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Congratulations to the CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 13 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

\$41,000 IN AWARDS

*\$10,000 are 4 year scholarships for \$2,500 per year

NAME	AMOUNT	SCHOOL
Andrea Rincon Espitia	* \$10,000	El Camino High
Ahveana Couverthier	\$1,000	El Camino High
Katherinew Maddison	\$1,000	El Camino High
Khalil Burrell	*\$10,000	Guajome Park Academy
Jessica Vu	\$4,000	Mission Vista High School
Tatyana Wells	\$3,000	Oceanside High
Yvanna Cardenas	\$3,000	Oceanside High
Floridalia Perez	\$1,000	Oceanside High
Jennifer Jaimez	\$1,000	Oceanside High
Daisy Sanchez Hernandez	\$1,500	Oceanside High
Nyah Mallak	\$1,500	Oceanside High
Kimberly Barrueta	\$2,000	Oceanside High
Ashley Luis	\$2,000	Oceanside High
	\$41,000	

The students will be accepting their awards at a special filming event at our local television station KOCT . Google the station in early July to find out the dates and times the event will be shown.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WE COULD NOT GIVE THESE STUDENTS THE HELP THAT THEY NEED WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTION. Be healthy, and take care.

Janet Bledsoe Lacy, Resource Director City of Oceanside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program



Katherine Madison: In the Fall Katherine will be attending University of California – Berkeley where she will be majoring in Psychology. In Katherine’s essay she wrote” Through I learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. in a classroom, the real-life application of his methods and the continuation of his work is what made me truly appreciate how much he’s done for this country, for the people I love, for me”.

When Katherine was asked if you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why? Katherine responded, “I would title my autobiography “Growing Up in the 21st Century”. As a member of the youngest generation, it seems as though our voices, though amplified with social media, are often ignored due to age and lack of experience with the “real world”, especially in the United States. With the massive advances in technology, as well as the rapidly polarizing political climate, the disconnect between older and younger generations is growing. The era in which one’s childhood took place has a substantial impact on the rest of their life and each group has their own unique way of viewing the world. I believe an autobiography written by someone at such a young age could provide insight into the differences and similarities between the new generation and the ones before it”.

Katherine Madison is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship.



Floridalia Pérez Rivera: In the Fall Floridalia will be attending California State University Dominguez Hills where she will be majoring in Psychology. In her essay she wrote” being a minority, such as Martin Luther King Jr., has allowed me to relate to his teachings and has helped guide me through the difficulties that come with being brown”. I have implemented his values to better my community and deal with negative comments that are made by ignorance. When Floridalia was asked what accomplishment are you most proud of? She stated “ I am most proud of being the first in my family to attend college. I am

proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone and always asking for help on college-related topics from my advisors and teachers because I tend to be timid and stay quiet, but I knew that I would need help to finish all the requirements for college applications as well as FAFSA. When asked is if she could have dinner with any four people dead or alive: Floridalia stated: First, I would choose Bernie Sanders because I would like to ask him how it felt to be arrested when he would protest during the civil rights era. The second person is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because I want to know how he would handle the current protests of the Black Lives Matter movement. The third person I would have dinner would be Frida Khalo because her artwork is amazing, and the last person I would have dinner with would be Selena Quintanilla-Perez because she has always been my favorite female artist and I want to listen to her sing.

Floridalia Pérez Rivera is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship.



Ahveana Couverthier : In the Fall Ahveana will be attending Azusa Pacific University Honors College and where she will be a dual major in Kinesiology and Humanities. In Ahveana's essay she wrote" I hope to inspire and share the teachings and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and leave just a piece of his spirit with people through my actions and persona; by treating people equally yet allowing them to feel unique and loved, one day we can build communities built on the foundation of harmony and mutual respect for all.

When asked Who is your role model and why? Ahveana stated " my mom is my role model because she has shown me that it's possible to be resilient and to overcome adversity. I have watched her tackle many challenges and face her fears even when the odds were against her. She always puts in 110% to be the best mom she can be. She is an inspirational woman who loves helping others and does not take anything for granted. Overall, she is a hard working determined person who will allow nothing to get in the way of her goals. This inspires me to want to be the best and greatest possible version of myself.

Ahveana Couverthier is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship

Jennifer Jaimez: In the Fall Jennifer will be attending the University of California Merced where her major will be Molecular Biology with an emphasis in Immunology. Jennifer's Avid Coordinator, Stephanie Harrell, had this to say about Jennifer" Jennifer is the youngest in a family of five. Her parents work manual labor jobs such as picking fruit in the field and cleaning houses. These experiences only push Jennifer more to earn her college degree and pursue a career in science.



In Jennifer's essay she wrote" Martin Luther King is the definition of hard work and pride and for that reason I will always look up to Dr. King. But most importantly Dr. King still held on to his pride and never allowed anyone to take that away from him.

When asked "what is one thing about you that would surprise most people? Jennifer stated "people are surprised that I am a boxer. I began to box the summer of sixth grade and have never stopped since then. I love the sport because it is a gateway to relieve my stress and shows how hard a person trains to override the challenge of their opponents.

Jennifer Jaimez is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship.



Daisy Sanchez Hernandez: In the Fall Daisy will be attending California State University, Fullerton where she will be doing a double major in Psychology and Forensic Science. In Daisy's essay she wrote "the most powerful tool we have as humans is our voice. My community would fear for our lives, but we would never use our voices for help". Dr. King wanted equal rights for everyone and fought through harsh levels of racism until the last day of his life. I hope to do the same, fight violence until I can't.

When asked "If you could have dinner with any four people (dead or alive), who would they be and why? Daisy stated "Four people that I would cherish to have dinner with are John F Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr, Sigmund Freud, and Kendall Rae. I would love to meet JFK because of his truth-telling during

his presidency. Although his life was cut short, I would enjoy hearing what plans and goals he would have wanted to complete during his term. Another person would MLK because I admire his leadership and strength. I would like to hear what he thinks about the Blacks Lives Matter movement and the racism still happening today. The third person I would like to talk to is Sigmund Freud because of his theory of psychoanalysis. His theory of the unconscious mind blows my mind away so I would love to ask more questions about his theory. The last person I would admire to talk to is Kendall Rae. I began watching Kendall on Youtube about three years ago and because of her videos, I have become more open-minded on others' opinions. I would appreciate having her as a friend and ask for her opinion when I need help.

Daisy Sanchez Hernandez is the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship.



Nyah Mallak: In the fall Nyah will be attending the University of California, Davis where she will be majoring in animal science and minoring in Spanish. In Nyah's essay she wrote "Martin Luther King, Jr. has taught me how to gracefully fight for freedom and justice however, personally, the most significant lesson that his accomplishments continue to illustrate to me is the importance and necessity of having an open mind and diversity". Nyah stated "both of my parents are my role models but in different ways: my dad demonstrates how to be a strong yet humble leader as he has been in the military and has consistently moved up, and my mom has shown me how

to never settle for less and to encourage yourself to go beyond the borders. When asked to describe your perfect day? Nyah stated "First I would wake up at 6:30 feeling replenished from my sleep and I would pour a glass of fresh lemon water and then pet my dogs as I sit on my balcony overlooking the tropical paradise that is Fiji. Next I would go down to the beach and surf (I don't know how to surf but again this is in a perfect world) then return to my oasis-like home, eat fresh fruits, and get ready for the day. The bulk of the day would include anything within the realm of hiking, skydiving, biking, swimming with the tropical fish, generally just being outdoors. At night a good bonfire would be nice and I would invite all of my friends to my paradise and let the night fizzle out from there.

Nyah Mallak: is the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship.



Kimberly Barrueta: In the Fall Kimberly will be attending MiraCosta College where she will be majoring in Computer Science. Kimberly's English teacher had this to say about her" Kimberly comes from a family that has taught her the importance of hard work. Both of her parents are immigrants from Mexico who were not afforded the luxury of an education. Coming from the most humble of beginnings, Kimberly has endured many hardships and a life of uncertainty. Those beginning have shaped her, but they do not define her". When asked what

accomplishment she is most proud of, Kimberly stated" I am most proud of making it to the State Championships in Cross Country since 3 months before I could not walk due to a knee injury".

In Kimberly's essay she wrote" using all of my experiences from high school, my goal is to be a proud Latina innovator in technology and help those less fortunate in the process. Using Dr. King as a role model that one person can make a change in the world. I want to have the same impact on the people in my community.

Kimberly Barrueta is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship.



Ashley Luis: In the Fall Ashley will be attending California State University San Marcos where she will be majoring in Biochemistry. In Ashley's essay she wrote" Dr. King has played a significant role in my life. With the values of determination, passion, and charisma that I try to emulate, I will become a strong independent woman and prove to those that think I am not capable of succeeding because of my circumstances that I will accomplish my goals. I will demonstrate the capability I have and surprise those who think I will not succeed in having immigrant parents by completing college and reaching for my goals.

When asked who is your role model and why, Ashley stated" My role model is my parents because I see how hardworking they are so that motivates me to do the same thing knowing how they struggled when they were young, especially my dad, seeing how he does everything for us like fixing the car and the RV when it's having trouble after coming back from work.". When Ashley was asked " if you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why"? Ashley stated, "If I were to write an autobiography, I would have the title as "The known and unknowns" because some people already know who I am which would be the "known" of what they see of me and the "unknown" they will be told in the autobiography that people don't know about me.

Ashley Luis is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship.



Yvanna Cardenas: In the Fall Yvanna will be attending California State University Fullerton where she will be majoring in Nursing. In Yvanna's essay she wrote " Dr. King has shown me that you do not always have to fight fire with fire. Just because people have made mistakes or disrespected you does not mean you should also fall into the same darkness. We must carry ourselves in a high manner with peace in being the bigger person and the best version of ourselves.

Yvanna's instructor had this to say about her" Yvanna grew up with three brothers in an immigrant family. Her parents often held two or three jobs to support their children and ensure they were able to go to college. Yvanna is planning on helping to support her family when she reaches her career goal. When asked "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why? Yvanna stated, "Daughter of an Immigrant" because thanks to my parents sacrifices I will be able to make all their dreams come true."

Yvanna Cardenas is the recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship.



Tatyana Wells: In the Fall Tatyana will be attending San Diego State University where she will be majoring in Political Science. In Tatyana's essay she quoted Dr. King's "A Proper Sense of Priorities" where Dr. King stated" And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right". In other words, if we are going create positive changes in our lives, we must be courageous enough to challenge the status quo. When Tatyana was asked, who is your role model and why? Tatyana stated, "my role model is my mother because of her wisdom and resilience. She was a teen mom who went on to college

with a full scholarship and was the one of the only people in my entire family to earn a bachelor's degree. She also lost both of her parents by the time she was 27 but she didn't allow that to stop her from becoming the Supervisor of Radiology at Kaiser Permanente. She is incredibly brave, strong, and hard-working. I aspire to be the woman that she has become.

Tatyana Wells is the recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship



Jessica Vu: In the Fall Jessica will be attending the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) where she will be majoring in Neurobiology. In Jessica's essay she wrote "as stated by Dr. King" I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Whatever your skin color or beliefs maybe, violence should never be used against you or any other person, rather the desire to understand more about each other should be. I desire to seek out friendship and understanding with all individuals and will continue to do so when met with situations that involve violence, conflict, and a disruption in harmony. Jessica stated "my most proud accomplishment would be my work at Tri-City Medical

Center as a junior volunteer for the past two years. My decision to start volunteering in the laboratory has proven thus far to be one of the main pushing factors for me to pursue a career in the medical field. In the laboratory, I was entrusted with the job of sorting various specimens including that of blood, urine, fecal matter, and swabs for testing and logging into patient data. Conducting hospital rounds in which I would pick up specimens has allowed me to develop a sense of professional responsibility as well. I was able to talk and converse with lab technicians first-hand in which they expressed how my job of sorting and delivering the specimen to their rightful departments in the laboratory has played a critical part in their work as well in terms of efficiency. My work in the laboratory has provided me with both hands-on experience in a field that I am interested in and has also allowed me to develop interpersonal skills within a professional setting in which I view as a notable accomplishment.

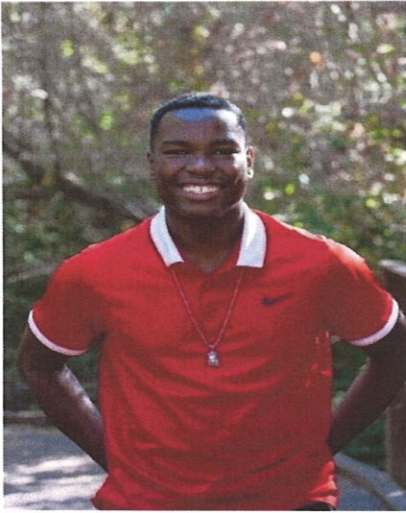
Jessica Vu is the recipient of a \$4,000 scholarship.



Andrea Rincon Espitia: Andrea will be attending San Diego State University where she will be majoring in Criminal Justice. In Andrea's essay she wrote: Being a Mexican-American female comes with educational stereotypes indicating I will fail. At times, I feel weak from within and remember the quote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase". This serves as my motivation to not overthink but to trust the process. Andrea stated "my role model is my father. He has dedicated his life to working in

the construction industry as a roofer for more than seventeen years. During critical times with the beaming sun, he does not give up and works up to seven days a week. His perseverance has shown me the value of hard work and the rewarding feeling of accomplishment. Fortunately, I have been raised by a father that believes in my drive to become someone in this world. I admire his strength, both mentally and physically. My father has always been real about situations with honesty. Honesty is yet another value I have been taught. My father along with my mother are the reason why I am highly motivated to pursue a higher education".

Andrea Rincon Espitia is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship.



Khalil Burrell: In the Fall Khalil will be attending the University of California San Diego where he will be majoring in Applied Mathematics. In Khalil’s essay he wrote “In a society with fatal school shootings, neighbors against neighbors, being a “good” black man does not ensure my safety. Dr. King had to face oppression and risked his life to ensure that some of the adversities and challenges that I face would not be as great as his. Even with these setbacks I make it a goal for me to prosper by ensuring I get an education. A quote from Dr. King that I pattern my life after is” If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward”. I am continuing to move forward in pursuit of completing my degree and becoming a high school mathematics teacher.

Khalil’s teacher said this about him” what I am most impressed about Khalil is his positivity and importance he places on family. His optimism prevails despite financial hardships and conflicting demands for his time. He is fiercely loyal, often making choices that benefit his family over taking the easy way out for himself”. When Khalil was asked “Who is your role model and why? Khalil stated “my grandma because I admire how she cares for her family and works hard to provide for them. She has influenced me to stay determined and to always work hard.

Khalil Burrell is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship.