969. He began a 15 year career with the Federal government mostly in the management of scientists and engineers in the Washington DC area. He was the Deputy Director of a National Laboratory, NBS and served as a Presidential

Appointee under presidents Carter and Reagan responsible for civilian nuclear energy programs. In 1984 he moved to California to join General Atomics and in 1988 he began an 18 year career at Science Applications International Corporation where he led a Group responsible for some of the company's most advanced technology applications. A top priority was the innovative uses of technology to enhance learning environments in public schools. He was honored to serve along with his good friend Todd Gutschow as an early CFF Board Member and was Board Chair for 2 years. For more than 10 years he has been enjoying retirement with his wife Carol and spending as much time as possible with his children Dan and Kate, daughter-in-law Katie and grandchildren Stella and Lucas.



Innovative Educator of the Year Award GLEN WARREN

The Encinitas Union School District Director of Literacies, Outreach, and Libraries, in other words, he is the L.O.L. Director. He co-wrote the California Model School Library Standards and the California Career Technical Education (CTE) standards for the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector. He is also the Vice President of the California School Library Association. Glen is an Orange County Teachers of the Year, California Semi-finalist Teachers of the Year, and was recently recognized by the California Reading Association with its first ever Literacy Leaders Award and a recipient of the CUE Gold Disk Award for Technology Innovations in Education. Glen has helped

lead the way in revitalizing the role of school librarians in a digital age, and establishing the Encinitas Union full Distance (Love of) Learning school option for families called the Cloud Campus. Student Empowerment and Teachers efficacy must include LOVE (Learning Opportunities Valuing Everyone) The ultimate goal for his work is to revive and advance the LOVE of Learning.



College and Career Pathways Educator of the Year Award **MATTHEW R. TESSIER, Ed.D.**

Dr. Matthew Tessier has been serving the educational community for the past 20 years. He began his teaching career at Feaster – Edison Charter School in Chula Vista and taught 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades. Matt worked as a National Mathematics Trainer for Edison Schools, leading math instruction for 20 schools in California, Texas, and Georgia. Matthew was the Director of Technology and Student Assessment in the National School District before returning to Chula Vista as the Executive Director of Technology and Instruction. Matthew now serves the Chula Vista Elementary School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instruction Service.



SDCUE is honored to present two very deserving educators with awards:



SDCUE Innovative Teacher of the Year Award **SOPHIA JACOB**

An English teacher and EL Coordinator at Santana High School in the Grossmont Union High School District. She has over 14 years of teaching experience in San Diego County and has her master's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from San Diego State University. Sophia is also a trained Google Ninja, Google Certified Educator, and has a passion for future-forward technology integration in her classroom. As a site leader, she works to facilitate professional learning surrounding the principles of Universal Design for Learning, equitable teaching practices, and educational technology.



SDCUE TOSA of the Year Award **MELISSA HUGHES**

Melissa Hughes is a TOSA teacher for Chula Vista Elementary School District. She facilitates one, in a family of four, career-oriented Makerspaces. Her STEAM lab - aptly named the Energy Station - allows 6th graders to explore careers in clean, renewable energy, combined with engineering design solutions to current environmental problems. She was proud to be a part of Chula Vista Elementary's Innovation Team, which won the Classroom of the Future Foundation's IMPACT Award in 2019. Melissa has been an educator for over 20 years, and holds a Master's Degree in EdTech from SDSU. You can follow her students' Energy Station experiences on Twitter & Instagram.



Innovative Principal of the Year Award **ERIC J. CHAGALA, Ed.D.**

Eric Chagala (Ed.D. Educational Leadership) is the founding principal of the Vista Innovation & Design Academy (VIDA). Eric believes that all kids need a place to matter, that our actions say what we believe about children, and that schools have souls & those souls need to be nurtured. Eric's belief in Design Thinking for education is deeply rooted in his dissertation that focused on the critical resiliency of high achieving LatinX youth. This research solidified the knowledge (not just belief) that schools have the power to either defeat or to perpetuate the status-quo of a neighborhood.

Eric has spoken across North America in both workshops & Keynotes about Personalized Learning, Design Thinking, and to talk about what it takes to build a true school culture that will be ripe for innovation. Eric serves in different capacities to keep challenged with 'boots on the ground' around the most pressing needs facing education today. Eric lives in San Diego with his wife, two daughters and their Golden Retriever.



Innovative Superintendent of the Year Award **HOLLY MCCLURG, Ph.D.**

Holly McClurg is the Superintendent of the Del Mar Union School District, a 5,000-student K-6 school district in northern San Diego County. With 31 years of education experience, Holly has served as a district office administrator, principal and teacher in California, Virginia, and Arizona. She joined the Del Mar Union School District in 2009 as the assistant superintendent of instructional services and has been the superintendent for nine years. Holly's research has focused on the principal's role in instruction. Her current work focuses on decades of educational institutionalized systems, structures, and beliefs that influence the school experience for every child. Holly

regularly presents on how to revolutionize the school experience to produce students who are engaged learners and active thinkers who create, innovate, and problem solve.

2020 AVID HIGH TECH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Classroom of the Future Foundation (CFF) recognizes that the inspiration to achieve in the classroom is reinforced by showcasing students who lead by example. Each year CFF awards **AVID High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships** to inspirational San Diego County students of extraordinary achievement faced with personal challenges.

This scholarship program is a collaboration with the San Diego County AVID program. The program is underwritten by the USS Midway Museum, the Jack-in-the-Box Foundation, and The Stabb Family. Since 1999, CFF has distributed more than \$630,000 in High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships to more than 300 deserving students who are pursuing STEM degrees.

Less than a third of the worthy applicants receive scholarships. CFF invites you to support students like these to pursue a university degree in math, science, engineering or technology.



TODD W. GUTSCHOW MEMORIAL AWARD

Nhat Pham of Poway is a 2020 graduate of Poway High School. Nhat had a 4.20 weighted and a 4.98 unweighted GPA. He earned a score of 1550 out of 1600 on the SAT. Nhat will attend the University of California-San Diego and major in mathematics with the career goal of becoming a mathematician. Nhat participated in Mock Trial as an expert witness, was a member of the National Honor Society, and served as a student representative on Poway High School's school site council. He was the treasurer of the Poway Student Alumni Club. Nhat volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House of San Diego, the Poway High School Library, and for the school's AVID program. Nhat was an AP Scholar with Honor, AVID Junior Student of the Year, and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar. Nhat was Poway High School's AVID Senior Standout.

Nhat shared, ***"I thought of giving up at many points during this journey because of my challenges as an immigrant, but I cannot give up on myself. I could not go back, but remembering the struggles reminds me to be who I am today: a successful student who is not fearful of any challenges that come my way."***



USS MIDWAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Priscila Gonzalez Vallejo of Oceanside is a 2020 graduate of El Camino High School. She had a 4.29 weighted and 3.88 unweighted GPA. Priscila earned a score of 1280 out of 1600 on the SAT. She plans to attend the University of California-Berkeley and major in bioengineering with a career plan of becoming a research scientist working on organ regeneration and replication. Priscila was JV lacrosse captain, active in Quetzal Mama, and a member of the Graphic Arts Club. She was a volunteer for the Encuentros Leadership Foundation and an AVID Ambassador. Priscilla received an award from the National Hispanic Recognition Program, was an AP Scholar with Distinction, and received an award for Academic Excellence with Distinction. Priscila was her school's AVID Senior Standout.

Priscilla stated, ***"A daily goal I know I'll have beginning my first semester of college and through every day of my career is to continue expanding my knowledge about the way the body functions and reacts to invaders and overall continue learning about the sciences that will allow me to help not only those I love, but the loved ones of others."***



Stephanie Rios of Oceanside is a 2020 graduate of El Camino High School. Stephanie had a 4.19 weighted and a 3.92 unweighted GPA. She earned a score of 1340 out of 1600 on the SAT. Stephanie plans to major in cognitive science with a career plan of becoming a software designer. Stephanie was a Simon Scholar and a member of the lacrosse team, serving as JV captain during her sophomore year. She volunteered at the Tri-City Medical Center and was a volunteer tutor for Project Reach. Stephanie was on the AVID High Honor Roll and was named Lacrosse Offensive Most Valuable Player. Stephanie was an AVID Top STEM Scholar for El Camino High School.

Stephanie wrote, ***"I think it is too soon to know what I will do with the rest of my life; I've only been exposed to so much. There are so many topics I have not learned about and I don't want to limit myself. I will focus on my education and learn more about myself to make that decision."***



Masiti Ahmed of San Diego is a 2020 graduate of Crawford High School. She had a 4.10 weighted and a 3.90 unweighted GPA. Masiti plans to attend San Diego State University and major in Japanese and minor in Islamic and Arabic studies with a career plan of becoming a commercial pilot. She was president and founder of the Crawford Drone Club, president of the Robotics Club, president of Boost Club, and vice president of the Garden Club. Masiti was a recipient of a Girls Take Flight internship with the Elementary Institute of Science where she completed 140 hours of training and passed the pilot exam leading to her FAA certification as a drone pilot. Masiti volunteered as a math peer tutor at her school. Masiti received awards from the California Scholarship Federation, the Auroras Honors Society and was a Crawford High School AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Masiti wrote, ***"In spite of the trials and tribulations of becoming a commercial airline pilot, I will stop at nothing to get to where I want to be."***



Soleen Mansoor of El Cajon is a 2020 graduate of El Cajon Valley High School. She had a 4.67 weighted and 4.00 unweighted GPA. Soleen plans to attend the University of California-San Diego in the fall and will major in biology with a career goal of healthcare. Soleen was active with Club Inspire and with the Class of 2020 throughout her four years at El Cajon. She was a member of the soccer team, participated in Youth for Truth, STAND, and Leo's Club. Soleen tutored students in Algebra 1 and was a sophomore class AVID tutor. Soleen received the Hall of Fame award and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Soleen stated, ***"I trained myself to work harder, to reach my goals, to satisfy myself, and to change the world. My experiences were tragic and difficult; however, they opened my mind to what I could become."***



Amaya Robles of Escondido is a 2020 graduate of Escondido High School. She had a 4.29 weighted and a 3.88 unweighted GPA. Amaya intends to major in human biology with a career plan of becoming a physician. Amaya was a member of the water polo team for all four years of high school serving as JV captain her sophomore year. She was a member of the field hockey and swim teams as well as Fellow Christian Athletes. Amaya was an officer and executive officer of the National Honors Society and a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She volunteered for The Boys and Girls Club and was a member of Link Crew. Amaya was recognized as Student of the Month in AP Literature and Composition, received a Cougar Award of Excellence in Spanish, and received a Coach's Award for swimming. Amaya was her school's AVID Senior Standout.

Reflecting on her work on the Campa-Najjar campaign Amaya said, ***"Change isn't done by one person but instead started by one and led by many."***



Salma Abdullahi of San Diego is a 2020 graduate of Crawford High School. She plans to attend the University of California-San Diego with a major in molecular synthesis with a career plan of pharmaceutical research. Salma was the president of the Food and Social Justice Club, highlighting the need for healthier lunch options on a larger scale. Salma was vice president of the Muslim Student Association. She participated in Urban Beats and the Young Scholars Program-Reach at San Diego State University where Salma worked as an intern and assistant. Salma was a student artist for the AjA Project creating a mobile photography storytelling piece honoring the diversity of City Heights. Salma volunteered at the Bandar Salaam Community Center, Summer Boost Camp, Faces for the Future, and the Islamic Center of San Diego Youth Group. She received awards for Restorative Justice Practice Facilitator, the California Scholarship Federation, Mu Alpha Theta Honors Society, and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Salma wrote, ***"Understanding how to influence the chemistry around us is a privilege I plan on cultivating during my college education by majoring in organic chemistry and joining a lab to continue researching how to manipulate the structure of available compounds to optimize their utility. I plan on being a chemist for the rest of my life."***



Arleth Lozada of San Marcos is a 2020 graduate of San Marcos High School.

She had a 4.42 weighted and a 4.00 unweighted GPA. Arleth earned a score of 1330 out of 1600 on the SAT. Arleth will attend the University of California–Los Angeles in the fall and will major in pre human biology and society with the career goal of becoming a surgeon. Arleth participated in the San Marcos High School Knight Regiment Marching Band and the Wind Symphony for all four years of high school. She was an AP Ambassador, Link Crew Commissioner, and a Quetzal Mama Scholar. Arleth volunteered for the Joli Ann Summer School Program, with Interfaith Community Services, for the Autumn Terrace Section 8 Complex After School Program, and with Ballet Folklorico Tapatio de Oceanside. Arleth was an AP Scholar with Distinction, a member of the San Marcos High School National Honors Society, and represented the Class of 2020

on the district Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Arleth was the San Marcos High School AVID Senior Standout.

Arleth shared, ***“I am very glad that I was able to shine a positive light on all of the great opportunities that an education can provide us and also see many students get back on track with their academics. I am very grateful that I was able to advocate my passion for education and I look forward to continuing to lead by example at my future university.”***



Angelina Bailey of Escondido is a 2020 graduate of Mission Hills High School.

She had a 4.27 weighted and a 3.93 unweighted GPA. Angelina earned a score of 1290 out of 1600 on the SAT. Angelina will attend the University of California-Los Angeles in the fall with a major in biochemistry and the career goal of becoming a pediatric cardiologist. Angelina was a member of the Red Cross Club, an ambassador and tutor for I am AP, a member of Leo's Club, and defense leader for the Mission Hills Varsity Lacrosse team. Angelina volunteered for the SMYBB Shooting Stars, Victory 2018, as a tutor and at various events for the San Marcos Unified School District, and as a counselor at her church. She was a Cardinal Scholar, received the AVID Platinum Award, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Angelina shared, ***“You shouldn't have to depend on people for your happiness but having someone there to support you and your goals is something everyone needs in their life. I will apply what I have learned to my classroom and community by encouraging others to do what they want with their lives and not let anyone stop them from their dreams”***



Blake Ballew of El Cajon is a 2020 graduate of Granite Hills High School.

He had a 4.70 weighted and a 4.00 unweighted GPA. Blake earned a score of 1420 out of 1600 on the SAT. He plans to attend the University of California-Los Angeles and major in molecular cell and developmental biology with a career plan of genetic engineering. Blake was a member of the Granite Hills Football and Lacrosse teams during all four years of high school. He was a member of the Granite Hills Class Cabinet and the Resident Leadership Academy. Blake volunteered with the El Cajon Teen Coalition, Friend of Cats, and I Love a Clean San Diego. He earned the Top 10 Award, AVID Student of the Year, Academic Excellence Award for Perfect SBAC Scores, and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Blake wrote, ***“There are too many people in this world who feel like they don't have anyone who cares about them and it is my goal to do everything I can to change that fact.”***



JOE RINDONE MEMORIAL AWARD

Zucel Rodriguez of Chula Vista is a 2020 graduate from Chula Vista High School. She had a 4.36 weighted and a 3.93 unweighted GPA. Zucel earned a score of 1230 out of 1600 on the SAT. She plans to attend the University of California–Berkeley in the fall with a major in molecular and cell biology and the career plan of becoming a surgeon. Zucel was president of the Chula Vista California Scholarship Foundation Club, board member of MEChA, president of the AVID Club, and participated in TRiO Upward Bound. Zucel worked at the San Ysidro Teen Health Clinic. She volunteered in Ms. Sc's Big Brother/Big Sister Tutoring Program. Zucel earned Principal's Honor Roll recognition, a Teacher's Appreciation Award for AVID, and was Chula Vista

High School's AVID Senior Standout.

She said, ***"I was born in San Diego, but had lived in Mexico for 11 years. After mastering the English language, communicating became easier but I decided to challenge myself by taking AP classes in high school and writing poetry. I can proudly say that I tutor middle and high schoolers who are accommodating to a brand new environment."***



JACK IN THE BOX SCHOLARSHIPS

Thavanh Pais of San Diego is a 2020 graduate of Point Loma High School. She had a 3.69 weighted and a 3.52 unweighted GPA. She plans to attend San Diego City College and major in biology with the career goal of becoming a veterinarian. Thavanh was AVID senior class president, a founding member of the Asian-American Alliance, Point Loma Field Hockey JV team captain and a member of the volleyball team. Thavanh volunteered with the San Diego Humane Society and the Surfrider Foundation. Thavanh was on the Dean's List and was Point Loma High School's AVID Senior Standout.

Thavanh shared, ***"Leadership isn't automatically going to be easy especially with large groups. I learned that you must be willing to think about what's best for the team and encourage them to tap into their full potential. It's one thing for a leader to hype their team up, but to get all of them to cheer each other on is an even greater thing."***



Dennise Arenas of Vista is a 2020 graduate of Rancho Buena Vista High School. She had a 3.75 weighted and 3.51 unweighted GPA. Dennise will attend California State University–San Marcos and major in biotechnology with a career plan of becoming a biomedical engineer/clinical laboratory scientist. She participated in Ballet Folklorico serving as secretary for the club, was president of Best Buddies, was a member of MEChA, and was a member of the Rancho Buena Vista JV Tennis Team. Dennise was a member of Key Club, a member of the California Scholarship Foundation, and volunteered for Project REACH. She received an Athletic Award for tennis, a Counselor's Academic Honor Roll award, and was named to The San Diego Union-Tribune All-Academic Team for tennis. Dennise was Rancho Vista High School's AVID Senior Standout.

Dennise shared, ***"I am more than a hard worker; I'm a proud Latina overcoming barriers and striving for a better future."***



Christina Tran of San Diego is a 2020 graduate of Kearney High School of Science Connections and Technology. She had a 4.30 weighted and 3.96 unweighted GPA. Christina earned a score of 1360 out of 1600 on the SAT. Christina plans to attend the University of California–San Diego and will major in human biology with a career plan of becoming a pediatric emergency medicine physician. Christina served as Executive Officer on the JROTC Battalion Staff Command Group and as the S-1 Personnel Officer. She was a member of the Kearney High School Academic Team and was a FACES for the Future Coalition intern at Rady Children's Hospital. Christina was the secretary for Key Club, a member of the California Scholarship Foundation, and a homework coach with the San Diego Public Library's Do Your Homework at the Library program. Christina received The President's Volunteer Service Bronze Award, the MOAA Outstanding Third Year JROTC Officer Cadet Medal, and was named to the school Honor Roll. Christina was the AVID Senior Standout and an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Christina wrote, ***"Belonging to a Teochew Chinese and Vietnamese family, I hope to travel the world and explore new cultures so that I can be both a competent doctor capable of improving my patients' quality of life, as well as a culturally aware one that can be sensitive to and respectful of their customs, values, and beliefs."***



Cezar Carvajal of Chula Vista is a 2020 graduate of Chula Vista High School. He had a 4.30 weighted and 3.98 unweighted GPA. Cezar earned a score of 1200 out of 1600 on the SAT. Cezar plans to major in mechanical or aerospace engineering with the career goal of becoming a mechanical engineer for Space X. Cezar was a three-year varsity runner and captain of the cross country team as well as a member of the track and field team. Cezar was a member of the Interact Club and a volunteer at The Living Coast Discovery Center. Cezar was an AP Scholar with Distinction, on the Principal's Honor Roll, and was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Reflecting on his role, Cezar shared, ***"I would slow down a little to make teammates pace off me and make them push themselves a little more each time. As captain, I took steps beyond what was required, I led a team, encouraged a team, and created a team aiming for success."***



Alan Lopez of Fallbrook is a 2020 graduate of Fallbrook High School. Alan had a 4.24 weighted and a 3.89 unweighted GPA. Alan earned a score of 1520 out of 1600 on the SAT. He was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Alan will attend the University of California-San Diego and major in psychology with the goal of a career as a counseling psychologist. Alan was a member of the Fallbrook North County Academic League team. He has been a volunteer at Hidden Treasures Thrift Store for six years. In addition to his National Merit award, Alan was also an AP Scholar with Honor. Alan was the AVID Senior Standout for Fallbrook High School.

Alan wrote, ***"Understanding that reason, ideals, and practical action must coincide is the key to lasting success."***



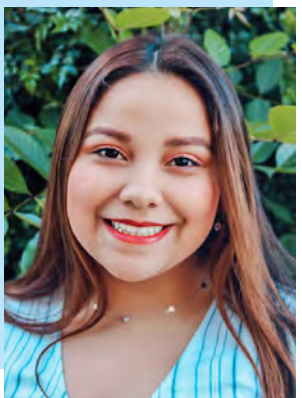
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Angie Santos of San Marcos is a 2020 graduate of San Marcos High School.

She had a 4.21 weighted and 3.96 unweighted GPA. Angie earned a score of 1280 out of 1600 on the SAT. She plans to attend the University of California-San Diego with major in neuroscience with a career plan of becoming a medical researcher or physician. Angie was an AP Ambassador, a member of MEChA, and a four-year member of the San Marcos concert and Knight Regiment marching band. She was part of the San Diego Flute Guild and participated in the Zola Chamber Fest. Angie was a Tri-City Junior Volunteer, worked with Interfaith Community Service, volunteered with Encuentros Leadership Foundation, and was a catechist assistant in her church. Angie was a Student of the Semester, a member of the National Honor Society, and was an AVID Top

STEM Scholar.

Angie shared, ***"Although I have faced many obstacles, I know that the next chapter in my life will bring about many more. However, I also know that I have both the dedication to the American Dream and the passion to be a role model for others. I'm confident that I will continue to be successful moving forward in my education."***



Kayleen Zuniga of El Cajon is a 2020 graduate of Granite Hills High School.

She had a 4.12 weighted and 3.60 unweighted GPA. Kayleen plans to attend Vanguard University and major in nursing with the career of becoming a pediatric nurse or pediatrician. Kayleen was an Eagle Link Leader, AVID Council president, and a member of the National Honor Society. Kayleen was a volunteer at the El Cajon Library Homework and Hangout, was a Unity Day leader, participated in I Love a Clean San Diego, and volunteered in her church's vacation bible school. She earned an Eagle Code Keeper Award, was named to the Principal's Honor Roll, and was the Granite Hills High School AVID Senior Standout.

Kayleen wrote, ***"I dream of working in a profession where I can become a light to children in need like those adults were for me. If I can help one child feel important, valuable, and intelligent, I will have fulfilled my dream."***



Hailey Stanfield of Poway is a 2020 graduate of Poway High School. She had a 4.02 weighted and 3.85 unweighted GPA. Hailey earned a score of 1360 out of 1600 on the SAT. She will attend the University of California-San Diego and majoring in human biology with the career goal of becoming a physician. Hailey was a three-year member of the Poway High School Swim Team. She was vice president of the school California Scholarship Foundation and the president of STEM in AVID. Hailey was a volunteer teacher's assistant at North City Preschool and the Village Preschool. She was an AVID Top STEM Scholar.

Hailey shared, ***"Time after time, taking risks and pushing through barriers shows me that fear is something that I can overcome to see what the world has to offer."***

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Antoinette Rodriguez is a graduate of La Mesa Community School. Antoinette has interned at KDLK Radio Station. She worked as a Research Assistant and Radio Support Program aid. She researched public service topics such as politics, public health & current events to develop a safe place to have a healthy debate on current issues in the community. She enjoyed volunteering at Children in the Garden, San Diego Cooperative Charter School and Linda Vista Community Center. She taught kindergarten students techniques of how to garden and assisted adults with disabilities with gardening activities. She especially found volunteering at Tri City Medical center in North County inspiring. She assisted the Telemetry department and learned to read heart monitors and comfort seriously ill patients among other duties. This work influenced her decision to pursue a career in nursing. Antoinette's grandmother was a LVN and inspired Antoinette. She is dedicated to becoming a Registered Nurse. She is excited to attend Grossmont Community College nursing program in San Diego.

Antoinette said: ***I know that with a lot of self-discipline and time management along with my determination, I will be able to thrive in the classroom, so I can someday have a successful career as a Nurse and help others in need.***



Jimmy Navarro is a graduate of JCCS Cuyamaca Prep Program. Jimmy has worked for Eastridge Landscaping. He worked for many organizations around San Diego county maintaining landscape. Jimmy currently works at Jack in the Box. He processes customer orders effectively and accurately using the Jack in the Box point of sale electronic system. Jimmy supports and supervises fellow team members when management must be off site. He works in a fast-paced environment and receives positive feedback from management and team members regarding his ability to multitask. Jimmy has also completed community service activities by assisting school staff and teachers at the JCCS East County Community School. Jimmy feels that the Water/Waste Water Technology Program at Cuyamaca College is an interesting program as there are many career areas related to managing water resources. He has had experience with water resource areas from his job experience in landscaping. The Water Technology Program at Cuyamaca College will give him a hands on experience that will prepare him for a career with a variety of options. He is

also interested in careers related to electrical studies and landscaping.

Jimmy wrote: ***With these important life experiences, I know that I am ready to take on new opportunities. I will do my best by working hard and being a positive part of my community through my efforts in school and at work.***



Maria Gutierrez is a graduate of Second Chance Community School. Maria was an Intern at Emerging Makers Young Adult Filmmaking Workshop. The purpose of Emerging Makers is an arts outreach and media arts education program for youth featuring weekly filmmaker-led work-shops. Students produce films exploring topics about the criminal justice system, restorative justice practices and their community from their perspective. One of the films she worked on was called "Black Sheep: Thee Inglorious Blacktree Barberia". She spent time with and interviewed the staff at Thee Inglorious Blacktree Barberia to learn about community-building and career pathways. She also participated in many community service activities such as feeding the homeless, beach and community clean up, and the March of Dime's walk. Maria also worked at the Kraving Fruit Bar. She was awarded the Student of the Month Award in March of 2020 by her teacher for her excellent academic performance and for successfully completing concurrent enrollment of a college course. Maria plans to transfer to San Diego State University after completing her

undergraduate degree at Cuyamaca college. Maria's career goal is to obtain her teaching credential and become an elementary school teacher.

Maria shared: ***I will apply this lesson to the classroom by knowing never to give up on my goals. I will have a positive outcome if I work hard. I've been through so much trauma and turmoil in my life, and yet my persistence and determination has gotten me this far. At this point the sky's the limit!!***

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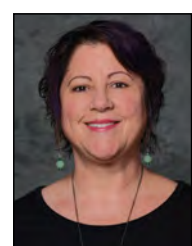
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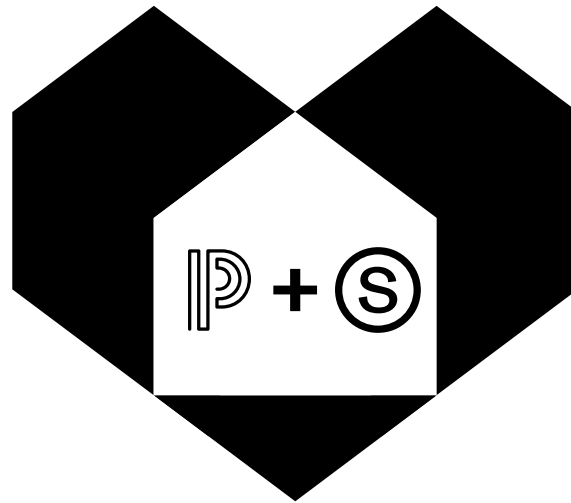
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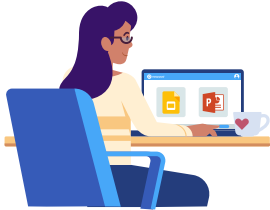


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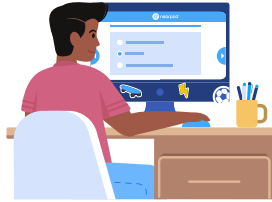


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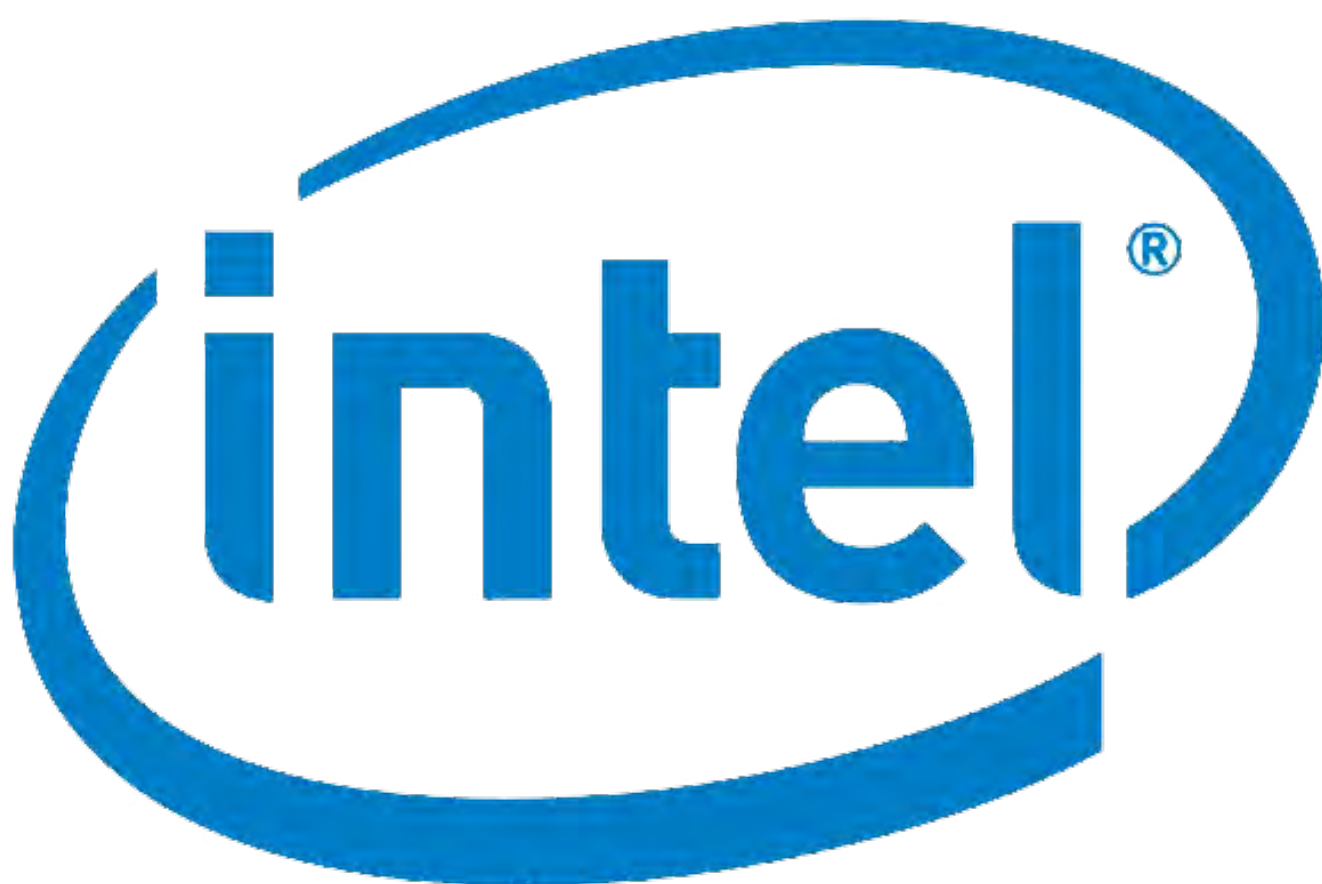


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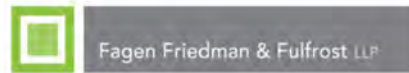
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