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MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY



Once again, Friends of Project 10 had the honor of presenting the annual Models of Excellence scholarship awards to eleven outstanding students at the awards ceremony held on June 29, 2013. Southern California high school students who have committed themselves to advancing LGBT civil rights received awards of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000.

We thank the parents and sponsors who joined us at Camilo's California Bistro in Eagle Rock to celebrate the awardees. Each student shared the story of his or

activities on behalf of the LGBT community while in high school. A special award was given by Bernard Vyzga Jr. to Devon Yaffe in memory of his partner Steve Gideon, and a special award was presented to Yesnia Padilla by TerryLynn Padilla in memory of "Ms. Kittie" (Catherine Doswell), a longtime volunteer and beloved friend.

The "Carls" as they are known, Carl Johnson and Carl Matthes, were also honored for their lifetime of dedication to the LGBT community through their leadership in the Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA), and for their continued support of Friends of Project 10. Mario Vasquez Zuniga was the scholarship recipient of the "Carls" recognition award.



"Carls" Presentation

"Ms. Kittie" Presentation

Steve Gideon Presentation



2013 Models of Excellence Scholarship Sponsors

As in the past years, our loyal supporter, Leonard Peterson, graciously hosted the scholarship ceremony. We thank Leonard and all of this year's participants for supporting these fine young and elder people who truly are making a difference in our world!



Leonard Peterson

2013 Models of Excellence Scholarship Recipients

Allen Bernard Cabanillas (El Monte High School) — California State University Los Angeles

Isaias Guzman (University of California Berkeley)*

Logan Henderson (Santa Monica High School) — Dartmouth College

Katherine Kearns (Idyllwild Arts Academy) — Arts University Bournemouth, United Kingdom

Chris Angel Murphy (University of Southern California) — School of Social Work*

Lucy Ngo (Westminster High School) California State University Long Beach

Yesinia Padilla (El Monte High School) — University of California Riverside

Hassan Ryan Rassmy (Orange Coast College) — University of California Irvine*

Ariela Subar (Marlborough School) — University of Chicago

Patric Verrone (Harvard-Westlake School) — Brown University

Devon Yaffe (Hollywood High School) — University of California Santa Cruz

Mario Zuniga (Students on Academic Rise High School) — San Francisco State University

* Renewals

SUPPORT OUR MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The major program of Friends of Project 10 is the annual Models of Excellence scholarship program for outstanding Southern California senior high school students who have made a commitment to the advancement of LGBT civil rights. Ours is one of the very few scholarship programs with a LGBTQ focus available to students regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Become a **Project 10 Millennium Trustee** with a donation of \$1,000 or more. Visit our web site at www.project10.org, e-mail us at project10@hotmail.com, or call **626.577.4553** for more information.

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VOICES FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Taylor Bazley (UCLA)
 2010 Scholarship Recipient

Three years ago Friends of Project 10 awarded me a scholarship which helped me go to UCLA, so as I end my third year and get ready to enter my last, I just wanted to give you an update on what I have been doing here.

I am a political science major with an emphasis on American politics and a minor in global studies. My involvements on campus and in the community are where I think I have seen the most personal development. In my time here at UCLA I have been exposed to an extreme diversity of opinions, ethnicities, creed, socioeconomic status, etc.

I have placed myself in a variety of leadership positions including president of the Roosevelt Institute and facilitator for First Step (an LGBT organization I created for those in the Greek community), and many other leadership positions including those in my fraternity, student government, the den, and queer alliance. This summer I am going to New York City where I am working at a progressive think tank called the Roosevelt Institute.

College has been a highly influential time in my life and from it I grew a lot personally. It was because of this scholarship that this was able to happen in my life and I just wanted to thank you.



Claudia Chen (Syracuse University)
 2012 Scholarship Recipient

I wanted to wait until I wasn't homesick to write this but the feeling hasn't gone away. My classes are easy (how could they be hard when my high school influences were inspiring, passionate and models who pushed me to do the best I could?) I think of you often when I'm helping to plan the Life Gets Better Together (LGBT) symposium. The Models of Excellence Scholarship ceremony was one of my last memories of the LGBTQ community in Southern California, and I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity you have opened up for me. Please know that I keep you all constantly in my thoughts, and that I won't be giving up.

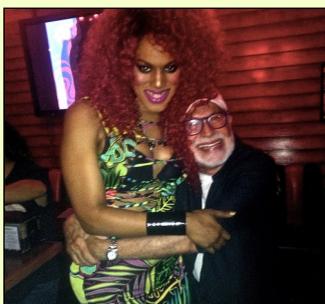


Steven Liang
 2006 Scholarship Recipient
 Pitzer College

I'm writing to say many, MANY thanks for your support, both financial and personal. Thank you for the scholarship as well as hosting the most memorable prom.

I graduated from Pitzer College with honors in 2010. I received a U.S. Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Taiwan. I received an Advanced Mandarin Scholarship to study Chinese at National Taiwan University (where I am now). I have been accepted into film programs at UC Santa Cruz and the USC School of Cinematic Arts, where I will work on my dream of using film as a tool to represent the honest and diverse stories of the LGBTQ community. Thank you once again for your support. I am a first-generation college graduate from a working-class background. I would not be where I am today without Project 10.

SAVE THE DATE—LEGENDARY DRAG BINGO!



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Wednesday, December 4, 2013
 7 to 9pm

Hamburger Mary's
 8288 Santa Monica Blvd.
 West Hollywood

\$20 for game cards!

Great doorprizes and auction items.

All proceeds will benefit the Models of Excellence scholarship program.

Come early, have dinner, have fun!

Visit our web site at <http://project10.org> and click on "Latest News" to see more photos of the Models of Excellence scholarship ceremony.