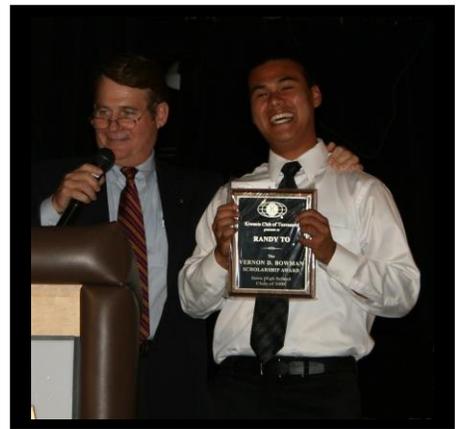


Graduating Serra HS Seniors Receive Kiwanis Awards

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This year with a Bowman Family endowment the Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Tierrasanta increased their primary four year Serra HS scholarship award. The club established a scholarship program in 1982 and now annually award three scholarships to graduating Serra High School students bound for college who best exemplify the high ideals of Kiwanis service including character, leadership, academic and athletic achievement and service to school and community. This program is carried on by the club's foundation. The recipients of the scholarships are selected by a committee of the foundation based on a review of applications submitted for the awards, including an essay, school transcripts and documentation of school and community activities, service and leadership.

Randy To was awarded the Vernon D. Bowman Scholarship named in honor of Mr. Bowman after his death in 1986. He was a charter member of the club 1976 and the second president of the club. He was instrumental in the formation of the club and his leadership contributed immeasurably to the development of the club as a primary service organization in Tierrasanta and the club's scholarship program. Randy To graduated as a straight A student at Serra, was president of the Kiwanis sponsored Key Club, a member of the varsity tennis team and had a commendable record of service to his school and community. The scholarship awards \$1500 per year for four years of college, a total of \$6,000.



Kiwanis Foundation President
Mike Pent and Randy To

The club's second scholarship was awarded to Nicholas Incrocci, a one-time award of \$2,000. The award was named in honor of Thomas G. Cherniss after his death in 2000. Mr. Cherniss was a charter member of the club, served two terms as president, club secretary for many years and served as the first president of the Kiwanis Foundation of Tierrasanta. His service to the community of Tierrasanta and to Kiwanis was exemplary. He was instrumental in the formation

and development of the club and the club and foundation's scholarship program. Nicholas Incrocci was a top academic performer at Serra, senior class president and captain of the baseball team during his junior and senior years. Like Mr. Cherniss, his record of school and community service was exemplary.



Nicholas Incrocci

The third scholarship was awarded to Kimberly Veihl, a one-time award of \$1,000. This award was named in honor of George V. Paluso after his death in 2006. Mr. Paluso was a member of the club for over 29-years and served as president of the club in 1981-82. He was instrumental in the initiation of the club's scholarship program in 1982 and the formation of the club's foundation in 1997. He served on the foundation board of directors since its inception and as foundation president from 2000 through 2005. He was an avid and active baseball enthusiast. In addition to the general criteria, the Paluso Scholarship awards participation, leadership and excellence in athletic activities. Kimberly Veihl was also a top academic performer at Serra and captain of both the varsity tennis and lacrosse teams. She participated in athletics throughout her years at Serra and was also captain of the junior varsity lacrosse, soccer and lacrosse teams. She received the highest honors in Girl Scouts of America receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award during her senior year and the Girl Scout Silver Award in her junior year. Her record of school and community service was excellent.



Kimberly Veihl

The club also presented Hope of America Awards to Kristen Ash, Alexander Jacobs and Bradley Mundell. In 1979 the club began the Hope of America Award program for all the public schools in Tierrasanta and Murphy Canyon. Since 1982 the awards have been presented throughout the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International. This award is presented to students

selected by school faculty members and administrators to recognize and encourage students who have demonstrated academic accomplishments, leadership and good ethical and moral character—all traits of leaders who have sustained our democratic way of life. Such outstanding citizenship traits and consistent devotion to the acquisition of learning skills as exhibited by the award recipients are very important to help guarantee the future of the United States of America. The awards include a plaque, certificates that feature the American's Creed and \$100.