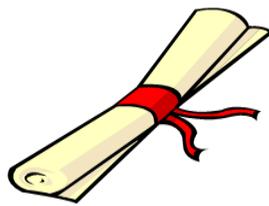




**Partnership Scholars Program**  
**Class of 2014**  
**Graduation Celebration**

Saturday, May 31, 2014  
UCLA Faculty Center  
Los Angeles, CA





## A LETTER TO THE 2014 GRADUATING CLASS

Partnership Scholars Program (PSP) scholars are exceptional young men and women. Today's graduates were selected six years ago to participate in the Scholars Program. They went through a rigorous application process as 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and since then they have stayed true to their commitment to themselves, to their mentors and their families to be open to new experiences, to work hard to succeed in school and maintain a high GPA

The work to support today's scholars is possible only with the support of our partners. The PSP mentors give countless hours to expose students to new experiences that build an understanding of the world around them; an understanding that is critical for a student to thrive in a college culture. Regional coordinators across California have given tremendous energy to ensuring that every student has a mentor, and that every mentor has the support they need to guide their scholars through their middle and high school years.

Together, we salute the 41 graduating scholars in the class of 2014 for being brave enough to take risks, confident enough to believe in their abilities, and dedicated enough to consistently excel in school year after year.

From all of us at Partnership Scholars Program, we commend you on your accomplishment today, and we look forward to hearing more from you as you grow and find your paths throughout college and life afterwards.

Ms. Rachel Binah, Trustee  
Mr. Benj Friedman, Trustee  
Mr. Eli Goldsmith, Trustee  
Mr. Trini Jimenez, Trustee  
Dr. Glenn Langer, Founder  
Ms. Terryl Martin, Trustee  
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## GRADUATION PROGRAM



**Welcome**.....Meg Sanchez, Chair of the Board

**A Reason to Celebrate**.....Lisa Ruben, Executive Director

**Alumni Reflections**.....Anavely Rodriguez, Alum

**Presentation of the Langer Award**.....Cindy Stone, Trustee

**Scholar Reflections**.....Oscar Gudino, Graduating Scholar

**Presentation of the Cultural and Academic Partner Award**.....Dr. George Ferenczi

**Announcing the Class of 2014:**

<i>El Monte</i>	<i>Ft. Bragg</i>	<i>Lennox</i>
<i>San Fernando</i>	<i>Ukiah</i>	<i>Venice</i>

**Recognizing Mentors & Families**.....Terryl Martin, Trustee

**Closing Remarks**..... Meg Sanchez



The success of the Partnership Scholars Program is due to the strong partnerships we have with community members across California. This year, our Board has created two new awards to recognize those partners who make especially noteworthy contributions to the success of our program and our scholars.

#### **The Glenn and Marianne Langer Award**

**The Glenn and Marianne Langer Award** is created to honor our founder, Dr. Glenn Langer, and his wife Marianne. As a volunteer at Lennox Middle School in 1996, Dr. Langer learned that many of the district's students lacked the guidance, resources and opportunities that play a critical role in preparing for and succeeding in college and life. In response, Dr. Langer and his wife Marianne committed funds to help seven students realize their dreams of going to college. Today, Partnership Scholars serves over 260 students each year. This award honors Dr. and Mrs. Langer's legacy by recognizing a partner who has made a significant contribution to the PSP's continued growth and success.

The recipient of the first annual Langer Award is Malcolm Boyce, in recognition of his commitment to the success and sustainability of the Partnership Scholars Program. Mr. Boyce was a leader on the PSP Board of Trustees from 2008—2013. He and his wife Sylvia have made it possible for numerous scholars to participate in the program, changing many lives along the way, and have been active participants in PSP for many years. We are honored to present this award to Malcolm Boyce for his service.

#### **The Cultural and Academic Partner (C.A.P.) Award**

**The C.A.P. Award** is established in honor of the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who have made PSP a success over the years. Without the mentors, coordinators, school and district leaders who spend countless hours providing direct support, guidance and enrichment to the students of PSP, we would not be able to help students succeed the way we do. The C.A.P. honoree is someone who consistently gives of their time, effort and 'elbow grease' to ensuring the PSP program is successful.

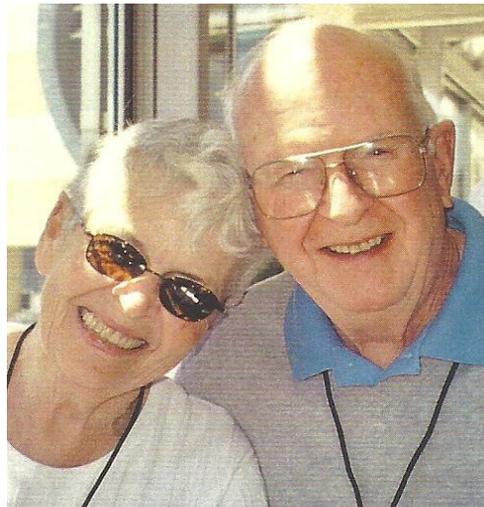
The recipient of the first annual C.A.P. award is Arlene LeGaspe, in recognition of her leadership of the El Monte regional programming. Ms. LeGaspe has spent countless hours making sure the program runs smoothly and providing mentors and scholars with guidance that they need. Her work has enriched the life of every scholar who has been part of the PSP El Monte program, and we are honored to have her as a partner.

## A TRIBUTE TO PSP FOUNDER DR. GLENN LANGER AND HIS WIFE MARIANNE LANGER

As a volunteer at Lennox Middle School in 1996, Dr. Glenn Langer learned that the district's under-privileged students lacked the guidance, resources and opportunities that are available to young people in more affluent communities — and that play a critical role in preparing for and succeeding in college and life. In response, Dr. Langer and his wife Marianne committed funds to help seven students realize their dream of going to college.

Today, Partnership Scholars is a well-established 501(c)(3) organization serving 266 students in northern and southern California!

Dr. Langer received a letter from a scholar whose words perfectly encapsulate what Partnership Scholars Program strives to accomplish for every student. The scholar wrote,



*“You have given me the opportunity to be someone; that I can be more than a high school graduate at Wal-Mart. You see I have dreams; dreams that are a step cower to becoming true. At first I had no dreams – but now, knowing that there are people out there that see the potential in me, everything has changed.”*

There is no better tribute to our founder than these words. Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Langer for the vision and commitment you have shown to the success of Partnership Scholars Program. You have changed many lives, and given all of us the opportunity to join you. In this important work.

# Katherine Alvarenga

Partnership Scholars has made a big change in my life. I started out as a young Hispanic girl who never even thought about going to college to now being registered at a four year university. They have changed the way I look at life and my goals. I look at things with an open mind and appreciate things for what they are. Partnership Scholars has changed my future and my way of life. Thank you to the founders, sponsors and staff for everything.



Graduated from Animo Venice Charter High School  
Attending San Francisco State in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Oder Family Foundation

Mentor: Mr. Servando Lopez



# Perla Alvarez



It has been a long journey being part of PSP. Throughout the years I've encountered new friends and explored many college campuses. Basically, this program encouraged me to go to a four year college. If it wasn't for this program my possibilities of attending college would be very low. It allowed me to travel to many places like Chicago, New York, Rhode Island and others. Thanks to this program I'm in process of being a freshman in college.

Graduated from San Fernando High School  
Attending CSU Northridge in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon and Cindy Stone

Mentor: Ms. Yadira Flores



# America Amaro

Being a scholar in PSP kept me motivated throughout high school. It helped keep me on track as I pursued my college dreams. I got the opportunity to experience so many things that would not have been possible without the Partnership Scholars Program. I also made some amazing friendships. I am grateful for all that PSP has given me.



Graduated from South El Monte High School  
Attending Mount Saint Mary's College in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. George "Buddy" Moss

Mentor: Mr. Jeff Morris



# Victor Banuelos



The Partnership Scholars Program changed my thoughts and has defined my aspirations. In middle school, I wasn't sure I was going to be able to make it in high school financially or academically. When I received this scholarship, it was like a dream come true. All of my hard work had paid off. Now I feel confident. With the use of the scholarship, I was able to buy school supplies that I needed and also visit places I know I would not have been able to visit. I am very grateful for this scholarship and thank every single person who is a part of it.

Graduated from Animo Leadership Charter High School  
Attending UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. David Morales

Mentor: Mr. John Ely



# Cynthia Cajero

PSP has helped me achieve my dream of going to a four year college. The program facilitated things for me by giving necessary resources about college and how to get there. I got out and saw new places and things I didn't think I would have gotten to see or do. Although I have known my fellow scholars, Andrea and Kimberly since elementary school, we didn't really talk, but after spending time with them on trips and such I can say that they are wonderful and funny girls. Spending time with them and our mentor was great. Overall, being in PSP has been a wonderful experience.



Graduated from Mountain View High School  
Attending UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. George "Buddy" Moss  
Mentor: Ms. Gretchen Bach



# Yaneli Carrillo



Now that I am about to graduate from the PSP, I never would have thought that I would have the opportunity to attend a four year university. Although money is my biggest barrier, my mentor has been the supportive role model I've always wanted and needed. My mentor has kept me hopeful and motivated about college. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by so many amazing people who care about me and my education.

Graduated from Vistamar High School  
Attending Linfield College in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Ann Chaffey



# Yadira Chavez

The Partnership Scholars Program has provided me with amazing opportunities, beneficial resources and new friendships and experiences that would otherwise be out of my reach. When I first joined the Partnership Scholars Program I was reluctant to participate in the interactive activities that took place because I was very shy and nervous about doing things that were out of my comfort zone. As I began to be more involved with the program and interact with other mentees I became more confident with myself and even pushed myself to try new things. Once I opened up I was able to take advantage of great opportunities that included taking piano lessons and traveling abroad to Spain with other scholars who I didn't really know. I am completely grateful for every experience that I have lived through as a PSP scholar, as well for the mentors and leaders who have been there to help guide my fellow graduates and I in the right direction. Being a Partnership Scholar has made a positive and lasting impact in my life by allowing me to learn more about myself and abilities and providing me with memories that will continue to motivate me to make brave decisions in the future.



Graduated from Ukiah High School  
Attending UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: S. H. Cowell Foundation  
Mentor: Ms. Karen Gowan



# Tiffany Contreras



Partnership Scholars has exposed me to new and amazing experiences throughout my middle school and high school years. I have been able to visit new places that I would have never even dreamed of visiting. I was able to learn about many new things from ethnic foods to exploring caves, watching musical theater and visiting Yosemite and Spain. Through those experiences, I was able to learn about myself as well. I realized that I very much enjoy trying new things as well as preparing and serving food for the public.

Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Sylvia Boyce  
Mentor: Ms. Nancy Wallace-Nelson



# Ivan Garcia

Through the Partnership Scholars Program I have been greatly prepared to attend a four year university. My whole life I had been insulated by predominately Hispanics. Through this program I was able to experience many amazing places outside of my community such as Washington D.C., San Diego, San Francisco and Chicago. These experiences expanded my limited perception of life and allowed me to think far beyond what I grew up knowing. I now have many goals and aspirations that I know I have the potential to achieve. I thank you for this opportunity because it has greatly shaped me into the young man I am today.



Graduated from Animo Leadership Charter High School  
Attending UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Mr. John Ely



# Mario Gonzalez



Thanks to PSP I: traveled out of state, went to over 25 universities, had helpful retreats and college application help, met new people, took part in various activities and tried a lot of new food. I was introduced to a lot of things. Thanks to the various college trips I was encouraged to go to a 4 year university. I have learned that trying new things can't hurt. If it wasn't for PSP, I don't think I'd gain the courage to try new things. PSP had a major impact because they showed interest and pushed us to do our best. PSP is a great program that shaped who I am today. I wish anyone could join the program. I am a hard working student today thanks to PSP.

Graduated from Animo Leadership Charter High School  
Attending Azusa Pacific University in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Mr. John Ely



# Esmeralda Gonzalez

Being a part of partnership scholars has broadened my horizons to various new experiences. I have had the opportunity to visit places such as Washington D.C, New York, and Boston. But throughout the six years that I have been a part of program one of the most valuable experiences for me has been the chance to meet new people, in specific, my mentors Barbra and Mark Lurie. They have been great and I have the scholarship to thank for allowing me to meet amazing people such as themselves. I am forever grateful for this opportunity and all the scholarship has offered me.



Graduated from Lennox Academy of Math and Science  
Attending UC Riverside in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Mentor: Ms. Barbara Lurie



# Yesxenia Gonzalez



Partnership scholars has opened so many doors and given me an immense amount of opportunities for my future. My mentors Mark and Barb Lurie are an amazing couple that make our outings extremely memorable. Because of this program I have been able to travel outside of California to places that I plan to visit later on in my future. The summer trip to Boston was one of the greatest times I've had and Faneuil Hall is one of my favorite places thus far. Thanks to this program I got my grades on track and look forward to my future educational steps.

Graduated from Lennox Academy of Math and Science  
Attending UC Merced in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Mentor: Ms. Barbara Lurie



# Zayurit Gordillo

Life without an education is simply lemonade without sugar, sour and meaningless. Partnership Scholars has taught me that a bright future depends on one's willingness to seek knowledge while adding a bit of adventure on the side. Thanks to Partnership Scholars I've overcome my middle school shyness and freshman fears. I've traveled and seen places that I thought were nearly impossible for a girl like me all while learning that graduation really achieves dreams. Partnership Scholars has given me the opportunity to get a taste of what I want for myself. They've given me a mentor who I put on a pedestal and see as my idol. Half of who I am is Partnership Scholars, and the other half is who've they helped me become.

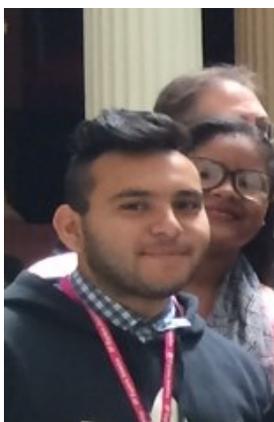


Graduated from San Fernando High School  
Attending San Francisco State in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon and Cindy Stone  
Mentor: Ms. Yadira Flores



# Oscar Gudino



The Partnership Scholars Program is one of those things that I can say I'm proudly a part of. Coming from a family with little to no knowledge about what it takes to finish high school and enter a four year university made it very difficult for me to even think of doing it myself. This program helped me with that. It helped me see that nothing is impossible and that anyone can succeed if they really put their mind to it. Overlooking the past seven years, I can honestly say that this program gave me the confidence and extra push to become a well-rounded student. I really appreciate everything and everyone who was there for me during these six years.

Graduated from Hamilton High School  
Attending Cal Poly Pomona in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. David and Martha Ho  
Mentor: Ms. To Nga Nguyen



# Debbie Gutierrez

The Partnership Scholarship not only helped me change the way I thought, it opened my eyes to view things I never noticed before. All of the people I've met, the places I've seen, and things I've learned happened because of Partnership Scholars Program. I'm so thankful for this opportunity. PSP made me more aware of the real world and gave me the guidance I need for these 6 years. College is all on our minds and I'm pretty sure it wouldn't be there if it wasn't for everyone helping and supporting me in PSP.



Graduated from Hawthorne High School  
Attending Humboldt State University in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Terryl Martin



# Aisha Hauser



The Partnership Scholars Program has had a monumental impact on my life for the past 6 years. Due to the guidance and frequent outings to places that challenge and expand my limited knowledge of the world around me, I can honestly say that I am confident stepping on to a campus next year with people from all walks of life. Had it not been for the financial assistance provided by PSP, I don't even think I would have been accepted to Northwestern University. The SAT Prep class that I took with the help of PSP raised my SAT score over 300 points, making me a competitive applicant when I actually began filling out applications in the fall. The Junior/Senior workshops improved my personal statements tremendously and forced me to really think not only about what I wanted in a university, but also what I want out of life. Looking at the Aisha I was freshman year, and the Aisha I am now, there is no doubt in my mind that I am proud of the person that I have become and I have PSP to thank for that.

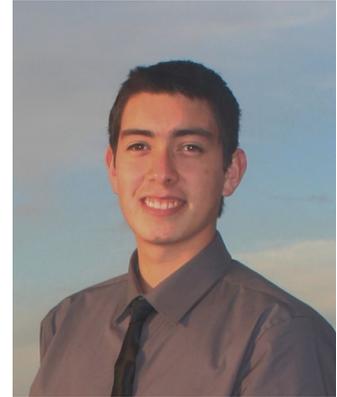
Graduated from City Honors High School  
Attending Northwestern University in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Terryl Martin



# Gabriel Hernandez

PSP has enriched my life. Through this program I have discovered who I am, what I want, and how to attain it. The memories that I have created through PSP will last me a lifetime; from kayaking the Big River to attending the Inauguration of Barack Obama, these experiences have been priceless. I am grateful for the relationships I have created with the mentors and mentees in this program. I am truly blessed to be a partnership scholar.



Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending UC Davis in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Sylvia Boyce  
Mentor: Ms. Orah Young



# Veronica Huerta



The Partnership Scholars Program has opened the door to so many wonderful opportunities. I consider myself extremely blessed and fortunate to have been chosen to join this program because I have experienced so many new things such as: museums, theater shows, San Francisco (along with various other cities), and even Spain! I would have never been able to experience any of this if it wasn't for the Partnership Scholars Program. These experiences showed me that there is a lot more to this world than my little hometown of Fort Bragg—it's incredible what the world has to offer. The Partnership Scholars program has helped me become more thankful for all that I have and motivates me to want to continue my education after high school.

Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending Sonoma State University in the Fall of

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Sylvia Boyce  
Mentor: Ms. Joanna Long



# Vanessa Inzunza

PSP has been nothing but endless opportunities and has affected my life greatly, six years to be exact. This scholarship has aided me in pursuing a stronger future for myself and hopefully others as well. This scholarship has not only helped me but also my family. It has helped to lift the financial burden off my dad's shoulders and given him some room to breathe.



Graduated from Mountain View High School  
Attending Rio Hondo College in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. George "Buddy" Moss

Mentor: Ms. Diatra Stearn



# Pau Khai



I am the son of two first generation Burmese parents. I was born in Pasadena, California but spent most of my life in the city of El Monte. In high school I was part of El Monte's baseball and wrestling team before moving to Arcadia where I played for their volleyball team. I was also a part of volunteer organizations such as Key Club and Leo's Club. Without PSP I would not have had the motivation to be this active in high school. Next year I will be attending Cal State Long Beach while majoring in computer engineering.

Graduated from Arcadia High School  
Attending CSU Long Beach in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. Steven Wood & Ms. Christine Kang

Mentor: Mr. Larry HasBorouck



# Javier Mariaca

PSP has made a huge difference in my life. Coming from a low income family, I would not be able to afford all the cool stuff I have done in the past 6 years. It seems as if this time went so slow, but thanks to PSP I was able to have fun and meet tons of great people. Now that I'm off to college, I feel more confident attending UC Santa Barbara. In the past year I took a trip to the North by car. In this trip my mentor and I went to visit UCSB. We talked to my future professors and even visited the famous Isla Vista. I will now be able to feel like at home because I am more confident with knowing Santa Barbara. PSP has motivated me to succeed because tons of people believe in me. In the future, I would like to give a student just like me a chance to interact just the way I did.



Graduated from Animo Locke Charter High School  
Attending UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Mentor: Mr. Carlos Perez



# Roberto Millan



I loved being part of Partnership Scholars because it taught me so much over the last six years. I have learned to be more outgoing and open-minded. With the outings I've done with the program, I now see the endless opportunities and activities out there for one to experience which is invaluable to me. I also appreciate the effort of all the staff in PSP and of course my mentor, Yadira, for the hard work they put into helping me and my fellow students. Once again, thanks for this unforgettable experience.

Graduated from San Fernando High School  
Attending CSU Northridge in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. George and Muriel DeRoy

Mentor: Ms. Yadira Flores



# Melissa Ortega

Graduated from Ukiah High School  
Attending UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: S. H. Cowell Foundation  
Mentor: Ms. Esther Siegel



# Brenda Perez



After being part of the Partnership Scholars Program for six years I have not only gained confidence in my abilities but also gained communication skills. I am now an open-minded, determined, and diligent person. Through this program I had the opportunity to travel to New York, which allowed me to gain a sense of adventure. Having the support of extraordinary people has also allowed me to have the capacity to succeed in life. This experience has been a contributing factor to my accomplishments and one of the best opportunities I have been presented to.

Graduated from Venice High School  
Attending UC Riverside in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. David and Martha Ho  
Mentor: Ms. Maria Hernandez



# Amber Ramirez

The Partnership Scholars Program opened many doors for me in the past six years. With the help of the program, I have been able to have many experiences that would not be possible on my own. The program allowed me to be exposed to different cultures in and out of the United States, expanding my view on life. The program has been generous enough to also allow me to build a relationship with someone who has taken time out of their schedules to help me along my journey to become college bound. The support from this program is truly incredible, and I don't think I would be this close to my dreams without Partnership Scholars.



Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending San Francisco State in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcom and Sylvia Boyce  
Mentor: Ms. Nancy Wallace-Nelson



# Jocelyne Rivas



Partnership Scholars Program has been life-changing and has opened my mind to a whole other world outside of my 1 square mile town of Lennox. I have had the honor and privilege to be around other students with the same aspiration to pursue a higher education. From the simple things like trying Cambodian food to the awesome trips like traveling to the east coast, and studying at Georgetown over the summer, every moment has taught me to be open-minded and

Graduated from Hawthorne High School  
Attending Northern Arizona University in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Claudia Godoy



# Cynthia Rodriguez

PSP has affected me in so many ways, because it gave me opportunities that no one could have offered me. It guided me to where I am now and taught me that I am capable of reaching any of my goals. I have gone to places where my own parents would have not been able to afford, but with PSP I was able to make it happen. This program opened a window of opportunity, which I greatly appreciate.



Graduated from Animo Leadership Charter High School  
Attending UC San Diego in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Marisol Carrillo



# Delmi Rodriguez



The Partnership Scholars Program has had a great impact in my life. I have gotten the chance to participate in so many activities and purchase necessary school supplies. This program has also introduced me to people who have inspired me to go to school and come back to my hometown to help kids. This program has also impacted me in a way that allowed me to apply to all the colleges I was interested in. It is nice to know that people believe in your ability as a student. I'm grateful for this program and the people that believe in it.

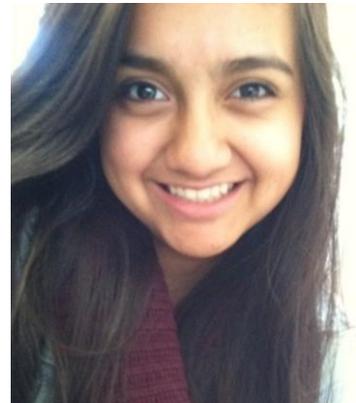
Graduated from Animo Inglewood Charter High School  
Attending Humboldt State University in the Fall of

Sponsor: Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mentor: Ms. Milagro Pulido



# Monica Ruiz

To be a small fraction of a larger and more potent organization has showed me the interconnectedness of all its members. The Partnership Scholars Program has revealed to me a world where opportunities are constantly presenting themselves and support is readily available. I have learned that my education is valued not only by my family and I, but also to countless people who support programs like PSP. Being a part of this program has made me grow from a young child who wanted to attend college because it was the right thing to do, to a young woman who wants to go to college because of my passion for learning and my desire to give back and be a leader in our world. No matter how successful I become I vow to always give back to my community and help children from underserved backgrounds pursue their educational dreams.



Graduated from Ukiah High School  
Attending UC Berkeley in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: S.H. Cowell Foundation  
Mentor: Ms. Esther Siegel



# Karla Salvador



The Partnership Scholars Program has greatly impacted my life. I have had the honor of having a great mentor who supports me and have also met other students with different backgrounds who strive for a higher education. I have also had the privilege of doing many things that I would have never dreamed of doing in my life before being part of the program, such as traveling to Chicago or Washington D.C., attending a Lakers game, or even owning a laptop and printer. This all motivated me not to give up on myself, the people, the program, because just like many other students probably do, I thought there was no point in continuing to study. I thought I had no chance of going to college. I am an AB-540 student. Would colleges accept me? Would my parents have enough money to send me to college? I overcame that fear and now I will be attending UCSC in a couple months and hopefully majoring in Computer Engineering.

Graduated from California Academy of Math and Science  
Attending UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Wells Fargo Foundation  
Mentor: Ms. Maria Hernandez



# Jessica Sample

The Partnership Scholars Program has impacted my life in a very positive way. PSP has motivated me to strive to be the first in my family to attend a 4 year university. It has been an honor participating in this program for the past 6 years. The program opened up a world to me with many exciting experiences that I would've never had without it. Therefore, thank you for the multiple out of state college campus visits that inspired me more to want to attend a 4 year university, but most of all thank you for allowing me to participate in the Partner-



Graduated from South El Monte High School  
Attending Mount Saint Mary's College in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Sue Masson  
Mentor: Ms. Bernadette Dincin



# Andrea Sanchez



PSP has had an effect on my life by helping me see all the opportunities all around me. I have gained huge amounts of knowledge from every experience in PSP. I have done things that I would have never been able to do on my own, such as: go to museums, plays, restaurants, campus tours, and state landmarks. Thanks to PSP, I was able to assure my decision of going to California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo because I got to spend a night in the city and visit the campus. My mentor, my two PSP partners and I have developed such a strong relationship that can last for a lifetime. I loved every moment of it and I am grateful that I was able to have the opportunity.

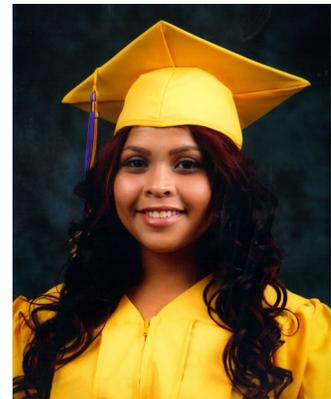
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Mentor: Ms. Gretchen Bach



# Anel Solis

Partnership Scholars Program has changed my life. I have met new people and been to places where I never thought I would ever visit. I'm not afraid to try new things and enjoy learning about different cultures. I'm glad I have a mentor who has been there for me for the past 5 years. I've matured and I'm grateful for my wonderful sponsor Mr. George Moss, and my mentor, Mrs. Diatra Stearn. Without this program, my set of mind would have been completely different. I hope PSP continues to change other students lives just like it did to mine. It is one of the best programs I could have ever applied to. Thank you so much to everyone who believed in me and gave me the chance to be a part of Partnership Scholars Program.



Graduated from Mountain View High School  
Attending CSU Los Angeles in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. George "Buddy" Moss  
Mentor: Ms. Diatra Stearn



# Alejandra Tijero



Being in Partnership Scholars has impacted me greatly. I have had the chance to do things that many others my age have never experienced. I appreciate all the support this program has given me. Not only have I learned a lot of valuable information, I've also met pretty wonderful people along the way. I am extremely honored to be a part of such an incredible program that has offered me many amazing opportunities.

Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending UC Davis in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Sylvia Boyce  
Mentor: Ms. Gale Harrold



# Brittney Torres

PSP has impacted my life by making all of my "out of reach" dreams, possible. Through this program I have been given the tools to continue my education and accomplish anything I set out to do. I have been given the opportunity to visit beautiful places, and see a glimpse of what the world has to offer. I have made wonderful and lasting friendships with people who want nothing more than pure success for one another. It has truly been a honor to participate in the Partnership Scholars Program these past few years of my life. It overall has been an amazing, educational and most importantly inspirational experience.



Graduated from South El Monte High School  
Attending UC Merced in the Fall of 2014

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Mentor: Ms. Jenifer Poulsen



# Hector Toscano



PSP has had a huge impact in not only my life, but my family's life as well. I am beyond thankful for all that this program has done not only for me, but also the others involved in this program. Even though the trips I took with my mentors were amazing, getting to know them was the best part of this adventure with them. It is because of this program that I strive to do the best with my abilities. Thank you, once again PSP, for changing my life.

Graduated from Fort Bragg High School  
Attending UC Davis in the Fall of 2014

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# Katherine Alvarenga

PSP has changed my life for the better in ways I can't begin to even fully describe. It has taken me places far and wide and helped me develop relationships with people whom I would have never met otherwise. PSP taught me to be spontaneous and adventurous and at the same time, to be a better person who can appreciate all the beauty and goodness that has been bestowed upon me.



Graduated from Mountain View High School  
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# Leslie Vaca



I am very thankful for Partnership Scholarship Program because it has made a positive impact on my life. I have been given opportunities that I otherwise would have not had. The scholarship has allowed me to enhance my learning by providing me with the necessary materials. It is because of the scholarship's strict GPA requirement that kept me on top of my grades. Partnership Scholars have given me the tools to be successful in life.

Graduated from Da Vinci High School  
Attending CSU Long Beach in the Fall of 2014

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# Celeste Vazquez

The Partnership Scholars Program helped nurture the hope and the drive that I have for a higher education. The program helped me overcome many financial challenges with school materials and school activities. However, it also gave me various opportunities to explore the world and expand my environment. I especially enjoyed having strong bonds with my mentors and fellow Scholars throughout the years. Overall it has given me the most opportunities to gain an understanding of the world in which I fortunately live.



Graduated from Lennox Academy of Math and Science  
Attending Dartmouth College in the Fall of 2014

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# Kimberly Vidrio



The Partnership Scholars Program has had a positive impact on my life. During my time in PSP I've gotten to go on trips and visit new places and meet new people. These experiences have helped me become the person I am today, someone less timid and more responsible. My all over experience was amazing and I am truly grateful for the opportunities this program has given me and for helping me grow as a person.

Graduated from Mountain View High School  
Attending CSU Long Beach in the Fall of 2014

Sponsor: Mr. George "Buddy" Moss  
Mentor: Ms. Gretchen Bach



# Victoria Zelaya

PSP engraved the thought that if I was able to dream it then I could most certainly accomplish anything with determination. As a first generation student I do not only have the honor of fulfilling one of my American Dreams but I also fulfill my parent's American Dream. As I make the transition from high school to college, I am no longer intimidated by the thought of leaving my family. I never imagined myself being two hours away from my family but six hours away seems extreme. However, as a PSP scholar I owe it to myself to attain the education and best opportunities available to me. That is what I see myself fulfilling at UC Berkeley, but most of all my attendance as a Hispanic woman pursuing a career field in the sciences is one I hold with pride.



Graduated from Animo Leadership Charter High School  
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