

## 2016 CALIFORNIA/WEST COAST CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



**San Diego State University**  
 San Diego, CA  
 April 24, 2016

**2016 New Scholars: 64**

**2016 Recognized Scholars: 50**

**Cumulative California/West Coast Scholars: 330 (186 California)**

**Highlights:** Dan Cohen, 3-time Emmy Award Winning Anchor, emceed the event. Channing Lee, 2-time Carson Scholar, dazzled on the piano during lunch and Ezekiel Zaruba, 3-time Carson Scholar, delivered an inspiring introduction for Dr. Ben Carson.

**\$154,777.24\*** have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in the California/West Coast area.

*\*As of fiscal year 2016*

*"It is a great honor for my child to be named a 2016 Carson Scholar. This provides motivation for her to continue excelling in academics."*

– Guillermo Loza, Scholar Alessandria Loza



## 2016 CALIFORNIA/WEST COAST SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHTS



**Christian Robles**  
2016 Carson Scholar

**Christian** is an 11th grade student at San Ysidro High School in San Diego, CA. He was recognized as the top math student in his class for the entire year. He was also recognized as the top Avid student in previous years. Christian received recognition by earning Principal Honor Roll Awards on various occasions. Creatively, Christian attends folkloric dance classes and plans to continue throughout the remainder of his high school career. Christian served as an intern at the Kaiser Summer Institute last summer. Throughout his internship, he attended presentations given by medical staff and hosted a health fair where he had to publicly speak about different health topics.

**Channing** is a 9th grade student from Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim, CA. Channing is an accomplished pianist who has performed in multiple venues, including Carnegie Hall. In addition to playing the piano, Channing also enjoys playing volleyball, art, reading, singing, acting and traveling. Channing volunteers for Pathways of Hope, a charitable organization serving homeless families; and Girl Talk, a nonprofit organization where high school girls mentor younger girls. Channing aspires to become an attorney or businesswoman and based on her academic achievements and community service, she is well positioned for success in either career path. Channing has won the Cornelia Connelly School Holy Child Merit Scholarship, was the Fairmont Private Schools 8th grade valedictorian and was selected for the Johns Hopkins CTY International Talent Search. She earned a first-place award for a piano duet from the California Association of Professional Music Teachers and won first place at the Diamond Bar Performing Arts Competition in 2015.



**Channing Lee**  
2-time Carson Scholar



**Chasen Wilson**  
Carson Scholar Alumni

**Chasen**, a two-time Carson Scholar, is from Long Beach, California. He is currently a freshman at Pomona College in Claremont, California. At Pomona, he participates in the High Achievers Program. This program recognizes students with exceptional potential in math and the sciences. The High Achievers Program has given him the opportunity to gain invaluable experience by working directly with acclaimed professors on significant research projects. He is a member of the Pomona College Baseball Team and continues his passion and commitment to community service by participating in Pomona College's Peer Based Counseling Group. Chasen hopes to feed both his passion for entrepreneurship, sport and community service by creating services and resources to meet the physical, health and educational needs of children in underserved communities.

