

North Stockton Rotary



07/20/21 - Offsite—Annual Scholarship Presentation

On a spectacular sunny day under the majestic oaks of Jill Faso Antonini's backyard in Morada, North Stockton Rotary and the Endowment Scholarship recipients and families, shared lunch and proceeded with the presentations. Everyone arrived around noon, Wayne Hose had been there setting up since 8am, Chris Hunefeld set up the pub-

Evan Stone NSR 21-22 President



For those of you who don't know, Joe is a left handed swimmer. This wasn't easy!

lic address system and cordless mic and Ray Call was setting up and loading everything in. Jill was bringing, from the house, lace table cloths! You can't have

bare tables! We sat and had a buffet of any kind of pizza ever made and for beverages we had water, gator aid, diet Coke and I found the diet wild cherry Pepsi! And then Wayne rang the bell. Joe Dietrich led the Pledge of Allegiance and acted as the American flag stand. Wayne led the 4-wat test. I believe the whole event was the "thought of the Day".

Wayne explained the NSR has an Endowment that we give to, and through the management of the investment we are able to give back to our Community in the form of these scholarships. He also invited the kids to join us anytime for a free lunch!

First up was Vincente Contreras.



Wayne and Vincente Contreras

Vincente Contreras is a recent graduate of St. Mary's High School with an outstanding academic record. His GPA of 4.54 puts him in the top 5% of his class. Vincente was also taking 6 AP courses to add to the combined total of 14 honors and AP courses (Advanced Placement)... In addition to his academic accomplishments Vincente was a member of the Student Council serving as class president and Student Body President.
vincente also was a 4 year member of the cross country team serving as team captain this year. Vincente was also a Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar,



Vincente and his Mom.

and a member of the Math Club, Campus Ministry, Salesian Leadership Club member, and served as Chapel Ambassador. Elizabeth Nisby, a counselor at St. Mary's had this to say.

"Vincente is the definition of a student that comes along once in a lifetime. He exemplifies leadership, compassion, dedication, and ambition. He has a grand amount of respect for others, and truly cares about the well-being of every-one." Vincente will be attending UC Berkeley majoring in Chemistry.

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Blazing on a sunny afternoon, beautiful!



Upeoming Speakers

07/27/21	San Joaquin Water	Presentation from SJ Water	Village West Yacht Club
08/03/21	UOP Ollie Presentation	UOP Ollie Presentation	Village West Yacht Club
08/10/21	San Joaquin Transit	San Joaquin Transit	Village West Yacht Club



Wayne Hose and Emilio Franco

<u>Emilio Joaquin Casillas Franco</u>

Emilio is a recent graduate of St. Mary's H.S. He has served in a variety of extracurricular or community activities while at St. Mary's. Here are a few of these service activities. Christian Relief Outreach Program "C.R.O.P." club at St. Mary's, Student Senate serving as Vice President, STEM Club member, Summer Camp Counselor, St. Mary's Dining Hall volunteer, Assisted the El Concilio organization with food distribution, St. Lukes Chess Club, Cross Country Team 4 years, Tennis team for 3 years,



Emilio with the Franco family

Wrestling Team 2 years, and a junior member of the San Joaquin Medical Society Junior member. Emilio has decided to attend U.C. Davis. His goals are to major in biological sciences. Upon graduation Emilio hopes to attend medical school and return to Stockton as an orthopedic surgeon. Emilio wrote, "If I use my education to achieve my goal of becoming a surgeon, I will be able to give back to my family who have sacrificed so much for me to reach my goal, especially my mother who has and still does work hard to help me have a better future.

Emilio also wants to be able to give back to the Catholic Church. Emilio has seen first- hand how his church serves those in need of both material items as well as spiritually. Emilio graduated with straight A's and a 4.18 GPA.



Wayne Hose and Flor Ibarra

<u>Flor Estefani Ibarra</u>

Flor is a May 2021 graduate of Stagg High who achieved a 3.82 GPA. In addition to her academic success, she was involved numerous extracurricular and/or Community Service Activities. Here are a few examples. FFA Chapter President 2019-2021, FFA Chapter Secretary, FFA Mother Lode Sectional Reporter, FFA Diversity & Inclusion committee, FFA Green Hand degree recipient and FFA Chapter Degree Recipient to name a few.

Flor is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and



Flor and the Ibarra family

is a first gen US Citizen. She will be the first family member to go to college. Flor wants to expand her knowledge in agriculture since growing up in the bay area she hardly every hear the term. Moving to Stockton Flor began learning about AG and taking classes. Through college, Flor wants to increase the diversity of students in AG classes and see that all students feel included. She hopes to spread her education and passion in AG and lay the ground work for future generations. Flor hopes to teach AG in the future after earning her BA in Ag Education and Science then enter the credential program. Flor will be attending C.S. U. Chico in the fall.



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Wayne Hose with Jessica Perez

<u>Jessica Perez</u>

Jessica is a May graduate of Aspire Langston Hughes Academy who carried a GPA of 4.0 or higher. In addition to her high school graduation, Jessica attended San Joaquin Delta College, Alliant International University, and Miracosta College achieving her Associates Degree. Her extracurricular and community service activities include varsity volleyball, Drama Club, LIVE Language Club, M.E.Ch.A, distributed a book called "Journey for Justice: the Life of Larry Itloing" to schools in Stockton, paint-



Jessica with her Mother and Sister

ed benches at a local park in Stockton, and distributed N95 masks and hand sanitizer to a local migrant community.

Through a non-profit org. called LM Youth Advocates, Jessica worked alongside other youth advocates to help raise the census count in the Stockton community. Tasks included making social media posts, phone banking, ad going on caravan in hard to count areas. Jessica is going to attend U.C.L.A. in the fall with the occupational goal of studying pre-human biology and society pursuing a career in nursing.

Jessica has struggled with Raynaud's disease and Systemic Sclerosis, a rare condition where her immune system attacks her body. Jessica was first diagnosed at age 12. Jessica has dealt with this disease having to attend frequent medical appointments in San Francisco. Jessica has worked her way through school with great pressure but has not let the disease dissuade he dreams. Jessica is a wonderful young woman. We wish her the best to overcome this difficult disease that has slowed her at times but she vows to continue fighting and fulfilling her dreams.



Kyle and Kelly Sandstrom

Kyle Sandstrom

Kyle graduated from Lincoln High School in May 2021 carrying a GPA of 4.3. His work experience includes refereeing youth soccer games travelling as far as Wyoming. Kyle found that the quick decisions he has to make helped his communication skills and the experience has helped him mature having to work with adults who at times don't agree with his on the field decisions.



Wayne and Kyle Sandstrom

Some of Kyle's extracurricular and/or community Service activities include, the LHS Drumline Corps, marching band, he performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and Carnegie Hall in New York City. Kyle was a Link Crew leader, Co-Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team, Quail lakes Summer Camp/Counselor, Lincoln High Fall Festival volunteer and volunteered at the St. Mary's Dining Hall. Kyle's English teacher Melissa Billington spoke of Kyle saying, "Kyle exemplified the ambitious and capable student; he contributed ideas to discussions on a daily basis, engaged productively with his peers, and was clearly motivated to learn." Kyle is dedicated to his academics, to his school, and to his community. Kyle has decided to pursue a career in computer science and has been accepted to attend U.C. Santa Barbara.



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Wayne and Michael Vinoya

Michael Vinoya - Winner of the Cliff Doctorman Scholarship

Michael is a recent graduate of St. Mary's HS. He had an outstanding GPA of 3.98. His work experience included being a camp counselor during the summer and volunteered as a server for the St. George's crab feed fundraiser every year. His extracurricular/community service activities include the Christian Relief Outreach project at St. Mary's, was a member of STEM (science, tech, eng math), served as a peer tutor and was a member of the San Joaquin Education



Michael with the Vinoya family

Initiative. Michael also played football for two years at St. Mary's

Michael is going to attend college in the fall at the University of the Pacific. He will be working the toward a Mechanical Engineering degree. Michael will be the first member of his family to complete college. Michael's cousin is an engineer and his uncle has a doctorate in nuclear physics. School counselor Misty Chapman had this to say about Michael. "Michael is a bright, ambitious student. He challenged himself each school year taking four years of math, science, and world language as well at nine honors and AP courses.

Unfortunately, Zua Marina Vang and Annette Onate-Castro were unable to attend, but here are their biographies.

<u>Zua Marina Vang</u>

In May 2021 Zua graduated from A.A. Stagg High School. She also attended San Joaquin Delta College. Her work experience includes working at Family Farmer's Market as a salesperson and was involved in the production process and communication with customers. Her extracurricular and/or community service includes French Club, Year Book photographer/editor and was a Book Buddy at Cesar Chavez High School and at the public library. Zua also was on the school badminton team for 3 years and a member of the Nation Honor Society and Key Club. Zua has a desire to become a registered nurse. Zua is the daughter of South East Asian (Hmong) parents. Her parents work long hours which requires added responsibilities for Zua to take on additional family responsibilities. Zua finds herself tending to her siblings and parents needs before her own. Zua explains that her family looks to traditional values for answers for regarding health and illnesses. Being a registered nurse will allow Zua to provide for those who need an advocate such as immigrants and children. Zua is also interested becoming a pediatric registered nurse which would provide a positive influence on those around her. Zua plans on attending Sacramento State University working toward a degree as a registered pediatric nurse.



The Kids stories never get old



Proud Mama Kelly Sandstrom



Wayne did a spectacular job!



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Annette Onate-Castro

In June, Annette Onate-Castro graduated from Edison High School after achieving an excellent academic GPA of 4.28. In addition to her outstanding HS accomplishments Annette was extremely active in several organizations and service activities. Some of her activities include, Ambassador for Susan Talamontes' helping with her California Senate election. Youth advocate for environmental justice for Little Manila, Changeist member for gender justice, member of the MECHA organization, GSA Member, Annette also has been involved in the Rotary Read-In and is a Rotary Interact Member. Annette is a member of the Honor Society and is involved in tutoring services.

Of specific interest Annette considers herself a Boomerang Stocktonian. Boomerang is a term used in Ethnic Studies to identify a person who leaves their city to gain education and experience before returning to their home community to make positive change. Annette recently wrote, "Stockton is filled with people I love and finding a way to give back is the only thing I carry when I leave for college." Annette will attend college at Santa Cruz or Berkeley.





What a breath of inspiration and hope. These kids are brilliant and excited to take on the World!



Frosty's favorite meeting!



Joe and Bill, swapping UOP stories.



George and Julie Cosgrove



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