

## **Kiwanis Awards Serra HS and Charter School 2015 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,



**Serra HS Scholarship Awards**  
L to R: Dakota Churchill, Parker Hayward and Madeleine Turnberg

school transcripts and documentation of school and community activities, service and leadership. The awards also honor former outstanding Kiwanis members who are now deceased.

Dakota (Cody) Churchill received a Kiwanis scholarship named in honor of Vernon D. Bowman in 1986. She achieved a 4.83 GPA and was the number 2 Salutatorian of her class. Cody has been an active youth leader in her church and at school served as president of the Student2Student (S2S) program that provides a resource for students transiting to high school. Her involvement in athletics was impressive with many hours participating in varsity Field Hockey, Soccer and Lacrosse. She served as captain of all those teams and was awarded All-Division First Team and All-CIF 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. She received a Coach's Award and was honored as the Most Inspirational Player. With such involvement she still found time to serve as a field hockey coach at De Portola Middle School. Dakota will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. The Bowman scholarship awards \$1000 per year for four years of college, a total of \$4,000.

Parker Hayward received a \$1,000 Kiwanis scholarship named in honor of Thomas G. Cherniss in 2000. Parker ranked high in his class with a 4.6 GPA. He accomplished an impressive record of leadership and service at school and in the community including serving as ASB president his senior year and ASB class president during the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. He played three varsity sports including Soccer, Lacrosse and Water Polo; serving as captain of the soccer team in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and captain of the Junior Varsity lacrosse team. He was also on the Surf Team in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades and captain of the team in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Parker will attend Harvard University in the fall.

Madeleine Turnberg 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. Madeleine ranked high academically in her class with a 4.6 GPA. She provided dedicated service and leadership to her community and school through her church activities and participation in school activities. She was a member of the color guard of the school band, a member of the Key Club, Link Crew and Circle of Friends Club. Madeleine provided leadership through her organization skills and participation in a tutoring program for other students at school. For athletics, Madeleine participated in Cross-Country and Badminton. She will attend UCSD in the fall.

The club presented Kiwanis Hope of America Awards and scholarships to Tierrasanta graduating senior Kayliey Koch of the Charter School of San Diego and Serra High School graduating seniors Kayla Carter, Shakur Collins and Mario Espinoza. 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.



**Charter School Hope of America Award**  
L to R: Kayliey Koch, Kiwanis Foundation President Mike Pent,  
and Kiwanis President Irene Cannon



**Serra HS Hope of America Awards**  
L to R: Kayla Carter and Shakur Collins  
(Mario Espinoza is not pictured)