Chase Kito and Rowland High School Receive CIF Southern Section Champions for Character Award

Rowland High School student Chase Kito and Rowland High School were recognized by the CIF Southern Section and received the Champion for Character Award at the Sixteenth Annual Jim Staunton Champions for Character Award Ceremony held on September 23, 2019 at The Grand Conference Center in Long Beach. This recognition is the only one in the State of California that recognizes students and schools for their display of character that has an impact on participants and spectators.

The CIF Southern Section recognizes the student, administrators and schools who, through their actions and example promote the highest standards of the following:

- Sportsmanship and integrity
- The Six Pillars of Character
- Positive inter-group relations and respect for diversity of all people
- Sportsmanship and fair play over victory and personal achievement
- Scrupulous adherence to the rules of the sport

CONGRATULATIONS!
2019 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The Rowland High School Alumni Hall of Fame was established to honor former students who have excelled in their chosen careers or who have made significant contributions to society. It is our way of celebrating and acknowledging the outstanding success of our alumni. We also hope to provide additional motivation for our current students who will be able to view our Alumni Hall of Fame honorees as excellent role models for their future. Our former students demonstrate that achieving your goals and dreams is possible. It is our desire to continue to expand the Hall of Fame to include many other members of the Rowland High School family and their diverse accomplishments. Nominations for inclusion in the Hall of Fame may come from staff, community, family, and others familiar with the significant accomplishments of the nominee. Rowland staff nominated Principal Mitch Brunyer to be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

On September 27, 2019, Mitch Brunyer was inducted to the 2019 Hall of Fame. A ceremony was held in the evening prior to the school’s Homecoming game where Mr. Brunyer along with April (Reed) Hoy and Rodrigo Trujillo were inducted into the 2019 Hall of Fame. At the Homecoming rally, Rowland High School staff surprised him by announcing to staff and the student body that Mr. Brunyer would be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Having been told the day of the induction was an unexpected and a big surprise to our Principal.

Rowland High School is a special place for Mitch Brunyer. He has been a Rowland Raider as a student, teacher, and principal. After high school Mitch attended Whittier College on a partial football scholarship for a year. He then enlisted in the Army, and upon the completion of his enlistment, he majored in social science earning a bachelor’s degree from CSU Fullerton. Soon after, he went back to school and earned his master's degree from Chapman University. Mitch returned to Rowland USD as a history teacher at Rowland H.S. in 2003 after teaching at Diamond Ranch H.S. for several years. In 2006 he became an assistant principal at Nogales H.S. Mitch returned to his alma mater in 2009 as principal and became the sixth principal in Rowland High School's 55-year history. Mitch is a dedicated leader who strives for excellence in all that he does. He promotes academic success for all students and places safety as the number one priority for the Rowland community. He is a visionary leader who is methodical, intentional, and reasonable. He sees the big picture, but he also has a keen sense of attention to detail. During his tenure as principal, some of Rowland High School's awards have included California Distinguished School, Gold Ribbon School, PBIS Gold Recognition, and CIF Character of Champions. Mitch has guided the school through two six-year WASC Accreditations and five consecutive years as the Valle Vista League recipient of the Sportsmanship Award. Over the last ten years, Rowland High has seen an increase in AP course offerings, parent involvement opportunities, and an expansion of offerings in sports, clubs, academic competition, CTE, and AVID classes. Due to his leadership, relationships, and successes, Mitch has been named Rowland High School Administrator of the Year by his colleagues in 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2019. Mitch is a Raider at heart, a true embodiment of our Raider Goals - a role model for being a Thinker, Communicator, and Contributor.
2020 National Merit Scholars
Semifinalists & Commended Students

Left to right:  (Commended Students) Lucas Lao, Immi Lee, Justin Gerard Perez, Siyu Chen, and Ida Ma
(Semifinalist) Ethan Hsu
(Commended Students) Jodie Yan, Alexus Lau, Derek Ahn, and Justin Liu
Not pictured: Milo Chang (Semifinalist) & Sarah Liang (Commended Student)

Semifinalists
Rowland High School is proud to announce that two students, Milo Chang and Ethan Hsu, were selected as Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program based on their high Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores. In October 2018, over 1.5 million junior students in about 21,000 high schools entered the National Merit Program by taking the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT®. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of the U.S. high school seniors. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the Merit Scholarship® competition and advance to Finalist standing to be awarded in the spring of 2020.

Commended Students
Congratulations goes to ten Rowland High School students who were named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program. In April the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) identified the 50,000 highest scorers. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These Raiders have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success and were recognized by the NMSC for their accomplishments. Each student received a National Merit Certificate.
Nick Leong has excelled academically in the International Baccalaureate program. Having a 4.28 GPA, he has maintained Principal’s Honor Roll status and is on track to receive an IB diploma. Nick is an AP Scholar with Honor, was the Top Ten Junior, and is ranked #3 in his class. He is a member of the California Scholarship Federation (2017-2020); National Honor Society (2017-2020); Vice President (2019-20) and Treasurer (2018-19); Chinese Club (2017-20); President (2018-20); RHS Jazz Band (2017-20); serves as the lead pianist, and received the Outstanding Musician of the Month at the Condor Jazz Festival. Nick is an outstanding athlete and as a member of the Frosh/JV Basketball team (2017-18); Varsity Tennis team (2017-20) and team Captain (2018-20). His major in Political Science to prepare for law school and become a lawyer. He hopes to hold a career in arts. Sarah plans to attend a four year university and major in computer science. She hopes to attend a University of California or a private university in California. Her dream is to gain employment utilizing a business-oriented computer science background at a technology company such as Facebook because she is passionate about how technology is connecting our modern society.

Sara Liang is an excellent student in an Advanced Placement course of study. With a 4.21 GPA, she is an AP Scholar with Distinction, maintains Principal’s Honor Roll status, and ranks eighth in her class. Sarah is active in extracurricular activities as a member of the California Scholarship Federation Vice President (2019-20); Associated Student Body (2016-18); ASB Renaissance Commissioner (2016-17) and Dance Commissioner (2017-18); and member and President of the Art Club (2016-17). Sarah is an athlete and was a member of the Varsity Tennis team (2016-19) and Varsity League Champions (2018-19). She is an active member of CSF volunteering in the Buckboard Days Parade Youth Committee, Chinese school at Shelyn Elementary after school art teacher, and recipient of a full scholarship to attend an art program that is designed to help strengthen art skills, preparing students for college and a career in arts. Sarah plans to attend a four year university and major in computer science. She hopes to attend a University of California or a private university in California. Her dream is to gain employment utilizing a business-oriented computer science background at a technology company such as Facebook because she is passionate about how technology is connecting our modern society.

Milo Chang is an outstanding student who has excelled in AP course of study and in the IB program with a 4.37 GPA, he is a National AP Scholar, ranks first in his class, has maintained Principal’s Honor Roll since his freshman year, he is a 2020 Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and a AP Scholar. Milo is an active in school clubs as a member of Speech & Debate (2016-20) - President (2018-20); Programming Club (2017-20) - Vice President (2018-20); Interact (2017-20) - Treasurer (2019-20); Do Something Club (2018-20); Key Club (2019-20); and California Scholarship Federation (2017-20). As an active member in Interact, Do Something, Key Club, and CSF, he has volunteered in the community at the Buckboard Days Parade, Aids Walk, Light the Night, and food pantries. In addition, he volunteers by helping promote Taiwanese culture through the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors. Milo had the opportunity to meet the Taiwanese President at one of these events. He also serves as the Finance Director for the California High School Democrats and volunteers at federal campaigns. Milo future plans are to attend college and major in Political Science to prepare for law school and become a lawyer. He hopes to hold a career up to its ideals and ensure that regardless of where someone’s family comes from, how much money they have, or who they love, that everyone is treated equally, given the same opportunities for success, and has an equal voice in our democracy.

Jiayu (Serena) Wu is an outstanding student who maintains Principal’s Honor Roll status. She is in an Advanced Placement course of study, an AP Scholar, and a member of the California Scholarship Federation. Serena has been active in campus life as a member of the GLUE club participating in whale watching, cultural presentations, and bondings to help ESL students become confident to make friends. She is also the student representative for School Site Council and as a member of CSF, she has volunteered in beach clean-up, Aids Walk, Buckboard Day Parade, college tour, park bench painting, and planting trees at Shabarum Park on Earth Day. Serena volunteered as a teacher assistant at a Christian church for the past three summers and recently started volunteering at a Herald Christian Health Center as an office assistant. Serena plans to major in nursing and her dream is to attend UC Irvine. Her goal is to become a nurse practitioner and make money to help others.
Personal Finance Students Thrive at Competitions

By Caroline Manookian

In preparing for their financial futures, Rowland High School’s Personal Finance students are winning awards at various competitions. During the last school year, four RHS students placed 1st through 4th at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) regional competition. Two of those students also placed 4th and 8th at the FBLA state competition. In addition, a team of four students placed 3rd at the California Council on Economic Education’s Personal Finance Challenge competition at the Federal Reserve’s Los Angeles branch; each earned $100. A repeated award winner is senior, Hasan Ismail.

By placing first at the FBLA regional competition and fourth at the FBLA state competition, Hasan seized the opportunity to compete against the best students from each state at the FBLA national competition in San Antonio, Texas from June 26 through July 3, 2019. There were over 12,000 competitors from across the U.S. and China. At the national event, the top ten scorers earned an award and a spot on stage. Hasan placed 10th in this very competitive event. He won this award through 2 ½ years of dedication to studying personal finance.

Hasan and other RHS students are continuing to compete. Last month, Hasan and RHS teammates, Ethan Cho, Jiayu ‘Serena’ Wu, and Michael Tang, qualified for the California Council of Economics Personal Adviser competition at the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve to be held on November 20, 2019. They passed the entrance exam and have been assigned a certified financial planner to assist them with the next phase of the competition. In this next phase, they will be required to analyze a case study and prepare a financial plan that they will present to a panel of judges. Simultaneously, Hasan, Michael Tang, and Edward New have entered the Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge in Personal Finance for the upcoming FBLA national competition in 2020.

Aside from competition, financial literacy is important for everyone’s future. Rowland High school offers RHS students a personal finance course that covers the following topics: budgeting, banking, credit, investments, financing housing, tax concepts, insurance, and retirement planning. Please congratulate our competing students. Let’s Go Raiders!
Rowland FCCLA Members
Earn Gold & Silver Placements at the
FCCLA National Leadership Conference

The Rowland High School Chapter Delegation was a part of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America’s (FCCLA) largest National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 30 through July 4. More than 8,700 attendees gathered to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents, explore career pathways, and listen to inspiring speakers. This year’s conference theme encouraged participants to “Believe in Yourself” through competing in events, running for office, partaking in Leadership Academy, and continuing to make a positive impact within their families, communities, and careers. Rowland students competed and placed in three events earning Gold and Silver placements.

Silver - Parliamentary Procedure
Audrey Goonetilleke, An Ha, Nazneen Husain, & Emily Twiford

Gold - Environmental Ambassador
Marlayna Perez & Brandon Hernandez

Gold - Sports Nutrition
Diane Chen, Crystal Chiu, & Sophia Htay
Rowland HS Students Place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Los Angeles County Fair Photography Contest

Each year the Los Angeles County Fair has community competitions for preschool to high school students. Thirteen Rowland High School students entered photos in the photography contest in August. These talented students placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd as follows:

**Marissa Carlos:** 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography  
**Elisa Castillo:** 2nd - Still Life; 2nd - Special Processes; 2nd - People  
**Brandon Cruz:** 1st - People; 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography  
**Andrew Gonzalez:** 2nd - Animals or Pets  
**An Ha:** (one) 1st - People; (three) 2nd - People  
**Jonathan Hernandez:** (one) 1st and (two) 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography; 3rd - Still Life  
**Nicole Ruiz:** 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography; 2nd - People; 2nd - Scenic  
**Eric Sun:** (three) 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography; 2nd - People  
**Ricardo Torres:** 1st - Still Life; 2nd - People  
**Timothy Tovar:** 1st & 2nd - Photojournalism, commercial, or story-telling photography; 2nd - People; 2nd - Scenic  
**Princess Tumaliuan:** 2nd - Still Life; 2nd - People  
**Natalie Vargas:** 1st & Outstanding use of Themes - Photojournalism, commercial, or story telling photography; 2nd - Animals or Pets  
**Tirren Wong:** 2nd - People; 3rd - Still Life
The California State University (CSU)
- The California State University accepts applications from October 1 through November 30. Complete the application online at www2.calstate.edu/apply.
- Students planning to apply to the California State University for Fall 2020 must take either the SAT or ACT.

The University of California (UC)
- Students can submit a UC application online at admission.universityofcalifornia.edu between Nov. 1-30.

Private and out-of-State Colleges
- Application deadlines and testing requirements vary from school to school. Check each school’s website for information.

College Application Information
- Even though the deadline to apply to UCs and CSUs is November 30, they will accept a December SAT or ACT test.
- 11/30: Deadline to request teacher and counselor letters of recommendation. UCs and CSUs do not require letters of recommendation.

Senior College Planning Calendar

**October**
- Work on college essays
- 10/1-11/30: Filing period for Cal States
- 10/1: FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE available online

**November**
- 11/1-11/30: Filing period for UCs
- 11/30: Deadline to request letters of recommendation from teachers and Counselors
- Private School Early Action and Early Decision deadlines. (Dates vary)

Selective Service
Male students who are within 30 days of turning 18 must register for the selective service. It is the law! The easiest way to register is online at www.sss.gov.

College Application Assistance
* Seniors Only *
College application assistance will be held in the E-9 computer lab during lunch every Tuesday and Wednesday during the months of October and November. Seniors, take advantage of this opportunity to get one-on-one personalized assistance.

Scholarships for Students
There are companies that say they will provide you with a list of scholarships for a price. There is no need to pay for such a list. Rowland High keeps an updated list of scholarships available to our students (for free). Please go to our website at rowlandhs.org and look under counseling> scholarships.
### October
- **10/31**: Grade Reporting Ending

### November
- **11/1**: Pupil Free Day
- **11/7**: V. Football vs. Northview - 7:00 p.m. Home
- **11/14**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **11/11**: Veterans’ Day Holiday
- **11/1**: Pueblo Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m. Library Classroom #1
- **11/21**: City of Hope Blood Drive - Hideout
- **11/21**: PTSA Meeting - 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- **11/21**: ELAC Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hideout
- **11/25-29**: Thanksgiving Holiday

### December
- **12/5**: Parent Academy - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hideout
- **12/7**: SAT Test
- **12/12**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **12/14**: ACT Test
- **12/17-19**: Finals
- **12/19**: Grade Report Ending/Semester Ends
- **12/20**: Pupil Free Day
- **12/23-1/10**: Holiday - Winter Break

### January
- **1/13**: Second Semester Begins
- **1/16**: PTSA Meeting - 3:15 p.m.
- **1/16**: Pueblo Meeting - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hideout
- **1/20**: Martin Luther King Holiday
- **1/21**: Red Cross Blood Drive - Hideout
- **1/23**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **1/30**: Ready...Set...Rowland - 6:00 p.m.

### February
- **2/8**: ACT Test
- **2/13**: Coffee with the Principal Meeting - 9:00-10:00 a.m. Hideout
- **2/13**: ELAC Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hideout
- **2/13**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **2/17**: Presidents’ Day Holiday
- **2/20**: PTSA Founder's Day - 5:30 p.m.

### March
- **3/12**: ELAC Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hideout
- **3/12**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **3/14**: SAT Test
- **3/17**: City of Hope Blood Drive - Hideout
- **3/19**: Pueblo Meeting - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Library Classroom #1

### April
- **4/4**: ACT Test
- **4/10**: Grade Report Ending
- **4/14**: Coffee with the Principal Meeting - 9:00-10:00 a.m. Hideout
- **4/16**: PTSA Meeting - 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
- **4/16**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **4/18**: Prom - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
- **4/23**: Parent Academy - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hideout
- **4/20**: ELAC - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Library Classroom #1

### May
- **5/2**: SAT Test
- **5/4-22**: AP/IB Testing (Tentative)
- **5/14**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **5/20**: Red Cross Blood Drive - Gym
- **5/21**: PTSA - 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- **5/25**: Memorial Day Holiday
- **5/26**: Afternoon Senior Awards - 3:15 p.m. - PAC
- **5/27-29**: Senior Finals
- **5/28**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.

### June
- **6/1**: Senior Awards Night - 7:00 p.m. - PAC
- **6/2-4**: Final Exams - Altered Bell Schedule
- **6/4**: Last Day of School/Grade Reporting Ending
- **6/6**: SAT Test
- **6/9**: Summer School Begins
- **6/10**: Board of Education Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.
- **6/13**: ACT Test