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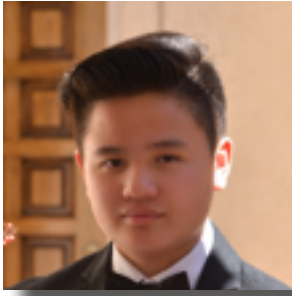
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 **Julian Hsieh**

 Canyon Crest Academy, 9th Grade



I have been volunteering at Tzuchi Youth Association since 2014. Attended multiple community service events including Food Bank, Everybody Reads, Ronald McDonald House, and Earth Day Fairs. I achieved gold level on both 2016 & 17 the President's Volunteer Service Award. I served as the concert conductor in 2016 Summer Concert fundraising for CVMS. I have been practicing piano and violin for 9 years and have received numerous awards including 2016 Popular Music Festival by Music Teachers' Association.



 **Billy Daoheuang**

 Lincoln High School, 12th Grade



A senior at Lincoln High School, ranked in the top ten. He'll be attending UCSD in the fall with a full ride thanks to the Chancellor's Scholarship. While being captain of the Volleyball team and president of the Engineering Club he's also involved in Key Club and manages to stay on top of his grades no matter what. Besides all of these activities he still manages to find time to help out someone when they need it.



 **Katherine Sisombath**

 Lincoln High School, 12th Grade



For the past four years I've had the honor to be on the principal's list for maintaining a 4.0 GPA or higher. I've been a member of ASB for two years while also being elected the class president for both years. In the fall I will be attending UCSD with a full ride, because I've obtained the chancellor's scholarship due to my performance as a student.



 **Katherine Otsuka**

 Patrick Henry High School, 12th Grade




My name is Katherine Otsuka and I'm currently a senior at Patrick Henry High School. Next year, I'll attend Cal Poly SLO to major in Civil engineering. During my time at Henry, I've participated in multiple extracurriculars including: the Engineering Student Council (serving as junior representative and later president), the Julia Morgan Society, Link Crew (Executive Member), Field Hockey, Water Polo, and more. I also volunteered through the JACL, the Japanese Historical Society, and I love a Clean San Diego.

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 **Leona Hariharan**

 Mt. Carmel High School, 10th Grade



Leona is a bright Sophomore maintaining straight A's who is dedicated to academics and community service. Last year she completed over 250 hours of community service in various organizations and was awarded Presidential Gold Award for her service. Leona is a local pageant titleholder (Miss Coastal Cities), volunteer coordinator for Operation Courage is Beautiful, and the Poway District President of All Girls STEM Society. She also actively participates in Key Club, Speech and Debate, Academic League, and Future

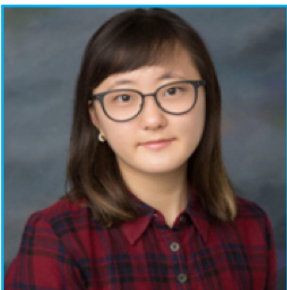


 **Rachel Lee**

 West View High School, 12th Grade



Rachel Lee is part of various organizations that strive to be role models and help the community, such as the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages as a princess of House of Korea, various clubs at school, and Academy of Music and Art for Special Education. Lee also displayed artwork at various art exhibits such as the Groff Exhibit and film festivals such as Busan International Kids & Youth Festival and Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. Lee will be continuing her studies at the Pratt Institute in Fall.



 **Jessica Yujin Chun**


 Canyon Crest Academy, 12th Grade



Received Presidential Volunteer Award (Gold & Bronze)
Received Japanese National Honor Society Award (2015 & 2016)
HoK Summer Internship (120 hours)
HPR for House of Korea (2015-2016; Princess)
Performed at Carnegie Hall (2016-2017)
Member of SDYS (San Diego Youth Symphony) for 7 years



 **Meghan Kanegaye**

 Francis Parker School, 12th Grade




Meghan Kanegaye graduated from Francis Parker with Honors with Distinction and as a member of the Cum Laude Society. She volunteers at the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego and has done research on the history of the Japanese American community in San Diego. She has contributed to exhibits that have appeared in the Veterans Museum and the San Diego History Center. Meghan will be attending Boston College in the fall.

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I actively participate in my school's Science Olympiad (which I am president of), Academic League, ROTC Academic Bowl, and Math Club. Last year I helped my ROTC team win the international JLAB competition. I got perfect scores on the SAT and subject tests. I play piano and violin. I once won the citywide House of China Essay Contest for my Chinese school. This summer I was a volunteer in Taiwan.

 **Gracie Richards**

 Scripps Ranch High School, 12th Grade



My name is Khoa Nguyen. I am a friendly, intelligent, hard-working and respectful high school student. During this year, I have received the Honor Roll from Kearny SCT High School for being an outstanding student. I am going to graduate from Kearny SCT High School in June 2017 and intend to study at San Diego Miramar College this fall. I am bilingual in English and Vietnamese. I also participate in many community service activities at Bayside Community Center that supports the community's health and wellness.

 **Khoa Le Anh Nguyen**

 Kearny SCT High School, 12th Grade



Represent Scripps Ranch HS to Boys State. A highly competitive, statewide leadership training program in Sacramento.

Represent Scripps Ranch HS to the CyberPatriot National Finals in Baltimore, a national cyber security competition, Top 25 teams of 4,000+ were invited.

American Legion Excellence Award for outstanding qualities in academic, leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

 **Anton H. Phan**

 Scripps Ranch High School, 11th Grade




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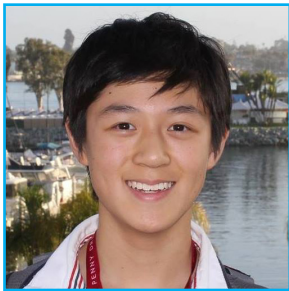


 **Huryoung Vogsachang**


 San Marcos High School, 12th grade



He has recently graduated from San Marcos High School. While maintaining an outstanding academic record, he has worked selflessly for years on- and off-campus and made substantial impact in the community he served. Among many volunteering programs he participated, the most notable was the 'city-wide intervention group' he created to help youth with mental illness, following the tragic death of his friend due to depression. He received National Alliance on Mental Illness Certification for his care and initiative.

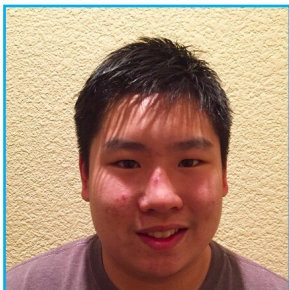


 **Andre Yin**

 Westview High School, 11th Grade



Andre is a junior at Westview High School. With all his amazing academic accomplishment and excellent athletics, he always remains humble and grounded. As a kid growing up with asthma, he was once helped by American Lung Association (ALA), and now is inspiring other children with asthma to be happy and striving. In the past five years, he has exemplified his cheerful, inspiring, and dedicated leadership through volunteering at his school, Boy Scouts, ALA and other clubs. His drive, determination and perseverance set him on a successful path in serving the community.



 **Sean Wei**


 Canyon Crest Academy, 10th Grade



He has been a veteran in community services. His passion to serve the community has led him to his participation in international charity works when he was just a middle schooler. His active involvement in Tzushao has also created the opportunity for him to grow from a participant to a leader. Volunteering as the summer camp counselor, he further developed his leadership skills. His outstanding civil engagement and community services has made him a three-time recipient of Presidential Volunteer Service Award (2015-2017).



 **Valerie Chen**

 Del Norte High School, 11th Grade



She is not only excels in her academic studies, but also demonstrated her leadership as the president of School String orchestra and founded Del Norte's Tri-M Music Honor Society, a music volunteering club at the school. She has led her peers to use music to help others by performing around the community for different groups such as the nursing homes, and, volunteering for the music department and other events like the Annual Benefit Concert. She enjoys the rewarding experience of volunteering, especially that seeing her music bring joy to people.

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History of Mayoral Student Recognition Award

The San Diego API Student Mayoral Recognition Award is hereby established in 2015 by Mayor Kevin Faulconer and District 6 Councilman Chris Cate with eight San Diego Asian Pacific Islander American Organizations. These API groups joined forces together for the first time to select outstanding students among their respective communities to honor their notable academic achievements, leadership, and community services.

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