

WEST COAST chapter spotlight 2020



Virtual Banquet
May 9, 2020



2020 New Scholars: 123

2020 Recognized Scholars: 112

Cumulative California/West Coast Scholars: (820, 601 California)

Highlights:

On May 9, 2020, we celebrated our Carson Scholars with a Virtual Banquet. This year's superhero theme, which had been planned for the banquets, took on new meaning in light of the pandemic as we celebrated the intellectual skills and caring nature of our scholars. The banquet started with a beautiful welcome from Dr. and Mrs. Carson, congratulating the scholars on their resiliency, strong work ethic, and dedication to their communities. Kevin Olusola, Grammy award winning cellist, singer/songwriter and beatboxer of the vocal band, Pentatonix, received the Power of Excellence award. Dr. William Bennett, former Secretary of Education and national director of drug control policy, and Mrs. Elayne Bennett, founder and president of the Best Friends Foundation, were honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. To conclude, all scholars' names and photos were displayed. Since we couldn't celebrate in person, scholars were encouraged to send in photos with their medals and certificates. Many families also posted photos on social media of how they turned the virtual banquet into a special celebration at home.





Saul Perez

2020 Carson Scholar
Sherman Elementary
San Diego, CA

Saul uses his mathematical proficiency as treasurer of the Student Council where he keeps track of the club’s financial transactions and assists in the management of the school student store. Saul is a member of the soccer team, plays the flute for the music class and is on the Science Club Team.

Kaimebreyah is a member of the Student Council where she help make decisions which impact the school experience. Outside of school, Kaimebreyah runs a nonprofit, K-Four, which provides shoes and basic necessities to an orphanage in Belize. She won the A Woman Standards Award for resilience and took first place in the Science Fair.



Kaimebreyah Williams

2020 Carson Scholar
Life Source International Charter
Lancaster, CA



Abigail Maemoto

2020 Carson Scholar
Palos Verdes High School
Palos Verdes Estates, CA

Abigail competes weekly in regional and national math competitions as president and a member of the Math Honor Society. She is campaign manager and leader of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraiser, Peninsula Education Foundation Ambassador and is captain of the Technology Student Association Competition.

“She now believes that, with perseverance and hard work, she can accomplish her goals.

Thank you for allowing this to happen.”

Gerardo Rojas, parent of scholar Elizabeth Rojas