



India Moors

In the fall, India will be attending Vanguard University of Southern California majoring in Theology. In India's essay, she wrote "Dr. King sought to create harmony, not rebellion and proved it was possible to create a loving culture without massive revolt or violent upheaval. In everything I do, I plan to follow Dr. King's example, approaching the situation with passion, compassion, and unwavering devotion to doing what's right."

When asked: Who is your role model and why?, India stated: "My Dad because he loves God and people really well. He's the most empathetic person I know, and along with my mom, who is my biggest cheerleader!"

When asked: "If you could have dinner with any four people (dead or alive), who would they be and why?" India stated "My mom, dad, brother, and sister because I already know that I like spending time with them, and the conversation would be fun and easy. They're my biggest supporters and I know they're in my corner no matter what."

India Moors is the recipient of a \$1,500 dollar scholarship.



Karely Garcia

In the fall, Karely will be attending Mira Costa College where she will be pursuing a degree in the medical field. In Karely's essay she wrote, "Dr. King had always struggled from the suppression that he had to face in society; he

knew it was wrong, so he advocated for equal opportunities. Dr. King’s optimism has encouraged me to become a better person and stand-up when I see injustice. It has also influenced me to be resilient and push through all the hardships in my life.”

When asked: “Who is your role model and why?”, Karely stated: “My role model is my mother; I look up to her because she is a single mother that was able to provide for my sister and I all these years. She has so many qualities that I hope one day I live up to, she is strong, dedicated and a very hard worker. She is also very loving and kind. I do all this for her to let her know that all of her sacrifices are going to be worth it.”

Karely Garcia is the recipient of a \$1,500 dollar scholarship.



Layani McGrady

In the fall, Layani will be attending MiraCosta College where she will be majoring in Psychology. Layani’s school counselor, Kathleen McCann had this to say about her: “Layani grew up in the foster care system and was adopted at the age of 4. She has a learning disability and receives academic support through an Academic Support Learning Center. She is a diligent student and has worked hard to progress through high school.”

In her essay Layani wrote: “Being a child of abuse and then suffering from traumatic brain injury as a result of my abuse, I understand the obstacles people face in society. Dr. King believed in equality for everyone. Society would not be where we are today if Dr. King had not peacefully marched and spoke for justice.”

When asked: “Who is your role model and why?”, Layani stated: “ My role model is my mom because she is an extraordinary woman who showed me the right way of life. She taught me how to hold my head up and be proud of who I am in my own skin. My mom also taught me to save my money and pay my bills on time.

Layani McGrady is the recipient of a \$1,500.00 scholarship.



Jose Arturo Venegas

In the fall, Jose will be attending be attending Syracuse University and double majoring in Civil Engineering and Energy and Its Impacts. In Jose's essay he wrote: "The idea of judging others based on their character has grown me into an empathetic individual. I want to grow knowledgeable on social issues and how these problems originated so that we can avoid their repeat in history. Whenever I see an issue, whether it has an easy or challenging resolution, I take action to fix that problem instead of being silent on the matter."

Jose's AVID teacher, Kristin Zendejas, wrote: "On a personal note, Arturo is a quiet and sincere young man. His main goal is to be the first in his family to go to college. Throughout his life, Arturo has had to deal with a volatile home life including his father's abuse and abandonment. Because his father is not in the picture, Jose has always tried to do the best he could to support his mom."

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?", Jose stated "Determination... because of the obstacles I've surpassed and the goals I've laid out and stuck to through the thick of time".

Jose Arturo Venegas is the recipient of a \$2,000.00 dollar scholarship.



Araceli Rodriguez-Beltran

In the fall, Araceli will be attending the University of California Santa Barbara. Her major is currently Undeclared Social Sciences, however, she is leaning towards majoring in either sociology or political science. In Araceli's essay she wrote: " Ever since I was in middle school, I knew I wanted to change the world the way Dr. King did, even if it was a small contribution. I knew I wanted to have an impact and represent those people who are always under represented. Many people are struggling or being targeted either because of their race or other issues and have no one to turn to. Like, Dr. King, I want to inspire unity rather than division."

When asked: "Who is your role model and why?", Araceli stated: "My mother is my role model as she has always taught me that one can overcome any obstacle life throws their way."

Araceli Rodriguez-Beltran is the recipient of a \$2,000 dollar scholarship.



Lana Boreski

In the fall, Lana will be attending California State University Fullerton as a Communications major. In Lana's essay she wrote: "I am queer and I am proud. I am proud to believe in a God who loves me. I was built in his image, and my identity is not a sin. I believe just as Dr. King did, that humans are to be loved, to be treated with respect, to be protected against dangerous ideals and prejudiced views".

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?", Lana stated: "The title would be "Mirrors and Holes In the Wall". I would use my autobiography as a space for self-reflection and my world perspective. This title illustrates that to me. It is also something I would find myself picking up if I were to see it on a shelf."

When asked to describe your perfect day, Lana stated: " A perfect day for me would be a day with my friends. A casual hang out with them playing video games and drinking coffee. I love being around others and a day where we just appreciate each other's presence would be perfect."

Lana Boreski is the recipient of a \$2,000 dollar scholarship.



Hanna Cadelina

In the fall, Hanna will be attending the University of California San Diego where she will be majoring in Cognitive Science Specialization in Design and Interaction. In Hanna's essay she wrote: "Dr. King's teachings of "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter..." helped me to stand against injustice and no longer stand complacent in the face of other's struggles. Dr. King's teachings have helped me to free myself of the confines of hatred."

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?", Hanna stated: "If I were to write an autobiography, I would name it "The Act of Forgiving & Healing". I made this title because coming into the United States, I was scared of my past and obstacles. I held resentment towards everything and everyone who has hurt me, but in the end, I was only hurting and preventing myself from moving on and healing my wounds. It was a long journey to be here where I am now to be able to fully grow and accept the past as it is. Overall, this journey helped me find stability, to fight through what life has in store for me rather than complaining about my problems, and most importantly, I was able to share a bond with my family."

In Hanna's free time she loves reading, painting, playing games on her computer or watching random videos or movies on either amazon prime or YouTube.

Hanna Cadelina is the recipient of a \$2,000 dollar scholarship.



Eric "Trey" Russell

In the fall, Eric "Trey" Russell will be attending Dickinson State University in North Dakota as a member of their football team. Trey plans to major in Special Education and Communications. In Trey's essay he wrote: "Dr. King's principles have taught me that it's not always about doing what is popular, it is about doing what's right. I remember in middle school one year, a special needs student who always watched us play basketball was sitting on the bleachers during recess. He never asked if he could join us, but I could sense the energy of him wanting to be included. So, on that day, I invited him to play on my team. This was against my classmates' judgement but making him feel included was more important to me than disappointing them. We later became friends along with the other classmates and he became a regular ball player with us. I became the change I wanted to see."

Trey's football coach said: "Eric is our "Unofficial Mayor" of Oceanside High School. His personality and energy are electric around anyone who comes in contact with him."

When asked: "Who is your role model and why?", Trey stated: "My dad. My dad has great leadership skills, and he is determined to make his family happy."

Eric "Trey" Russell is the recipient of a \$2,5000 dollar scholarship.



Kalie Garcia

In the fall, Kalie will be attending the University of California San Diego where she will be majoring in Mechanical

Engineering. In Kalie’s essay she wrote, “Coming from a Latinx background, I continuously heard my community be referenced as a statistic for a website or news outlet since we sadly have a stigma that Latinos are not as successful as the rest of those around us. When I heard Dr. King’s quote “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase”, my horizons opened because at that moment I knew I was going to college and not become just another statistic.”

When asked: “Who is your role model and why?”, Kalie stated: “My two role models have and will always be My Mom and Dad. My parents have been my role models since I could remember because they have always been by my side as my support system when I needed someone. They are the reason as to why I have been able to get this far in my education. They have never given up on me and always support my goals in life. I could continue listing more reasons as to why my parents are my role models but ultimately the main reason is because they have shown me what hard work is and where it could lead me one day in life.”

Kalie Garcia is the recipient of a \$3,000.00 dollar scholarship.



Anaya Iglesias

In the fall, Anaya will be attending the University of Miami pursuing a degree in Nursing. In her essay she wrote “The words of Dr. King are timeless, but now in 2021, his words are more pertinent than ever to those who are willing to listen. The world has faced an unprecedented pandemic that has brought us closer together. Unfortunately, America’s growing political polarization has seemed to overshadow our brief unification and has divided our nation further. Now I understand that perseverance is necessary for any change in the government or society to occur.”

When asked about her role model Anaya stated: “In my day-to-day life, I try to emulate the kindness of Martin Luther King Jr. Ever since I learned about him in school and from my mom, I think about how someone might be impacted by each action or choice I make.”

Anaya Iglesia is the recipient of a \$3,500.00 dollar scholarship.



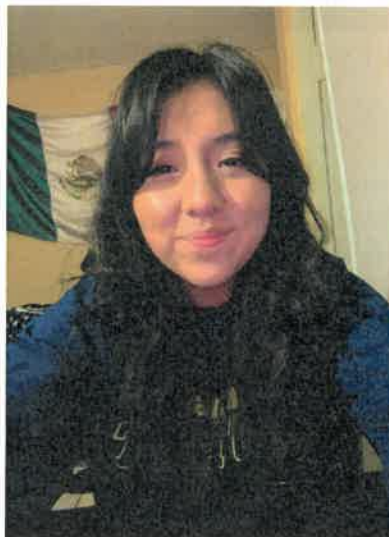
Brian Arturo Mendoza

In the fall, Brian will be attending Humboldt State University and will be majoring in Business Administration. In Brian's essay he wrote "Dr. King once said, "we must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools". Everyone has different backgrounds and different challenges and I hope to always be someone who makes others feel comfortable for their uniqueness."

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why"? Brian stated "The Great Mendoza" would be the title because I have been the outlier of my family who has always done things many haven't, for example, I am the first person in my entire family who is going straight to a four year university."

When asked: "Who is your role model and why?", Brian stated "My dad is my role model because he has been someone in my life who has motivated me to do my best and believes in dreaming big and working hard to achieve dreams and goals and that has motivated me to always do my best."

Brian Arturo Mendoza is the recipient of a \$3,500.00 dollar scholarship.



Cassandra Ponce Maldonado

In the fall, Cassandra will be attending the University of California San Diego where she will be majoring in Computer

Science. In Cassandra's essay she wrote, "Dr. Martin Luther King said "if you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward". I have faced many setbacks and disadvantages. However, the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. influenced me to have the faith to envision a brighter future for myself."

When asked: "What accomplishment are you most proud of?" Cassandra stated: "I am very proud to be the first person in my family to graduate from high school with honors. As a first-generation American there was a lot I had to figure out on my own and I am very proud of how far I have come as a student and I am very proud that I was able to successfully surpass all the academic disadvantages that I faced."

When asked: "Who is your role model and why?" Cassandra stated: "My mother is my role model because she motivates me to be stronger and she fuels my determination to succeed. My mother raised my brother and me entirely by herself and for as long as I can remember my mom has worked two jobs day and night to make sure that my brother and I have everything that we need. My mother is my role model because I aspire to be as hardworking as she is."

Cassandra Ponce Maldonado is the recipient of a \$3,500.00 dollar scholarship.



Michael Ramirez

In the fall, Michael will be attending will be attending the University of California San Diego with a major in Aerospace Engineering. In Michael's essay he wrote, "Dr. King's message of unity through understanding helped propel my love of helping others and working to break through their barriers"

When asked: "Who your role model is and why?", Michael stated: "My role model is my mom. She taught me how to persevere in the face of adversity and to always strive for improvement. Through my mom's teachings, I learned that it is okay for things to not turn out as I had expected and to always make do with what I have available."

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?" Michael stated: "If I were to title my autobiography, it would be called "In Hindsight", as I often think about my past experiences and how they shaped my present self. My successes are all a result of the struggles that I have experienced and achievements that I have accomplished throughout my life."

Michael Ramirez is the recipient of a \$3,500.00 dollar scholarship.



Fernanda Segovia

In the fall, Fernanda will be attending the University of California San Diego with a major in Political Science. In Fernanda's essay she wrote: "Change starts within those who want to see change happen. I believe one of my many purposes in life is to create change. Even now, I see the unequal treatments in Dr. King's time are still prevalent today and like Dr. King, I want to use myself as a spark that sets to change".

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?" Fernanda stated: "My autobiography would be called "For My Parents", as I am thankful for everything they have done for me and everything I am today is because of them."

When asked: "If you could have dinner with any four people (dead or alive), who would they be and why?", Fernanda stated: "I would like to have dinner with Selena Quintanilla, President Obama, Michelle Obama, and Martin Luther King. I would like to meet Selena because her story is amazing from where she grew up to where she ended. Next I would like to meet the Obamas because who wouldn't? Lastly Martin Luther King because I have questions I would like to ask him and I would also like to hear more about him."

Fernanda Segovia is the recipient of a \$3,500.00 dollar scholarship.



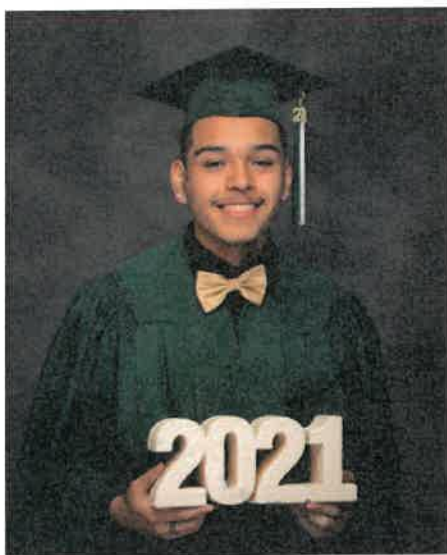
Jade Lou Flores

In the fall, Jade will be attending Mira Costa College with an intent to transfer to California State University San Marcos to major in Nursing. In Jade's essay she wrote, "I have faced many obstacles in my life that I never thought I could overcome but I always remembered that Dr. King never let anything stop him". He was faced with obstacles every day of his life from being abused to receiving threats, just for organizing safe and peaceful protests. He persevered and soon enough people began to listen to him and what he had to say and now he has left for us a tremendous legacy."

When asked: "Who your role model is and why?", Jade stated: "My mom is my role model because she has raised me and my two brothers on her own for 17 years and has been able to provide everything we've ever needed due to her kind soul and determination."

Jade also stated, "If I were to write an autobiography it would be called "Jumping Through Hurdles" because my life has not been completely easy, and I've had to face many obstacles along the way."

Jade Lou Flores is the recipient of an \$8,000.00 dollar scholarship, payable in \$2,000 payments a year for 4 years.



Armando Hernandez

In the fall, Armando will be attending the University of California San Diego with a major in Speculative Design. In Armando's essay he wrote, "Dr. King was a man who led by example. Although, I cannot change history and alter the path taken by those before me, I know I can spark the minds of those who will follow. I may not have as big of a platform for change as Dr. King had but I can be sure that I am doing my part to change the lives around me."

When asked: "If you were to write an autobiography what would the title be and why?", Armando stated: "I would keep it short and sweet, titling my autobiography "Patience". There are many virtues which have guided me through times of adversity but I truly believe that patience is one of the most important among them. Whether it be with yourself, with others, or with your goals, patience is a trait that simply cannot be overstated."

Stephanie Harrell, AVID Coordinator at Oceanside High School had this to say about Armando: " Armando is a diligent young man who works hard to support his community and reach his goals of being the first in his family to attend college. I know that Armando will continue to be successful in all of his endeavors and do great things to make a positive impact on our world."

Armando Hernandez is a recipient of a \$10,000.00 dollar scholarship, payable in \$2,500 payments a year for 4 years.