

# FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10

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### MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY



One of the most exciting events this summer was the annual Models of Excellence scholarship awards ceremony. On the last Saturday of June, students, parents and sponsors gathered at Camilo's California Bistro in Eagle Rock to meet the awardees. Friends of Project 10 awarded \$25,000 among sixteen recipients. Each student had an opportunity to tell the group of his or her activities on behalf of the LGBT community while in high school. A special award was given by Bernard Vyzga Jr. to Zachary Robinson in memory of his partner Steve Gideon, and Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, 44th District, was honored for his work on behalf of our youth.

Additionally, a special award was given to Alice Liao in memory of "Ms. Kittie" a longtime volunteer and beloved friend to Friends of Project 10. We are extremely proud of these young people and look to them as the activists of the future.

### Renewals

**RYAN KING.** Among other things, Ryan was elected as Social Justice Chair of the Queer Student Union at **UC Santa Cruz**. As such he is currently planning a campaign to increase access to gender-neutral bathrooms, as well as working to organize a voter registration effort that targets lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. Ryan is involved in a new organization called imPower which outreaches to Gay-Straight Alliances in high schools in Santa Cruz County.

**JOSHUA MEISEL.** At **UC Santa Cruz**, Joshua is the founder of an organization called, "Keshet" ("Rainbow" in Hebrew). "Keshet" is a liaison bringing queer Jewish students together through events and community building sponsored by the UCSC Cantu Queer Center and UCSC Hillel. In addition, Joshua is a part-time caregiver for special needs children and young adults.

**CHRIS ANGEL MURPHY.\*** Chris will be entering **USC** in the fall to pursue a Master's Degree in social work. He is a guest column writer for the *Lesbian News* and speaks frequently to college and high school classes on issues of gender and sexual identity. Chris is also a member of the Pasadena PFLAG Chapter and is a panelist and speaker representing the organization.

**HASSAN RASSMY.** In addition to his outstanding academic excellence at **Orange Coast College**, Hassan's activities in the areas of social justice are equally impressive. As part of his work in the Social Justice Summit held at Cal State University Fullerton, Hassan attended the Model United Nations conference in New York with the Irvine Valley College delegation. In all of his work Hassan's focus is on equality and equal rights for all. He has campaigned for the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act and continues to embody Friends of Project 10's vision and mission.

### THANK YOU UPTOWN GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE

The **Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA)** presented Friends of Project 10 with a check for \$2,600 toward next year's scholarship competition. On the same day, Carl Matthes and Carl Johnson donated an additional \$1,000 for some fortunate student.

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## NEW

CLAUDIA CHEN. Temple City High School (Syracuse University)

EMILY COFFIN. Saugus High (Smith College)

KELLY DELGADILLO. San Juan Hills High School (UC Berkeley)

ISAAC GOMEZ. High Tech High International (Stanford University)

ISAIAS GUZMAN. Bell High School (UC Berkeley)

JENNIFER LEDESMA. Magnolia High School (Columbia College Chicago)

PIN-PIN (ALICE) LIAO. John A. Rowland High School (Villanova University)

MARKA MABERRY-GAULKE. Harvard-Westlake School (Eckerd College)

XOCHI MABERRY-GAULKE. Harvard-Westlake School (Evergreen State College)

MIRANDA MEAD. California Virtual Academy (Santa Barbara City College)

ZACHARY ROBINSON. LA Center For Enriched Studies (Boston University)

MATTHEW ZINIK. Foothill Technology High School (Portland State University)

Visit our web site at <http://project10.org> and click on "News" for the complete **Models of Excellence Scholarship Program** for a full description and photos from the ceremony.

## MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SPONSORS — LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

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Gail Rolf and Virginia Uribe  
Billy Butchkavitz  
Jack Chen and Cimon Butler  
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Ann Damore and Kim Kaiser  
Peter Welsh

## GIVE TO THE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The goal of Friends of Project 10 for 2013 is to increase the amount of awards and the number of awards given to outstanding senior high school students, gay or straight, who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of civil rights for LGBTQ people. Ours is one of the very few scholarship programs with a LGBTQ focus available to students. With higher education costs skyrocketing, our scholarship has helped open many doors to students. We ask for your support to help us attain our goal for next year. Individuals, couples, organizations, businesses and corporations are encouraged to donate. Become a **Project 10 Millennium Trustee** with a donation of \$1,000 or more. Visit our web site at <http://project10.org>, e-mail us at [project10@hotmail.com](mailto:project10@hotmail.com), or call **626.577.4553** for more information and to make a donation.

## MODELS OF PRIDE CONFERENCE

**Models of Pride (MOP 20)** is a free conference for LGBTQ youth and allies, parents with LGBT children, and professionals who work with LGBT youth. The day will include informative workshops, a resource fair, and exciting entertainment.

**Saturday October 13, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., University of Southern California (USC)**

Models of Pride is presented by the **L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's** youth development and mentoring program, **LifeWorks**. It is supported by the LGBT Resource Center of USC and sponsored by Campus Pride. The event is generously supported by a grant from the Ernest Lieblich Foundation.

Visit [www.Modelsofpride.org](http://www.Modelsofpride.org) for registration and conference information.