

Kiwanis Awards Serra HS and Charter School 2014 Graduating Seniors

The Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Tierrasanta awarded scholarships and Hope of America Awards with scholarships to graduating seniors at Serra High School and the Tierrasanta campus of the Charter School of San Diego to help defray the costs of tuition, fees, books and supplies and room and board at an institution of higher learning. The club established a scholarship program in 1982 and annually awards three scholarships through the club foundation 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. The foundation selects the recipients 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. The awards also honor former outstanding Kiwanis members who are now deceased.



Serra HS Scholarship Awards
L to R: Marchelle Meza and Shayn Lozono
(Hunter Garnier is not pictured)

Shayn Lozano received a Kiwanis scholarship named in honor of Vernon D. Bowman in 1986. Shayn achieved a 4.8 GPA and was the number 2 Salutatorian of his class. He served on the school cluster council and was founder and president of both the ballroom dancing club and the Sophomore Success Program (tutoring). Shayn participated in three varsity sports including cross-country, track and field and tennis. He was team captain of the cross-country team for three years and captain of the tennis team his junior and senior years. In cross country his senior year, he was recognized as the Most Valuable Runner and named to the *San Diego Union-Tribune* "All-Academic Team" honoring athletes with a very high GPA. One of Shayn's counselors wrote that "In my thirty-seven years, there are few graduates that have earned my respect and admiration as Shayn Lozano . . . He is truly outstanding." Shayn plans to attend Harvard University in the fall. The Bowman scholarship awards \$1000 per year for four years of college, a total of \$4,000.

Hunter Garnier received a \$1,000 Kiwanis scholarship named in honor of Thomas G. Cherniss in 2000. Hunter achieved a 4.87GPA and was the number 1 Valedictorian of his class. He accomplished a commendable record of service at school and in the community including tutoring fellow students and by founding the Robotics Team and a music club that performed in retirement homes for seniors, Hunter participated in JV and varsity soccer, varsity cross-country and tennis. He served as captain of the tennis team. He will attend UC Berkeley in the fall.

Marchelle Meza received a \$1,000 Kiwanis scholarship named in honor of George V. Paluso in 2006, a member of the club for over 29-years and instrumental in the initiation of the club's scholarship program. In addition to the general criteria, the Paluso Scholarship awards participation, leadership and excellence in athletic activities. Marchelle was an outstanding student, leader and athlete with a 4.47 GPA. She was the ASB student body president during her senior year. She participated in three JV and varsity sports including soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. She was the captain of two JV teams and captain of the soccer team her senior year; a team that won the CIF soccer championship. Marchelle joined the Girl Scouts of America in kindergarten and has participated for over 13-years earning the highest Girl Scout honors including the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. She plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall.

The club presented Kiwanis Hope of America Awards and scholarships to Tierrasanta graduating senior Kaitlyn Cezar-Butac of the Charter School of San Diego and Serra High School graduating seniors Jacquelyn Ha, Amanda Mosler and Lincoln To. Kiwanis initiated the Hope of America Award program for all the public schools in Tierrasanta and Murphy Canyon in 1979, now expanded to include all schools assisted by the club and the Tierrasanta campus of the Charter School of San Diego. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International has presented Hope of America Awards since 1984. The award recognizes students selected by school faculty members and administrators to honor and encourage students who have demonstrated academic accomplishment, 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, an award letter, a certificate featuring the American's Creed and a \$250 scholarship.



Serra HS Hope of America Awards
L to R: Lincoln To, Jacquelyn Ha and Amanda Mosler



Charter School Hope of America Award
L to R: Foundation Treasurer Jeff Ott, Kaitlyn Cezar-Butac, Kiwanis Foundation President Mike Pent, and Kiwanis Past President Lonnie Folsom