



Partnership Scholars Program
Class of 2015



Ana

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Ukiah High School



Partnership Scholars came like a blessing to me. It opened me up right away from the beginning. My eight grade summer I traveled all the way across the country to Washington D.C. and it was amazing. I went to Hawaii last summer as well for science camp. It was such a great journey. I am so thankful for everything. I've had fun in every trip. I love my fellow scholars. My goal is to become an author and influence the youth with love for reading and writing. I dream of being happy in life with my career choice, and I'm sure I'll accomplish it. I've become more aware of the world, and I now have the mindset that if I want something, nothing is impossible, because when I was one of the chosen to be awarded with the scholarship I realized that working hard pays off.

Something I did with PSP that changed my life was meeting Geri Burrell. She is more than just my mentor, she's a friend. And for that I will forever be thankful with PSP for making it happen for us to know each other. She's a wonderful human, and I feel honored to call her my mentor.

Will be attending

Mendocino College in the Fall of 2015

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Sylvia Boyce

Mentor: Mrs. Geri Burrell



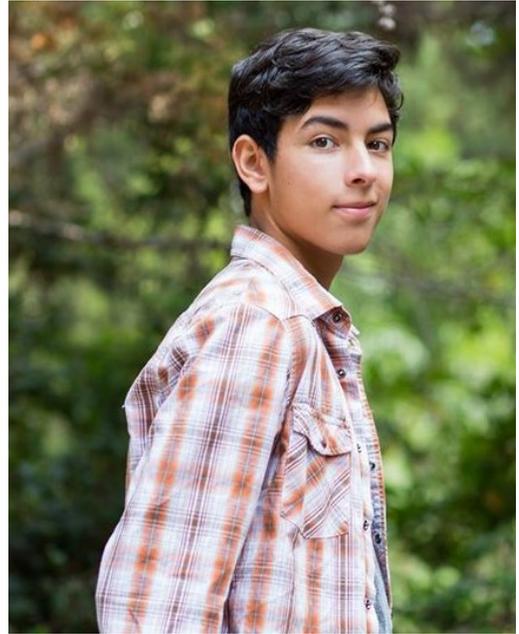
James

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mendocino High School



Thinking about being in this program for six years is astonishing to me. Six years is a third of my lifetime. And when I look back and think to myself “what have I learned?” the answer isn’t so simple. It isn’t like in school where you can say you learned biology or geometry. It is more about what can you take from your experiences. One of the most prominent to me, is the Toastmasters experience. A simple class that made a world of difference in my public speaking abilities. It taught me something that will stick with me my whole life. Or when I stayed in college dorms and got a taste of the life a college student lives. This gave me a true feel about college and whether or not I wanted to go. That was another valuable thing that heavily influenced my life. The Partnership is all about these experiences, and they aren’t always these amazing life changing things. Sometimes they are a simple concert or dinner. Even these just put you in a social context which is important and teach you. The point I’m trying to get at is these aren’t things you can get out of a textbook. Which makes them so much more valuable and special. These experiences have helped me grow into the person I am today. So I will never forget the things the Partnership Scholars has taught me and I will always be grateful.

Will be attending

UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Dr. Glenn Langer

Mentor: Ms. Cynthia Audo

Jose

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Fort Bragg High School



On my trip to Spain, before my sophomore year, I learned that there is a whole world out there to be explored with infinite lessons. On my trip to the 2013 Inauguration of President Barack Obama, I realized that I want to be a part of the group of men and women who work to keep our nation moving forward, and those are just two of many ways the Partnership Scholars has had an impact on me.

I am a part of the first generation in my family to go to high school. That in of itself was a milestone for me. College was not something that had been talked about in my household because nobody had ever gone. When I was in sixth grade, I remember hearing about the Partnership Scholars and thinking to myself, "I want to do that because I want to go to college" at a time when I barely knew what college was. Looking back at it now I could have just as easily decided not to take the offer to apply, and I'm left flabbergasted every time I think about that. Six years later and I could not imagine my life without the wonderful experiences that the Partnership Scholars has provided me. I most likely would not be planning to attend college at this point in time if it had not been for the program, and all the sharpened characteristics which make me who I am would never have fully developed. My poise, my confidence, my sense of direction and the belief that I can do anything I set my mind on doing are all a result of being in this program.

Will be attending

American University in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Dr. Glenn Langer

Mentor: Mr. Ryan Rhoades

Diego

Partnership Scholar

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Ukiah High School



My name is Diego Gonzalez and my dream major is to become a forensic scientist. The redwoods, lakes, sunsets, and the valleys have been contributing factors to the person I am today. However, the summer days on my grandmother's porch with my childhood friends playing detectives or cops and robbers were the spark to my future dreams, goals, and desires. As I got older this dream began to vanish little by little as I learned about my family's financial issues. Thanks to the Partnerships Scholars Program my dream was once again able to become a reality.

The program offered me so many life changing opportunities I would have never been able to experience without it. For example, the program motivated me that a small town underprivileged kid can be able to attend college and major in any area of study. Secondly the program allowed me to travel and experience a little bit of everything including adrenaline pumping activities that would stick with me forever. Overall the PSP program showed me that anything is possible if you set your mind to it and that sometimes you have to leave your comfort zone in order to improve yourself for the better.

Will be attending

CSU Chico in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Paul Dolan II

Mentor: Ms. Jean Lincoln

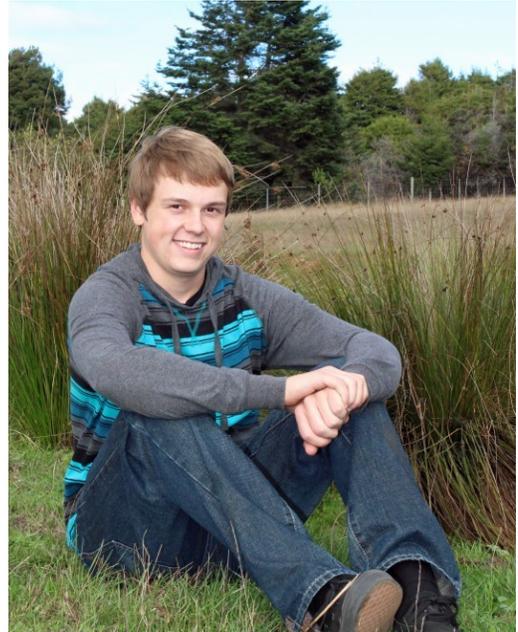
Tanner

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Fort Bragg High School



Partnership Scholars has taught me many things, but the one thing that is most substantial to me is how to connect to others and conduct myself. Not only have I networked through this program with many spectacular people who have made such impacts to this world, but I have learned how to get such people to both appreciate and understand me. I know how to act if I "go to dinner with someone important, like the President!" as my mentor, Chuck Lambie, has said. I remember him telling me this while we were eating breakfast at Denny's, our first time meeting up to eat something, which we both seem to do often! Apparently you are supposed to hold a fork as if it was a pencil, not just what you are eating with. This is the earliest manner that I remember being taught by him, but definitely not the last. This program has had such an impact as to how I should conduct myself, ranging from holding a fork at breakfast to speaking to a crowd of people, that I will never forget when I attend San Diego State for Civil Engineering next year.

Will be attending

CSU San Diego in the Fall of 2015

Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Leslie Lebeau

Mentor: Mr. Chuck Lambie



Jessica

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Fort Bragg High School



The PSP has given me the freedom to participate in enrichment activities that may not have been available to me otherwise; my first trip to the zoo, my first time at a Thai restaurant, my first attendance of a theater play, and even my first airplane ride were all special experiences for me because they were journeys spent with a group of mentors whom I've grown to love unconditionally as my own family. I have been introduced to the most inspiring individuals in my life through PSP. Each mentor truly cares about every scholar and motivates us to pursue our passions. With the support from PSP, I was able to reach my long-term goal of being the first female in my family to go to college. I am aware college will have its challenges, but I am resilient. My involvement with the PSP has made me the person I am today. My mentors have taught me to step out of my comfort zone in order to broaden my horizon to new adventures that will lead me to my dreams. Despite all the tough times I have lived, I am confident that with my determination and hard work I will succeed. Throughout my time with the program I have been able to learn through travel and new experiences and for that I am thankful every day.

Will be attending

University of La Verne in the Fall of 2015

Sponsor: Ms. Dana Oder, Oder Family Foundation

Mentor: Ms. Brona Lessen



Bianca

Partnership Scholar

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Graduating from

Ukiah High School



Being accepted into the Partnership Scholars Program has affected my life in many ways. Not only was I paired with an amazing mentor, but I was also able to do many things that would not have been even close to possible. In the summer of my 8th grade year, I participated in one of the Washington D.C. trips put together by Jean Lincoln. On that adventure, I was not only exposed to the breathtaking monuments, endless fascinating museums, but also the youth hostel. That memory exposed me to many cultural experiences. I've also attended many plays with my mentor that meant a lot. Through the Partnership Scholars Program, I've been able to go zip lining, rock climbing, attend plays, and even attend my EMT course.

Will be attending

CSU Sonoma in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Paul Dolan II

Mentor: Ms. Judy Albert

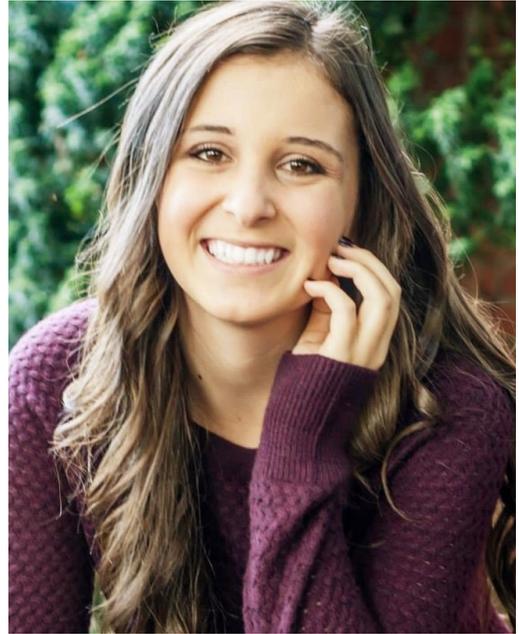
Hannah

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Graduating from

Fort Bragg High School



After high school I plan to attend San Francisco State University and start a four-year nursing program that I will eventually achieve a BSN degree through. I also plan to continue taking Spanish classes and hope to study abroad somewhere in South America at some point. Before entering the program, I could have never imagined myself wanting to move to such a big city or wanting to travel to a new country all on my own, but perhaps two of the most significant things that PSP has left me with are a great appreciation for taking chances and putting myself out there and also the confidence that I need to pursue any and all of my passions. Soon I will be graduating high school and beginning my long journey through college, and I could not be more excited to go out and start accomplishing all of the goals that I have set for myself, but I would not be where I am and who I am today if I had not been able to experience all that I have through PSP. I entered the program as a shy, sheltered seventh grader who did not know if college would even be an option, and now I am leaving it with ambitious goals for my future and the knowledge that I can accomplish anything that I work for, despite any obstacles that I might encounter, economic or otherwise. I would like to thank all of the dedicated members of PSP, my wonderful mentor Gale, and all of the lifelong friends that I have made through the program for all of the unconditional support throughout the past six years, and I would also like to congratulate all of the new members of the program for starting this life-changing journey.

Will be attending

CSU San Francisco in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Olivia Hasty

Mentor: Ms. Gale Harrold

Jazmin

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Fort Bragg High School



The Partnership Scholars Program has drastically opened my eyes to the world around me. I remember the day of my induction ceremony: I sat down in the front row next to my five classmates, wondering to myself “What is so great about this program? What will this program do for me? Why do we need to prepare for college as early as seventh grade?” During middle school, the idea of traveling to random places made no sense to me until I began choosing colleges in late high school. As time passed and my list of activities continued, I began to draw parallels with the significance of traveling and trying new foods and trying different activities to some of the possible college experience that I may encounter in the future, such as traveling, trying new food, and trying new activities. I learned a lot about myself through this program. One event that I have repeated three times was traveling to San Francisco with my mentor to watch Alonzo King’s LINES Ballet. The first two times that I watched this ballet was because my mentor knows Alonzo King, and she enjoys watching his performers. After continuing to engage with dance, I decided that for my senior year, I wanted to watch one of his shows one last time with my mentor before I left to college. Watching the ballet as a senior made me realize that I wish to keep pursuing my dance career in the future. Other events that I have experienced with and without my mentor were traveling to San Francisco, touring colleges all over California, attending two college retreats, eating fancy dinners and staying at fancy hotels, shopping at various malls, chasing after taxis, taking a VIP tour in Los Angeles, touring a wildlife preserve in Point Arena, and traveling to Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. A huge lesson that I learned from all of these experiences is keeping an open mind and staying diversified. Moreover, I learned the importance of interacting with new people and establishing healthy relationships with the people who care about you. I developed a close relationship to my mentor that will stick with me for the rest of my life. She has influenced me significantly and helped me tremendously over the last six years. I also grew a close relationship with my classmates because we all strived to succeed together as scholars. Now that I am off to college, I can confidently state that I feel ready to travel, meet new people, and try new activities that I have not before. Since this program, I have been able to easily step out of my comfort zone to learn more about myself.

Will be attending

CSU Sacramento in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mrs. Dana Oder, Oder Family Foundation

Mentor: Ms. Rhoda Teplow

Margarita

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Hawthorne Academy



I remember when I first applied to the Partnership Scholars Program with interviews and essays. It wasn't easy but absolutely worth it. I never imagined how much the PSP program would impact me, shaping me into the goal-oriented student I am today. When I first began the process of entering this program, I didn't know anything about college. I was a 7th grader with the only one big dream of attending college, but was unsure of what route to take to achieve this important goal. My most memorable experience was going to Boston, Massachusetts. I've ever been so far away from my family, or alone without parental supervision. I do admit I was afraid, but when I visited all the colleges, even Harvard, I was surprised. I never imagined it to be so much fun. It honestly motivated me to do my studies with more passion, giving me a renewed focus to succeed. I gained an understanding of what I could accomplish and the steps needed to complete my goals for the future. This new enlightenment is all thanks to the Partnership Scholars Program. Without it I wouldn't have been focused on my scholarly goals as I am today. I never would've visited another state; or even would've dreamed of attending a university. It is my hope for others who are in the PSP program to have a similar, positive experience. When I consider my experience with PSP, it isn't something that can be put into words, but I can give you the insight of the path PSP helped me achieve. I shall always be grateful for how lucky I am to be a PSP scholar and am thankful to the all the support I have received from family and friends. PSP was a miracle in my life; it tore me out of the burdened cycle I was in and set me in the goal of achieving a Biology major. I now have a dream of visiting other countries and studying the field of science, with the intention of helping others. As I have mentioned before, I can never be grateful or thankful enough for the help that PSP has provided; for all they've done to help me achieve a better future that no one else could've given me.

Will be attending

El Camino College in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Issa Hernandez

Corrina

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



The Partnership Scholars Program has truly made an incredible impact in my life. As a middle school student I did not know much about college except for the fact that it was something I knew I had to do in order to become successful in life. Within the six years of being a scholar, I have learned, experienced and been exposed to a variety of different cultures, cities, and college campuses. I have experienced life in the east coast to life as a volunteer. PSP has served to be my motivation to always do well in school and to exceed past my academic expectations. It has also blessed me with the amazing guidance of three wise mentors who have inspired and encouraged me to do my very best now and in the years to come as a future college student. Without the help of both PSP and my mentors I would not be where I am today, ready to take on the challenges and obstacles that await me in the near future. It is my pleasure to also say; PSP exposed me to the beautiful city of Chicago where I fell in love with Loyola University Chicago, the university I will be attending in the fall of 2015.

Will be attending

Loyola University-Chicago in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Preston Johnson & Mrs. Vicki Martin

Mentor: Mr. Jim Wern

Delma

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



One of my biggest dreams is to attend to a 4 year college and to pursue a successful career in Business. The Partnership Scholars Program played a major influence in my life and has enabled me to remain on an academic successful path toward college. This road has not been the easiest to follow but as I continue to challenge myself, I know that I will achieve my goal of attending and graduating from college.

I applied to the Partnership Scholar Program, an organization that helps students from low-income communities through high school to help them reach college. When the Partnership Scholars Program notified me of my acceptance, my excitement grew and my motivation to attend college grew even more as I visited various college campuses through the program. The Partnership Scholars Program has helped prepared myself when I was going away for the summer to Georgetown University. I want to pursue a career in Business and work as a professional in the business field. I had an internship opportunity in the Upward Bound Program during a summer session at Georgetown University. I experienced what it was like to work in a daily routine and study as a full time college student. As part of that program experience, I was fortunate enough to have been assigned an opportunity to intern at the Office of Communications of the Office of the President on campus. Working there, I participated on a project on Master Planning, which was a major initiative for the school, the local community and its students. I interviewed campus engineers and business planners in order to obtain the information I needed to complete the project. My program mentor helped me to organize the project in a professional manner. I then presented my findings and project to over ten representatives at the Office of Communications. This process of business planning, managing a project, and investing in a community, securing helps students and faculty succeed on campus. Ten years from now, I see myself as a professional working in an office building and leading one of these projects myself.

After this great summer experience, I returned to my high school with tremendous motivations by taking honors and AP courses and knew that my goal of attending college was getting closer to reality. Thanks to my donor, Mr. Tom Turner and the Partnership Scholars Program, I plan to succeed academically to achieve my goals. When I obtain my bachelor's degree, I want to share my knowledge and experiences to motivate many other students to take the right path to college.

Will be attending

Rio Hondo College in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Tom Turner

Mentor: Ms. Melissa Ferdinandus

Benjamin

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



PSP has been nothing, but amazing experiences! PSP has impacted my life by allowing me to grow as a person, and given me the opportunity to have many different experiences. Thanks to PSP, I was able to eat different types of foods, go to interesting museums and outings, and most importantly travel.

I would like to thank PSP for giving me the opportunity to be apart of this program. PSP has assisted me so much financially and given me the knowledge I needed to prepare myself for what college has in store for me.

When I was young my goal was to graduate from high school and get a good job. College always seemed so farfetched, but now thanks to PSP my goal has changed for the better. I am excited to spend the next four years of my life attending UC Santa Barbra and majoring in Political Science.

Will be attending

UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm & Sylvia Boyce

Mentor: Dr. Miki Kalpins

Rosa

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Arroyo High School



Coming from a low income family and growing up in a city where not many resources are available, I became motivated to be something more than just part of a norm. I wanted to prove that my surroundings didn't disable my ability to succeed. Joining the Partnership Scholars Program allowed me to expand my knowledge on what the outside world has to offer. I have been fortunate enough to travel out of California to visit different states for which I had never seen before. These once in a lifetime experiences were reminders of all I can obtain with hard work and determination. Having three remarkable mentors by my side this year, one who is a doctor, inspired me even more to help others in need. My drive for becoming a pediatrician grew within me, which is why I stand firmly to this day behind the idea of attending a 4-year university in hopes of one day becoming Dr. Estrada.

Will be attending

CSU San Francisco in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Tom Turner

Mentor: Dr. George Ferenczi

Sandra

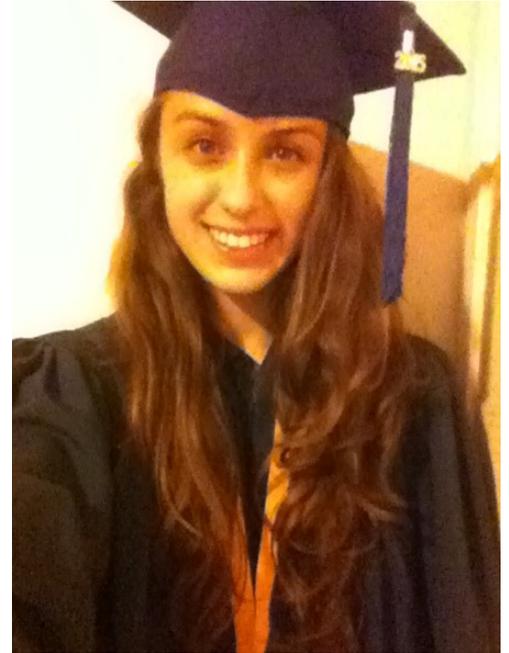
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Animo Leadership

Charter High School



The Partnership Scholars program has been much more than outings. I created numerous friendships that shall never be broken, made memories that will last a lifetime, and attained life skills that I would have never been able to obtain in the classroom. Partnership Scholars not only opened the gateways to a better future but it prompted me to become someone I would had never imagined myself to be. Through different outings such as various college tours, I learned to become an intuitive individual through asking various questions and learning the process of the college application. Through various museum visits, PSP opened horizons for I got to see beautiful art pieces and different aspect of history that I've learned to appreciate much more. I consider myself more than blessed having being part of this wonderful organization for six years. Now that my time has come to end, I want to truly thank all the staff at PSP and every single person who has helped me become the person who I am today through this program.

Will be attending

UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Meg Sanchez

Joanna

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



I have had a wonderful time in PSP. I've tried new food, I've visited wonderful places, and I've experienced all this with our beautiful trio. With PSP, I have visited Florida, Hawaii, Pasadena, the Pantages Theatre, Washington D.C., New York, Chicago, and Virginia; I don't remember all the places, but I've been to plenty. I have seen a whole different world than what I am used to. I have learned it is very hard to plan for three different people, all our schedules are different, but we have managed and we've made it work. I am majoring in Criminal Justice and, hopefully, Psychology, with the dream of becoming a Criminal Investigator. PSP has helped me visit other colleges and see their campus, as oppose to seeing what I live near every day. Although I am staying close to home, I have options, in case, I want to pursue a Masters, I'm not too sure in what subject. Honestly, I have had the best time, thanks to PSP and I'm glad I shared it with Mia and Mr. Bowers because they made it all the better.

Will be attending

UC Irvine in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Marcos Bowers

Crisely

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Lennox Math, Science and
Technology Academy



My life as a Partnership scholar has been more than I expected as PSP pushed me to grow into the person I am today. At the beginning of the program, I had set my mind into only attending LMU because that was the only university I knew. Through the various college visits to colleges such as: UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Stanford, Claremont McKenna, Saint Mary's College and others, I was able to explore various school alternatives. One on my all-time favorite trips has been going to Catalina Island. In Catalina Island I was able to experience the feeling of being inside a submarine while seeing all the beautiful wildlife underwater. Being a person who loves nature and marine biology, I took a personal connection with the wild life found in the island. The island itself had an amazing view of the sunset, and a different atmosphere in the sense that all cars are miniature in size. Besides going to bookstores, another favorite activity of mine as a scholar was going to museums. From the California Science Center to the Museum of Tolerance, I always took new knowledge with me which allowed me to connect it with my school learning. PSP majorly impacted my life because it allowed to experience unfamiliar things such as going to see Wicked or attending 5 Cirque Du Soleil performances. As a first generation student, I was terrified of the college process but thought the LMU summer retreat programs, I was able to gain the confidence I needed. After graduating from college, I plan on getting a job at the Los Angeles Univision station and will later open-up my own hotel company in Acapulco Mexico. I have major dreams, but through the constant support from PSP, I have learned to turn those dreams into goals.

Will be attending

Santa Monica College in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Meg Sanchez

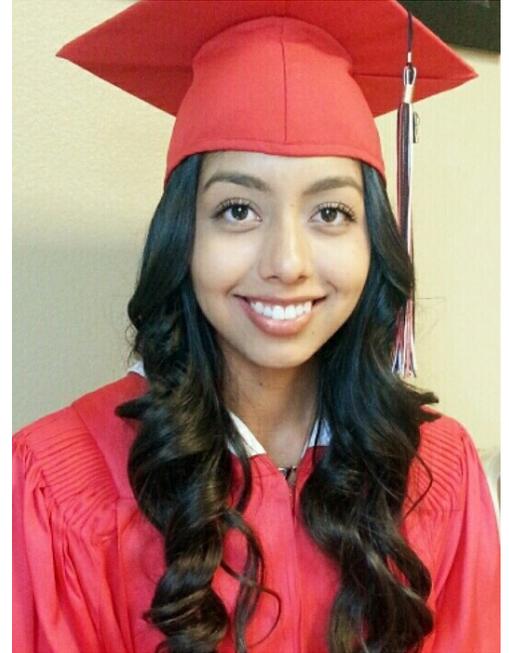
Stephanie

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Norte Vista High School



Houston's...the fanciest restaurant I had ever been to. It was upscale and the people were well dressed. My father could never afford to treat us to this. Thankfully, it was my mentor's favorite restaurant. There were large white napkins folded in an intricate way. I watched my mentor place one on her lap and without thinking, I did the same. When the waiter asked for my order I responded confidently, "Rib eye steak, please."

Eating dinner at an expensive restaurant is only one of the many memorable experiences I have had because of the Partnership Scholars Program. It is a scholarship foundation that provides mentoring to low-income, highly motivated students from grade 7-12. In seventh grade, I was chosen along with ten other students out of one hundred who were nominated. Becoming part of this program is one of my greatest accomplishments. My mentor, Ms. Sanchez, has been one of the strongest support systems in my life. We have created a wonderful relationship that will last a lifetime.

I am continually rewarded with incredible experiences as a part of PSP. I have attended Cirque du Soleil performances, *The Lion King* and other musicals, the Getty, Museum of Tolerance and many more museums. I have traveled all over California, to New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Just this summer a group of us went to Washington D.C, and Virginia. In total I have visited 25 university campuses. I discovered my passion for traveling and now one of my biggest personal goals is to travel the world.

This scholarship accurately represents the determination and ambition I have towards my education. I have encountered wonderful people who have guided me through my journey. I am a first generation college bound student and my family cannot support me financially. I want to set an example to my younger brother and younger generations that education is the key to success and that college is the only logical next step after high school. I want to be a person that my brother can talk to about college since this is something I never had at home.

Will be attending

UC Irvine in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Meg Sanchez

Jimena

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Mountain View

High School



The Partnership Scholars Program has brought wonderful experiences into my life. Looking back to my seventh grade year where my P.S.P. journey began, I can truthfully say that I have grown into a better person. I've become someone that is determined, inspired, passionate, and most importantly, someone my family can be proud of. P.S.P. has taught me to be grateful for all the opportunities that have been given to me throughout my six years in the program. The financial help I received as a scholar has really given my family and I a piece of mind, and that is one of the many things I value about the Partnership Scholars Program. Now that my unforgettable journey has come to an end I feel eager to take on the next chapter of my life. This upcoming fall I will be pursuing a major in psychology as a UCLA Bruin!

Will be attending

UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin & Wendy Meyer

Mentor: Ms. Amy Minick

Steven

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Lennox Math, Science and
Technology Academy



The PSP experience has impacted my life in many ways. I have the opportunity to visit many cities and colleges and without this program I would have never been able to go on these trips. It was an eye opener to see what life is outside of Lennox and to get a brief experience in college life. I was able to go to Washington D.C., Georgetown, Jamestown, New York City, Boston, San Francisco, Orlando, Tampa and Sarasota. Another way it impacted my life was when I spent the weekend at Occidental College for a retreat. I was able to see what living in a dorm would be like and now want to live in a dorm at school after that experience. At that retreat, I learned about financial aid and that has been helpful. I was able to attend a play for the first time, go to Palm Springs for the first time and went out to many ethnic restaurants that I would have never gone to without this program.

My hope and dream is to help my family and improve the quality of life for them. I am going to do that by getting my Masters and become an accountant. I hope that this career choice will give me the opportunity to give back to my parents who gave so much to me throughout my life. I also want to make life better for my baby brother and give him some of the opportunities that I had in this program.

In summary, I gained so much from this program in growing in knowledge and experience that I would have never had without the support of this program.

Will be attending

CSU Long Beach in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Mr. Mike Boone

Emily

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Northridge High School



Since the moment that I found out that I was chosen to be a part of PSP I was exhilarated because I knew that my life was not going to be the same ever again. And I remember as a seventh-grader at Kranz Intermediate School (which feels like a lifetime ago) that I had teachers advising me to join PSP. At first I thought to myself “PSP that is probably some program for very smart students, why should I even join if there are better candidates that are more qualified for the program and since I might not get chosen anyway?” A question that took over my thoughts quite a bit during the application process because this was one of the first times that I tried to do something out of my comfort zone. However, with a push from my teachers’ and parents I applied to this program not knowing what a huge blessing it would be for me from then on and even six years later. And since that moment because of PSP, new doors have opened for me that had not crossed my mind and occurred to me as possible. Such as the fact that I was going to get one-on-one help to apply to college, travel, and see places that were a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Now I did not have to worry about what I was going to do about college because I would finally get help and not have to wander this new road on my own. I had a mentor and fellow mentees that became a family to me because they were there for me when I needed them. Despite the ups and downs that I faced with moving and leaving friends behind, PSP has enabled me to “reach for the stars” and allowed me to see places such as New York, Washington D.C., Virginia, several Broadway shows, and even the opportunity to eat in some of the most elite restaurants; all the while preparing me for a cultural experience that most couldn’t have dreamt of until they maybe finished with school or retired. When I look back on the past six years since that day that I turned in my application for PSP, I am amazed at how much I have changed and grown to become the person that I am today. And I am looking forward for what the future awaits with college and beyond and the majority of that I owe to being a member of PSP.

Will be attending

Weber State University in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Margaret Larkin

Mentor: Ms. Patricia Bowers

Mia

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



PSP has been an influential program that will forever impact my life. PSP has allowed me to experience different cultures as well as things I would have never been to or even afford. With PSP I was able to go to New York, Virginia, Florida, Hawaii, etc. In each of these amazing trips I was able to make memories that I will cherish and remember always. My mentor has been a big impact on my experiences and has shared his advice as well as made us try new things and think differently and I would like to thank him for all of that. PSP is such a blessing and I can't thank Lisa and Maria for all they have done and I will always keep PSP in my heart and feel blessed to be able to be in this amazing program.

Will be attending

CSU East Bay in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Marcos Bowers

Christian

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Animo Leadership

Charter High School



Life is series of experiences that help a person build off of or to drown forever in sorrow. With the Partnership Scholarship Program, I have been gifted with countless experiences that have allowed me to grow as a person from my early teenage years into my early adulthood. All of my experiences with PSP have been together with my brother Giovanni Vizcarra. When we were paired together in 7th grade I was a bit scared that I wouldn't like the program as much anymore because of who I was partnered with but in reality this program or my life in general wouldn't be at all how it is now if it weren't for Giovanni. The fact that it is time for us to part as we go off to different universities doesn't scare me, not because I won't miss him but instead because I am confident that we will still be as close as ever and the times that we do see one another will be as if nothing happened. Through college trips, sports games, museums, trying new foods and through my mentor who acted as a support system this program has added greatly to my well-being as I progressed through these six years of my life. Of course I am devastated that the time has come to depart from the program I know I will always have those countless memories to help keep me going as I move through the next chapter of my life. I am truly grateful for this program and will do anything in my power to make those who supported me throughout the years proud of me.

Will be attending

UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Stacie Cruz

Jackie

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



My name is Jackie Ma. I am a first generation Chinese-American citizen. My parents, who were both raised in Vietnam but are Chinese by descent, journeyed to America after the Vietnam War in 1977. During my eighth grade year, I was fortunate enough to get invited into PSP at Kranz Intermediate after another student moved schools. Graduating from Kranz as valedictorian, I managed to maintain a strong work ethic and have now earned the title of valedictorian at South El Monte High School.

In the fall, I will be studying at University of California, Berkeley as a Civil and Environmental Engineering major. Throughout my years in PSP, I was fortunate enough to meet extraordinary people, see amazing plays, visit gorgeous campuses, and experience the thrill and adventure of traveling.

Inspired by the places I have gone to and the knowledge and experience I gained throughout high school, my goals are to graduate from university with engineering experience so that I may quickly pursue my career in environmental engineering. Soon afterward, I intend to serve in the Peace Corps to use my knowledge and ability to alleviate the stress of less developed countries. I plan to participate in a variety of projects, these will range from teaching students about sustainability to helping them understand the math involved with the development of clean and efficient water resources. Regardless of the project I undertake, I am determined to serve. When I return, I aspire to create my own engineering firm. With hard work and a global consciousness, I envision a company that focuses on sustainability, innovation, and most importantly, philanthropy.

Will be attending

UC Berkeley in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Jeff Morris

Viridiana

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



In my six years that I have been in the PSP program I have grown as a student as well as a person. I have been grateful to have been part of the program and be able to say I have experienced many things that I know I will cherish for years to come. I have traveled to beautiful cities, seen amazing sceneries, and tasted new foods, visited college campuses, and much more. Through PSP I met some amazing people, but someone who I consider a very close friend is Gabriel Hernandez, a PSP alumni, who I met on a college trip to the East Coast and we continue to be friends till this day. My sophomore year I convinced one of my teachers to be my mentor and I will forever be glad I did that. Mrs. Ferdinandus has been someone that has impacted my life throughout my high school years. She has been an amazing mentor and I will forever be grateful for her especially since she tolerates my craziness. Through PSP I was able to see firsthand what I wanted when it came to knowing that I was able to do big things in life. Because of all the PSP activities I experienced I have been able to map out what I want for myself in years to come. Thank you PSP for helping me cross off many, many things off my bucket list and for giving me the opportunity to go outside my little city of El Monte.

Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Shel & Cindy Stone

Mentor: Ms. Melissa Ferdinandus

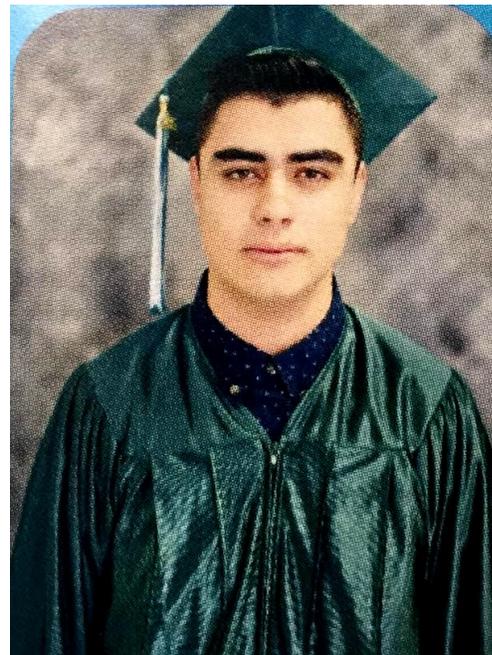
Ivan

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Da Vinci High School



The Partnership Program has given me plenty of opportunities I never imagined of having, from traveling to the east coast to visit college campuses to visiting museums like the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. The program has not only allowed me to experience once in a life time things, but it has also made me a better person and has taught me that if you work hard enough for what you want, you can achieve all your goals. I am more than lucky and feel beyond privileged to have been part of this amazing scholarship program and I can never thank it enough for everything it has done for me. When I was feeling down and needed an extra push to get through my classes, the mentors were always there to encourage me and show me support. The program has taught me how to be responsible and how to communicate with people the proper way. It has also showed me that the world truly does have great people that do not mind spending their days and nights helping a person in need. I myself would like to thank from the bottom of my heart Ms. Sanchez and John for always being there for me. They have been with me since 7th grade and I am honored to have had them been part of my life. I cannot thank them enough for always being there for me and always giving me the best advice and most importantly for always showing love to me. I would also like to thank Dr. Langer, George Moss, and the rest of the benefactors and staff that has made this amazing program happen and has impacted hundreds of peoples life's, like myself. The program taught me that school is the way to succeed in life and that if you follow your dreams and goals you will achieve them. Now thanks to the PSP scholarship, I will be attending a 4 year university and will pursue my goals and one day become a successful person. Once again, thank you for everything and thank you for allowing a kid from a low income community to experience things out of his comfort zone and out of his community, that helped shape him into the person he is today.

Will be attending

CSU East Bay in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Mr. John Ely

Anna

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



Because I am a high school student, all my teachers and elders have told me that I have an entire life ahead of me, with all of its beautiful experiences. But despite being so young, I already have a personal breath-taking experience, which I have no doubt I will carry with my until my last days: my gratifying 6 years of being a Partnership Scholar.

I can remember screaming at the top of my lungs when I read that I was accepted into the Partnership Scholars Program. Till this day, PSP has been by far the most life changing experience of my life. PSP has done more than justice in my eyes. I had never dreamt of maturing into this optimistic, compassionate, and determined individual who desires a once unattainable dream: going to college and making a difference in people's lives, one heart at a time.

This program has done more for me than I could ever imagine. It was the utmost start of my childhood ages, since I've never experienced what it was like to have friends or fit in with the crowd, being the minority at a predominantly Hispanic community. In spite of this, I persevered to ensure that this grand honor that I was give, would not go to waste. I remember reading something in a news article online, and this headline had said, "When was the last time you did something for the first time? The thought of a blank space covered my brain. I had never done anything for the first time in my life. My elementary school days were filled with being locked up in my room 24/7/365. I would have never thought that going out till 10pm with my mentor, even if it was trying The Cheesecake Factory for the very first time in my life, trying foreign foods, visiting the Los Angeles Museum of Arts before it become overrated, traveling to Europe and Hawaii, going to my very first NBA game, and NBL game in Boston to see the Red Sox, and simply venturing outdoor activities with the people I love and care for the most would have so much of an impact in my life. PSP have planted the seeds in my life that I had never once thought would blossom into beautiful sunflowers.

Will be attending

UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Ms. Patricia Bowers

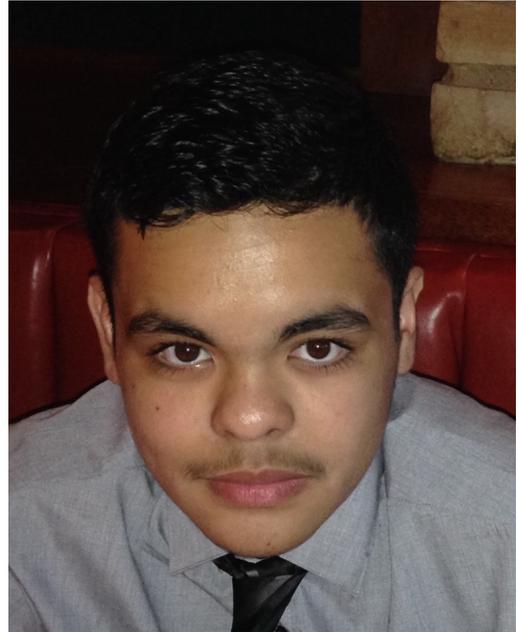
Edwin

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Lennox Math, Science and
Technology Academy



The PSP experience has made a huge difference in my life. This program gave me the ability and opportunity to go to places and to do things I never would have thought I could have done. For example, I never thought that I would get to go to Florida and visit all the places there. I also got to visit three colleges there and to see how it is to live in a different setting.

Another example is that I got to help plan that trip with my mentor and also planned a trip to San Francisco. I was able to research where we would go and stay. It was great to see all the planning become reality.

I also got to spend time on the Loyola Marymount campus and experience life in the dorms. I was able to meet students from other schools. My roommates were from schools in Hawthorne and Fort Bragg. It was fun to meet new people and to get to know them. I liked the dorm experience and gave me an idea of what to expect if and when I decide to live in the dorms.

My hope and dream is to help my family and improve the quality of life for them. I am going to do that by pursuing my career choice, the FBI. Once I accomplish that, I hope to be able to buy a house for my parents because that's something they've always wanted to do but weren't able to do so because they would put my siblings and I before their personal wants. Also, I hope to be able to provide for my niece and open her to much bigger opportunities that I had.

Will be attending

Santa Monica College in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Mr. Mike Boone

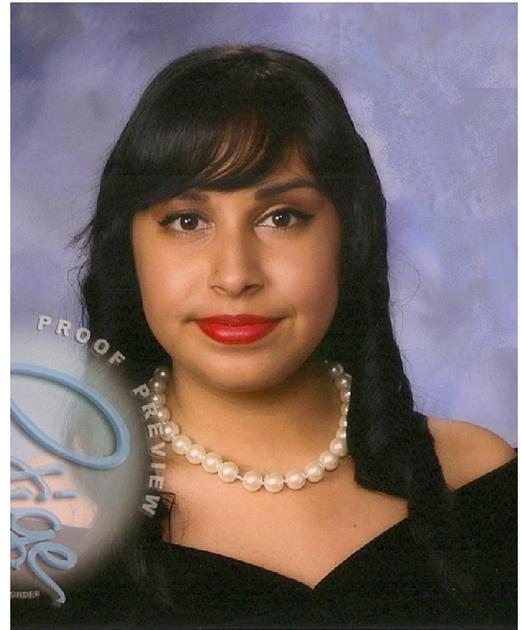
Stephanie

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Lennox Math, Science and
Technology Academy



My enlightenment began as I was accepted into the Partnership Scholarship Program. Being considered to apply as a member really motivated me to seize other opportunities in my community. This experience gave me the confidence to believe that even if I was a Latino student, I could still make something out of myself against the stereotypes. PSP has also given me the chance to prove that I did not have to work at a minimum wage job for the rest of my life and that college was most definitely an option. PSP has given me experiences that my parents did not have the time to do or could not afford. Going on trips to museums, Disneyland, ethnic restaurants, Universal Studios, Sea World, Barnes & Nobles, Washington D.C., visiting universities, volunteering etc. taught me to live. Life should be enjoyed and it should be spent exploring the world around me. Being able to learn from the outside world molded me into someone who sees the bigger picture versus dreaming small.

Will be attending

CSU San Jose in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Barbara Lurie

Henry

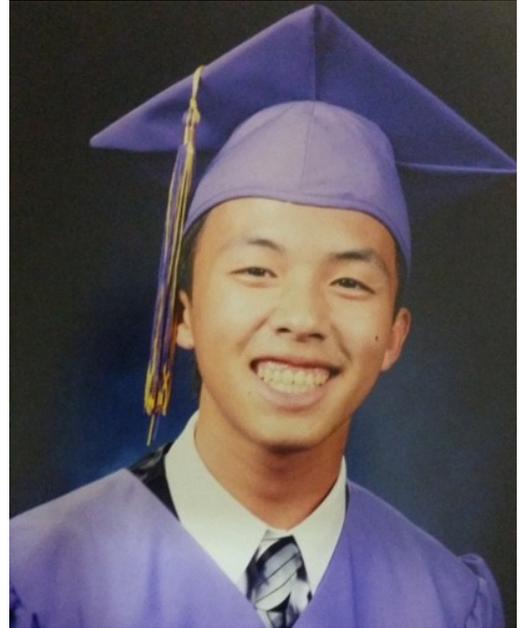
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



Where to start? My experiences in PSP have been nothing short of amazing. PSP has significantly helped my family and I amid our financial struggles and provided us with an opportunity of a lifetime that is simply irreplaceable. I have always been a considerably social person, but PSP has helped my communication and networking skills immensely. Without the help of this great program, I am not sure how I would've done certain things that I have this far into the program. To put it simply, the program has really broadened my horizons and had me try new things and visit new places I never thought I would be able to experience in my lifetime. The unforgettable memories I have made in PSP is just a glimpse of what I have gained through the program. The list is countless and words can never fully describe how blessed I am to have been in this wonderful program. The one goal I have in life is to simply be the best possible person I can be towards my peers, my family, and my friends.

Will be attending

UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Ismael Huerta

Juviarelli

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Lennox Math, Science and
Technology Academy



Thanks to this scholarship I have been able to experience a lot of new and different things. I remember freshman year when I first attended an arts performance, Cirque du Soleil and I loved it! It made me want to go to more. I had always wanted to travel to the east coast and it happened. I wanted to visit historical sites and learn more about our history. I tried lots of new foods every time I went out and learned about different cultures. I experienced lots of firsts. First time going to a musical, ice-skating, kayaking, dorming, zip lining, etc. Receiving this scholarship changed my life. I met new people, built a great relationship with my mentor and I was open to lots of opportunities. The college trips and dorming helped me decide on what colleges I wanted to apply to. I got to know more about the environment when I visited the campuses. I am currently attending Lennox Academy as a senior. After applying to universities and receiving acceptances and rejections I have decided to enroll at UC Irvine as undeclared. I am really interested in the sciences. I plan to apply to engineering school the second semester of my freshman year but if I am not accepted I will definitely go into the sciences. Through this PSP experience I gained more confidence in being able to achieve my goals. Hearing university graduates who had this scholarship talk about their success and being the first in their family to go to college made me realize that I can do it too. In fact, anyone can do it! This scholarship motivated me to continue working harder in order to accomplish my goal of obtaining a good education.

Will be attending

UC Irvine in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Cathy Rodriguez

Beatriz

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



To say that the experiences I had with the Partnership Scholars Program helped me be where I am today would be an understatement. Through the college touring trips and east coast trips, I was able to discover my true potential. One in El Monte only hears of UCLA and Harvard, and will most likely not apply to either. Just the name in itself intimidated me, too far out for me to even consider. In middle school I knew I wanted to attend a sophisticated, challenging university: Brown, Berkeley, Occidental, UCLA. Having such a goal I pushed myself through my educational career, yet I could not see myself attending any; better yet, having even a chance. However, during the summer of 2013, the New York trip did more than just allow me to walk through the Ivys and make new friends of a lifetime, it instilled in me the confidence that I could attend any of these schools. I began my junior year with a zealous passion to submit a compelling application, pushing myself way beyond my comfort zone by joining ASB, running for president in clubs, and by joining sports. Not to mention becoming more active in my community. Come March of 2015, I found myself with a UCLA acceptance and a bright path paving itself right in front of me. This path was just an example of what PSP helped me reach, not to mention the family and community that also helped urge me forward. After I graduate UCLA as part of the class of 2019, I plan to become a teacher in low income areas. I aspire to be as generous and dedicated to my students as the PSP program was to its scholarship recipients.

Will be attending

UC Los Angeles in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Anne Bazile

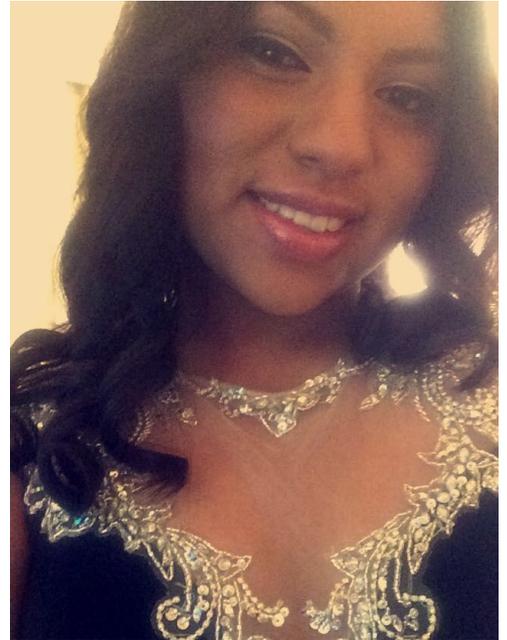
Alejandra

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Hawthorne High School



The Partnership Scholars Program has impacted my life in so many great ways. This program provided me with many cultural and educational experiences that my family wouldn't be able to provide, including trips to San Francisco and New York, musical productions, archery ranges, and unique restaurants. The Partnership Scholars Program also served as my motivation throughout middle school and high school. My seventh grade year, my sister passed away, leaving me depressed, and this program helped me overcome this obstacle. Going out with my mentor and other scholars made me forget about the tragedy I was facing. Participating in this Program, with the support of all the staff, was fundamental in helping me keep on track to help me attend a four year university. Today, I proudly say that I will be attending the University of California, Davis and I couldn't have done it without the help and support from PSP.

Will be attending

UC Davis in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Cathy Rodriguez

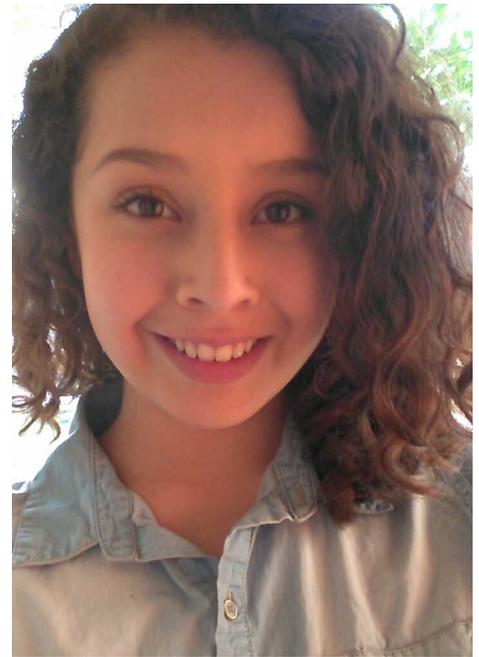
Irene

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

El Monte High School



My name is Irene Romero and I am a graduating senior from El Monte High School from El Monte. My experience in PSP was marvelous and incredible as I earned the privilege to see, hear, taste, feel things I would have never imagined I would be able to or imagined myself doing. Being in choir for four years I have been able to travel to San Francisco, Las Vegas, and New York with my award-winning group. I felt extremely lucky since I was able to pay off the fees for this trip much faster and sooner than anybody else in my choir. A moment I have a love/hate relationship is when I went to a summer camp to volunteer in painting the dining hall in Idyllwild. I enjoyed that experience because it was my first time seeing falling snow, however I dreaded it because I didn't have enough layers on and I got paint on my favorite jacket. I came into this program set on becoming a marine biologist however my mind has changed professions from wanting to be a lawyer, to a photographer, to even a veterinarian. As I go into college I don't actually have a specific profession in mind but I am going to major in Japanese Language and Literature in San Francisco State University. One trait that I gained during my years in PSP is being able to speak confidently in front of people. I used to stutter so much when I gave speeches and presentations and hated speaking in class, but now I always volunteer to present first and talk the most in open seminars in my classes. My speech skills is something I know that will take me a long way, thank you PSP.

Will be attending

CSU San Francisco in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Dr. Miki Kalpins

Luis

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



Without a doubt, the Partnership Scholars Program has provided me with many experiences that have both impacted me as a student and influenced my decisions as a member of society. One such example includes visiting Brown University's campus in Providence, Rhode Island. However, the campus' beauty wasn't what grabbed my attention nor was it the prestige and merit earned by Brown that enticed me, it was the preppy, upbeat attitude of our tour guide. I was fascinated at her ability to smile despite having to sacrifice countless hours from her social and athletic life in order to focus more attention towards her academics. That was when a new idea had crossed my mind that I had never considered: obtaining an education could be exciting as long as it was in an area of interest. Surprisingly, go kart racing at K1 Speedway with my mentor and fellow mentee majorly influenced my interest in engineering. The speeds attained by such small machines mesmerized me and led me to the discovery of mechanical engineering, a major that combined my interests of speed, mathematics and machinery. Because of the people that have created and maintained this program, I have been able to discover an area to study that I am truly interested in. Most importantly, I have been able to better myself.

Will be attending

Citrus College in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Ismael Huerta

Destanee

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Da Vinci High School



Having the Partnership Scholarship Program apart pf my life has enhanced my journey and experience by incredible amounts. The scholarship has provided me many moments that I otherwise would not have been able to achieve myself. Living in a low income family, it can be difficult to save money on school requirements and necessities and the scholarship has truly helped with that. The scholarship is essentially awarding me but it has also awarded my family, for they did not have to worry about expenses for my future. I have always wanted to help my mother out in the same way that she has always helped me, and I am glad that I received this scholarship to give back to her. She has been supportive of my college decisions and the fact that I will be going far away in order to attend an engineering school. The PSP has given me a new outlook in life because it showed me that hard work does pay off in triple and I am not entirely sure where I would be at this moment without it. I have been given a sense of freedom to explore, since my income situation restricted me quite a bit.

Will be attending

UC Merced in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Barbara Lurie

Angelica

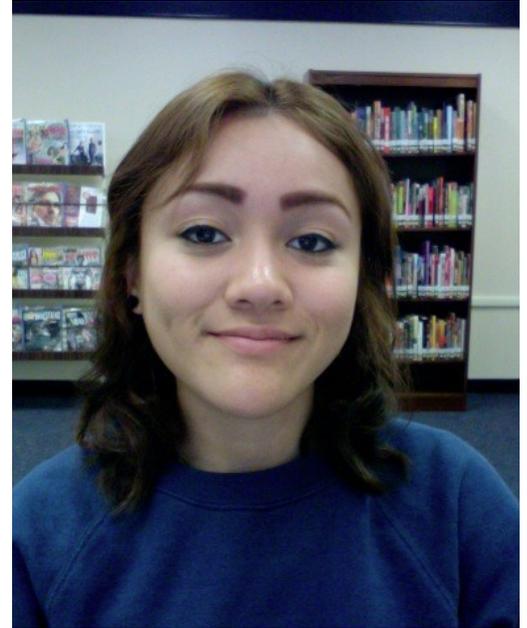
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



The past 6 years in my life have been an incredible journey. The various forms in which PSP has impacted my life are beyond recognition. Since joining this program back in 7th grade I have been given the opportunity to visit several museums like MOCA, which I loved, vast amounts of musical theatres, and stadiums. I have also traveling to cities I had only dreamt of before like New York and Boston which still hold places in my heart, and a surplus amount of colleges that evoked a sense of determination within me specifically Brown University. The fact that I can say I have done all these things at the age of 17 is something I will be forever grateful for, not to mention all the exotic foods I've tried. I have earned so much more than stories to tell from this program. I've gained confidence, knowledge, and understanding and for that I can only thank PSP and my mentors along the way for shaping me as the righteous individual I truly am.

Will be attending

UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Jeff Morris

Melissa

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



Being a part of the PSP Program has been such an amazing experience and has impacted my life in such a positive way. Being apart of this program has allowed me to see places I have never imagined, it has allowed me opportunities not many students around this area get to have. Because of PSP, I now believe my goals and dreams are attainable. PSP exposed me to the college atmosphere and gave me hope to one day graduate from the university. In the fall I will start a new chapter at Humboldt St. and hope to fulfill my dream of helping athletes continue to believe they are great, and will come back from injury as a physical trainer.

Will be attending

CSU Humboldt in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: PSP General Fund

Mentor: Ms. Amy Minick

Giovanni

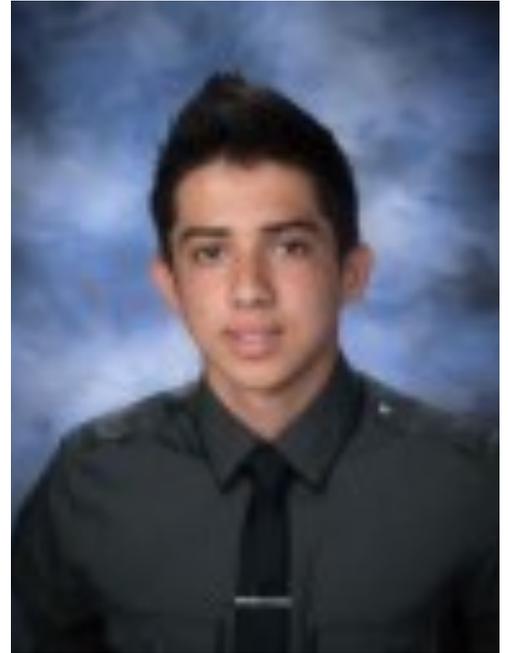
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Animo Leadership

Charter High School



Looking back at all my years in the PSP I realize that the best thing I ever got out of the program came from being partnered up with Christian Luquin, when we both got the scholarship. Somewhere along the line Christian stopped being my friend and became a member of my family. What made the program so memorable was not going to different places but being able to share my experience with someone I cared about. Throughout these past six years both Christian and I grew up, we influenced and pushed each other to reach new limits like training for the LA Marathon, attending a three week summer program at Stanford, going bungee jumping and now going off to college (All doable thanks to the PSP). Without a doubt, the program changed my life far more than I ever expected, because I gained a second family. As much of a cliché as this may seem, I honestly do not begin to comprehend where I would be today if I never applied to the PSP and met Christian and his family. With that being said, it is my turn to return the favor to the PSP and meet their objective by graduating from UC Berkeley, and giving back to my community, so other students can have the same privilege and opportunity I had.

Will be attending

UC Berkeley in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. George Moss

Mentor: Ms. Stacie Cruz

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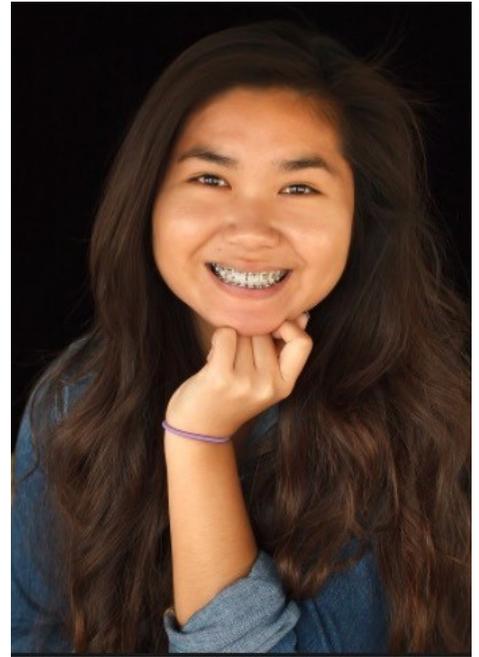
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



Getting accepted into the Partnership Scholars Program has been one of the most beneficial and thrilling experiences of my life. PSP has taught me to take chances and be more open towards trying new things that are out of my comfort zone. It allowed me to create bonds with people that I plan to keep in touch with in the future. Considering that I come from a low-income family, PSP has given me the opportunity to travel to places that I thought I would've never got a chance to go to. It has opened many doors for me towards achieving my goals and dreams to one day becoming successful. The Partnership Scholars Program is the reason why I have pushed myself in academics these past six years. With the proper guidance, the program has motivated me to enter a higher education despite coming from an underprivileged community. All of this would not have been possible if it weren't for the amazing donors and mentors. I am beyond thankful for the program in making all of this possible for me. Although I will be graduating this year, the program will stick with me as a reminder of the importance of being academically driven throughout my life and future endeavors.

Will be attending

Cal Poly Pomona in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Mr. Jim Wern

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Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

El Monte High School



This program is an unbelievable opportunity that completely changes my life from being clueless to being experienced. Before the program, I was only exposed to food that was either home cooked or food given at school. When I got the opportunity to go to outings with my mentors, I was given the chance to devour strange food. From that moment on, I was in love with trying new food. This moment in my life taught me to always try new things despite what it is. From my time in the program, I have stumble upon one dream. That dream consists of trying all the different ethnic foods that I can possibility get my hands on. Other than food, another thing that I truly cherished is the fact that I will have an unbreakable bond with my mentors. I believed that my mentors were a big contribution to making my experience in the program unforgettable. They taught me to take chances in life and they contributed to the development of my confidence. I truly appreciate this program for providing me with the best mentors ever. The guidance and knowledge that I have received from my mentors made my experience in the Partnership Scholars Program a remarkable experience.

Will be attending

UC Irvine in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm & Sylvia Boyce

Mentor: Mr. Jim Wern

Diana

Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

South El Monte

High School



Throughout my middle school and high school career, PSP has been the most life changing experiences I've ever had. Because of PSP, I was able to go to the infamous Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, and Beauty of the Beast. I also had opportunity to go to the east coast to visit top colleges in New York, Washington DC, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and even Virginia. As a scholar in Partnership Scholars Program, I developed the courage to experience new culture and food as well as developed an open personality. Because of PSP, I created my friends from northern students who also take part in this wonderful program. If I had the chance to go back in time and decide whether to participate in the program or not, I would do the same thing again. I want to thank PSP for all the support you provided in order to find my perfect college as well as find my inner personality!

Will be attending

UC San Diego in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. Steven Wood & Mrs. Christine Kang

Mentor: Ms. Jenifer Poulsen

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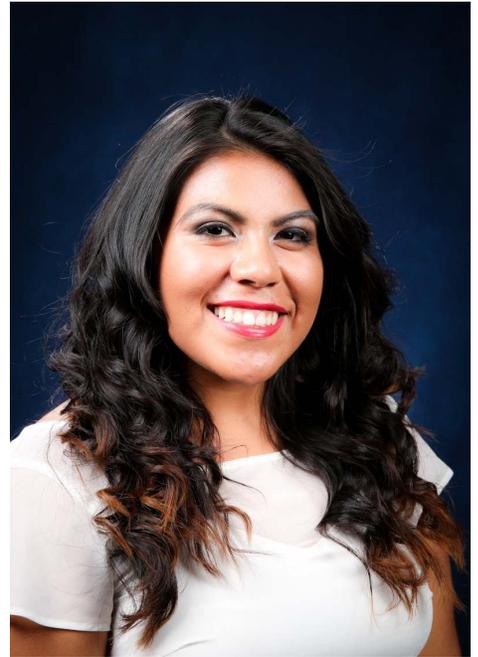
Partnership Scholar

Class of 2015

Graduating from

Mountain View

High School



PSP has been my anchor for the past 6 years. At times when, work seemed too much, I needed an extra motivator to get your through that last AP test or final, PSP gave me a glimpse of the rewards that enduring would bring. The PSP program has enabled me to expand my horizons, and keep sight on my dreams of attaining a university education. I have had the privilege of becoming acquainted with mentors, and fellow students that have impacted my life in innumerable ways. At the start of my journey with the PSP I was a 13 year old girl with hopes of leaving El Monte and going to a university, today I am the same 18 year old who has managed to make her hopes, a dream come true, with the guidance and influence I have received from PSP. Gratitude is all I feel for this program and the people and experiences I have created on my 6-year journey.

Will be attending

UC Berkeley in the Fall of 2015



Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Sue Masson

Mentor: Ms. Sandy Comer