



SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
63rd TOP SENIORS
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

MAY 19, 2022



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63rd ANNUAL

CLASS OF 2022 TOP SENIORS

A Celebration hosted by Segerstrom High School

May 19, 2022

WELCOME

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Santa Ana Unified NJROTC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lillie Nguyen

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Segerstrom High School Choir

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Members, Board of Education

CHORAL PERFORMANCE

Segerstrom High School Choir under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Sapp

STUDENT REMARKS

Avery Ngo

Band Performance

Segerstrom High School Band under the direction of Mr. Raul Garcia

TOP 100 RECOGNITION

David Casper, Segerstrom High School

Katherine Berger, Valley High School

Nata Shin, Century High School

Trucker Clark, Ed.D., César E. Chávez High School

Kim Garcia, Ed.D, Círculos High School at ALA

Jesse Church, Godinez Fundamental High School

Michael A. Parra, Lorin Griset Academy

Damon Voight, Middle College High School

Edward Bustamante, Saddleback High School

Elizabeth Enloe, Santa Ana High School

CLOSING

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent





CLASS OF 2022 TOP SENIORS SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection process identifies and ranks students according to their weighted Academic Grade Point Average in grades 9 through 12 earned in semester and year-long courses.

In the event that there is a tie, the next criteria is Total Credits Earned and then AP Credits Earned. If there is still a tie, the Academic Grade Point Average from grades 10-12 will be the deciding factor.





SEGERSTROM HIGH SCHOOL



Avery Ngo
English, UCLA

Thank you, Mrs. Mejia, and all of my teachers who gave up their time and energy to support me both academically and personally. Thank you, Bella, my soul sister, and Nana and Papa, the kindest grandparents out there. Finally, to Mom, my staunchest defender and closest confidante, Dad, my McGyver who fixes toys and friend drama, and my sisters, my rocks and favorite "henchwomen" - thank you, and I love you very much.



Benjamin Le
Physiological Sciences, UC Irvine

Being Top Senior means I was able to meet my goals and expectations. I would like to thank my family for motivating and pushing me to be the best I can be. I'm grateful and honored to be given such a recognition.



Anthony Campos
Computer Science, Undecided

It feels nice being in the Top Senior. The four-year-long studious grind has been worth it. I would like to thank my family, friends, and staff at Segerstrom who have guided me these past few years and whose support I am immensely grateful for.



Brandon Nguyen
Physiological Sciences, UCLA

Being Top Senior shows that all the dedication I put forth paid off. I'm very grateful for my friends and family for continuously pushing me to be my very best. I am honored to receive such a respectable recognition.



Isabella Do
Biology, UCLA

I would not be where I am today without my mom, dad, sisters, brother, dog, teachers, and best friend, Avery. With their unconditional support, I have grown so much not only as a student but as an individual over the past four years. It is indeed a privilege to represent Segerstrom High School as a Top Senior student. Thank you.



Tamni Vu
Computer Science, UC Berkeley

I am surprised, but honored to be a Top Senior Scholar because I spent the beginning of my high school years comparing myself to the people who I definitely thought would be top Senior, but here I stand with them. I was not a perfect straight A student, but I wanted to improve myself as a person and student, so I took it upon myself to take college courses. I now have, including this semester, 49 college units and a 4.0 college GPA. I owe all my successes to my support system.



Brandon Dao
Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine

Top Senior proves my efforts mattered and that they were all culminating for this moment. While working through trials and tribulations for years, I felt challenged and sometimes stressed, but receiving this honor was worth it as now I feel satisfied and glad that I managed to get over obstacles. I would like to express my gratitude to my parents, teachers, and friends that have helped me whenever I doubted myself and motivated me to be the best person I could be.



John Dinh
Biology, UC San Diego

Being an SAUSD Top Senior Scholar is a great honor. I owe everything to my dad and mom who always helped me pursue my education despite the sacrifices they had to make. I would also like to thank my friends, particularly my teammates, who motivated me to get my work done whenever I felt lazy.



Michelle Phan
Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine

I am very pleased to be one of SAUSD's Top Senior Scholars. This honor is proof of my hard work and dedication during my four years in high school. I will diligently work towards my academic endeavors throughout college in my pursuit of becoming an engineer.





SEGERSTROM HIGH SCHOOL



Benjamin Le
Computer Science, UC Irvine

It's gratifying to be part of the Top Senior scholars of Santa Ana. I'm very happy to receive this recognition, as it attests to my effort in school. Thank you to everyone around me who have helped me accomplish this.



Lillie Nguyen
Nursing, Northeastern Univ

I am grateful for all the opportunities that I have been given throughout my life as it helped create the person I am today. I would like to thank my older sister for supporting me through all of my endeavors. I would also like to thank all my friends and family for pushing me out of my comfort zone to achieve bigger and better things.



Han Hoang
Mechanical Engineering, UCSB

I am honored to have received this award that recognizes my hard work and dedication in school. I would not have been able to achieve this if it weren't for my parents and friends supporting my educational endeavors. I would also like to give an honorable mention to caffeine.



Mariana Garcia
Psychology, UC San Diego

I am honored to be recognized as a Top Senior student. I'd like to thank my friends and family for the support they have given me. I am grateful for all the memorable experiences I had, quizlet, and mathaway.



Vinh Nguyen
Computer Science, UC Irvine

As a Top Senior Scholar, it took unwavering dedication and commitment to get to where I am. I'm personally thankful for my parents and friends for helping in making my life enjoyable and worth living. Graduating as a part of the top Senior scholars was, at first, a shock to me, but still a notable thing since my future self will thank the current me for all the hard work during high school.



Mikayla Moreno
Business Economics, UCLA

It's a great feeling to have reached this achievement; I am deeply honored to be recognized for it. Though it has been a tough road, it has been a worthwhile one with the support and help from my family, friends, and the teachers at Segerstrom High School. Thank you.





VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



William Aguilar
Economics, CSU Fullerton

Being recognized as a Top Senior student is a great personal achievement. All the hard work and dedication pays off with this honor. I'd like to thank my friends and family who helped me get to where I am today. To graduate with this recognition makes me more motivated to pursue all of my future goals in life.



Mariela Arambulo
Liberal Studies, UC Santa Cruz

It is a great honor to be a part of this recognition. I am reminded that my hard work and sacrifices have brought me closer to success. I am grateful for the teachers who inspired me and my family for being supportive and my motivators.



America Cacho
Finance, Orange Coast College

Graduating with this honor makes me feel very proud of myself. I would like to thank my family, and my best friend, Jenny Reyes, and my coaches for encouraging me to push forward towards my academic goals.



Jimena Guerrero
Chemical Engineering, University of Notre Dame

I would like to thank the wonderful mentors at the NAC and Anteatr Academy for aiding me throughout high school and the college application process. As a Top Senior recipient, I will continue the determination and persistence in my collegiate life.



Giselle Lopez
Political Science, UCLA

Looking back through my four years in high school, both good and bad, I can proudly say that my family, closest friends, and myself were my greatest supporters. Having this reward and honor of being Top Senior pushes me to continue my pursuit of success.



Rodolfo Morelos
Aerospace Engineering, Stanford

At last, my hard work finally paid off. I appreciate and thank everyone who has supported me since I arrived in this country. Undoubtedly without my friends, family, and Valley's staff, I would not be among the district's top students. Thank you.



Diana Neri
English, UC Irvine

It is an honor to be selected as one of SAUSD's Top Senior students. This recognition demonstrates that my dedication and hard work throughout my four years of high school was worth it. I will continue to succeed and make my family proud.



Don Nguyen
Computer Science, UC Irvine

Being in the Top Senior means that I am able to say I did my best. I am glad that all my hard work paid off. I am grateful for everyone in my life because everyone I've met has had an effect on me and molded me into who I am today.



Cecilia Nieto
Nursing, CSU Long Beach

Recognized as a Top Senior Scholar highlights yet another success of the Santa Ana Unified School District. I attribute this honor to everyone who helped me take off the blindfold that could have prevented me from seeing the bright future that awaits me.





VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Abelardo Perez

Computer Science, UC Irvine

Graduating with this recognition is somewhat surreal. I always put a lot of effort into my schoolwork, but never really thought anything of it. Being a Top Senior student was a complete surprise and it feels great to have my hard work acknowledged.



Johana Pinedo

Psychology, Santa Ana College

I am grateful to be selected for the Top Senior. This recognition proves that all my hard work and dedication paid off. I want to thank my friend Steph for supporting me these past four years.



Jennifer Reyes

Business, CSU Fullerton

As a Top Senior student, I am honored and humbled to accept this award. Receiving this recognition shows that hard work and dedication really pays off. I owe this recognition to my teachers, staff at the NAC, Homework Club, family, and best friend.



Connie Tran

Psychology, Wellesley

I am glad that all my efforts throughout my four years in high school have finally paid off. Of course, I couldn't get here alone so I sincerely thank my friends, family, teachers, and counselors that have and will continue to help me.



Yamil Vazquez

Computer Science, UC Irvine

This year has been the year I finally take pride in myself, and being in the Top Senior is another accomplishment to help push me towards that goal. I am so honored to have reached this point, and I aim to continue on this path of achievement and self-pride.



Regina Osorio

Business Economics, UCLA

I am grateful for my two beautiful parents who always made sure we succeeded. They always made sure we knew what the American Dream is and why we must reach for it. Thank you Mom and Dad, this is for you.





CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL



Jorge Garcia
Business Administration, Notre Dame

I set my heart ablaze with academics representing my charm bracelet with the word NERD on it. [N]ice, [E]asy-going, [R]emarkable, and [D]edicated. I want to thank my family, friends, Nicholas Academic Center, and school staff members for their unconditional support.



Edgar Reyes
Mechanical Engineering, UCLA

I thank my parents for this accomplishment since they have always been supportive. My dream is to become CEO. I also dream of establishing my own ranch in Mexico.



Genesis Argueta
Computer Science, Notre Dame

I am proud to be able to represent my family and myself as being top Senior in SAUSD. As I continue to further pursue my education, I am beyond grateful for my parents, my coach, and the Nicholas Academic Center for guiding me to the right path. I look forward in being able to represent my culture and identity in college and technology.



Annie Gatica
Public Health, UC Irvine

I am thankful for all the support I have had during 4 years in High School. I am grateful for all my teachers, counselors, friends and Coach West. Lastly, I would like to give a special thank you to my parents who have always supported me.



Rene Olivares
Computer Science, CSU Fullerton

I am grateful to be a part of this. I want to thank my parents for their support. I hope to continue being a role model for my fellow peers.



Ami Carrera
Art Education, Chapman University

I have not gotten here just on my strength nor my intelligence, but on the backs of my ancestors, my parents, my friends, and my community that have supported me to succeed. I believe in a God that has taken care of me and taught me to be the best student, daughter, citizen and person I could be.



Jennifer Merida
Business Administration, Chapman University

I am proud to have made it to the Top Senior Scholars in SAUSD. I would like to thank my parents for their unconditional support throughout the years. I'm excited to see what life after graduation has in store for me.



Katherine Martinez
Biological Sciences, Chapman University

I am honored to be among the top Senior students in our school district. I look forward to continuing my education and at some point give back to this community that helped me thrive. It has been an eventful 4 years, which is why I am very thankful to my friends, counselors, and teachers at Century, especially Coach West.



Kelly Ung
Computer Science, Chapman University

I am proud to be included in the top Senior scholars of the district. I hope to continue to grow in college like these past few years during high school. I would like to thank my teachers and everyone that has helped me along the way.





CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL



Kimberly Rodriguez
Biological Sciences, UC Irvine

Kimberly is excited to attend UC Irvine this upcoming fall. She will be majoring in Biological Sciences and Education. Kimberly would like to thank everyone who has supported her throughout her high school journey.



Angeles Orozco
Public Health, CSU Fullerton

Being a top Senior scholar in the district means a lot to me for all the hard work I have put in for the past 4 year within my academics and community. I am also excited to be the first generation in my family to go to college and continue my journey majoring in Public Health. I am grateful for my family, Ms. Vazquez, Coach West, the Nicholas Academic Center, and everyone else who believed in me and helped me reach where I am today into the first steps of my dreams becoming a reality.



Brandy Ortega
Pharmaceutical Science, UC Irvine

I am happy to have made it this far with the support of my family, friends, and teachers. I look forward to furthering my education after high school. Moreover, my preparation at Century has allowed me to succeed to which I thank them for their support.



Andy Arreola
Computer Science, UC Irvine

I am excited to attend college to study computer science and begin this new chapter in my life. I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting and pushing me to do my best in school and anything I do. I hope to continue thriving and to accomplish more things as I move on to university.



David Amaya
International Business, UC Merced

I have been part of the Early College Program, E-Business, and the Nicholas Academic Center at Century. I am hoping to achieve my dream of becoming a real estate agent one day and helping the community. I would like to thank my family for helping me achieve a higher education.



Azzee Lim
Public Health, UCLA

It is an honor to be recognized as a Top Senior student. Century High School has played an important role in my educational journey. High school came with many challenges and obstacles so this award will always be a moment to remember. I am excited to continue my education and to come back to my community to forge an even better future. A huge thank you to the Early College Program, Century Counselors, coaches, mentors, and my parents for having a consistent and positive influence on my high school career.





CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ HIGH SCHOOL



Cesar Orejel
Business, Santa Ana College
I feel excited to be a part of Santa Ana's Top Senior . I am proud of myself for making it this far and doing so well. I would like to thank my family for helping me, checking in with me, and encouraging me. I am looking forward to doing well in college and someday having my own business.



Kathy Garcia
Communications, Santa Ana College
Receiving this award is a huge honor. I am extremely thankful. All I wanted for my senior year was to make my mom and my family proud. Graduating and being part of the top Senior is only one stepping stone of the many to come on my path to college and my career.



CÍRCULOS HIGH SCHOOL AT ADVANCED LEARNING ACADEMY



Ana Luviano
Psychology, UCLA
I am proud and beyond honored to be part of the top Senior scholars with other amazing students. Migrating to the United States was a big struggle for my family but they wanted me to get the education I need. Santa Ana has helped me strive to not only become a better student but a better person. I want to continue studying Psychology and become a school psychologist for my community.



Juan Brito Torres
Computer Science, UC Irvine
I'm honored to be appointed one of the district's Top Senior Scholars, and I'd like to express my gratitude to my friends, teachers, mentors, and, most importantly, my parents for their unwavering support. I've been bestowed with fortune and success. My father and mother's sheer will, sacrifices, and dedication, in particular, have fueled my desire to succeed. Their desire for me to pursue higher education has driven me to attend college despite the obstacles. Graduating from high school is only a stepping stone for all of us; the future awaits us all. We're off to exciting places, where success awaits. Best wishes for our upcoming endeavors.





GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL



Jennifer Cruz

Cell and Molecular Biology, Johns Hopkins

Being a part of SAUSD's top Senior is truly an honor and a privilege. This recognition acknowledges my resilience, dedication, and hard work these past four years. I would like to extend my gratitude to my parents, teachers, and counselor for their continued guidance and support in my academic endeavors.



Vanessa Meza

Bio Medical Engineering, Stanford

As one of the Top Senior, I am incredibly honored to be distinguished alongside such intellectuals. This recognition is a mere reminder of the work I have pursued the past four years and the obstacles I have overcome to achieve my goals. I would like to extend my gratitude to my family, friends, teachers, and counselor for being a huge support.



Han Pham

Public Health, UC Berkeley

I am honored and thrilled to be selected as one of the Top Seniors. The past four years have been filled with both obstacles and joyous times that have shaped who I am today. I would like to express my thanks to my teachers for encouraging me to do my best, my counselor for supporting me in my academic endeavors, and my closest friends for making high school truly a "High School Musical" experience.



Kathy Hang

Computer Science, USC

Graduating as the Top Senior scholars in the district is an honor because it reflects the countless hours and nights spent up late the past 4 years. I'd like to thank my family, friends, and the staff and faculty here at Godinez for providing never-ending support and being my backbone.



Joaquin Valle

Computer Science, UC San Diego

I'd like to thank my friends and family who have always pushed me to become a better person. Being one of the Top Senior scholars in the district goes to show that their support throughout these years has paid off. It is an honor that my effort has not gone unnoticed. Once again, thank you.



Eileen Fuerte

Nursing, UCLA

I am so honored and proud of myself for making it to the top Senior students in SAUSD. I want to thank my family and the wonderful staff for supporting me and providing me with resources and guidance throughout my four years of high school. Being part of the top Senior reassures me that all of those late nights spent studying and doing homework were worth it. I'm proud of myself for making it this far and I am glad that my hard work has paid off.



Emily Camarena

Political Science, UCLA

It is an honor to be recognized as one of SAUSD's Top Seniors alongside other hard working students. I would like to thank my family, friends, and staff at Godinez who have supported me during these four years. I am excited to see what the future holds.



Emily Lai

Science, Tech, & Society, Scripps

To everyone who was kind enough to give me their time and support, thank you for helping me get this far. It is with great satisfaction that I say I am honored to be on this list, knowing that this is the culmination of years of hard work and constant learning. I look forward to taking my next steps and I cannot wait to see the wonders that the new generation will bring.



Marlen Mata

Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology, UCLA

I am immensely proud of having been one of the top Senior students in SAUSD. This could not have been possible without the support of my family and the staff at school which for that I am most thankful. I aim to continue putting on the same effort if not more for the foreseeable future.





GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL



Jaylyn Martinez
Neuroscience, UCLA

It's an incredible honor to be recognized as a part of SAUSD's top Senior along with my peers, and I am immensely grateful for the acknowledgement of my achievements. I would love to express my gratitude to all of the teachers who have guided me throughout the years and to the friends that have supported me endlessly and without fault. Most importantly, I would love to give a huge thanks to my parents, who have pushed me to be the person I am today.



Carolina Meija
Biological Sciences, UC Irvine

To be selected as one of SAUSD's Top Senior is a great honor and recompense for all the hard work my peers and I did these past four years. First and foremost, I would like to thank my family for implementing the seed of hard work in me and motivating me to pursue academic excellence. I would also like to thank the administration at Godinez for providing me with the necessary guidance and support in all my endeavors.



Yamileth Silva
English, UC Santa Barbara

I am excited and grateful to be recognized as part of the Top Senior students in SAUSD. Though a large factor in this achievement is my dedication, I have to thank my parents for providing their unconditional support over the last four years. I also appreciate my friends and teachers for encouraging me along the way. I am excited to see what the future holds for me as I pursue higher education.



Melissa Marquez
Biological Sciences, UC Irvine

I am incredibly honored to be part of the Top Seniors. This achievement was made possible by my ability to work hard and persevere throughout these past four years. I am extremely grateful towards my teachers, family, and friends for always encouraging and motivating me to push forward and do my best.



Aviara Mata-Mercado
Psychology, UC Irvine

It's an incredible honor to be recognized as a part of SAUSD's top Senior along with my peers, and I am immensely grateful for the acknowledgement of my achievements. I would love to express my gratitude to all of the teachers who have guided me throughout the years and to the friends that have supported me endlessly and without fault. Most importantly, I would love to give a huge thanks to my parents, who have pushed me to be the person I am today.



Maritza Jacobo Guerrero
Biology, UCLA

It is an honor to be recognized as one of the top Senior SAUSD scholars. I would like to thank my family, counselor, teachers, and friends for helping me achieve this recognition in honor of all my hard work and dedication over the past 4 years. I wouldn't be where I am today without their unconditional support. Moving forward, I can't wait for what the future has in store for me!





LORIN GRISET ACADEMY



Pablo Pliego
Workforce/Entrepreneur
 Being a Top Senior scholar is an honor. After high school I have in mind to work in the security sector. I have always also been interested in investment in the market as well as developing my own side business as an entrepreneur.



Rocio Dimas
Nursing, Sana Ana College
 I am so proud to be named a Top Senior scholar for Lorin Griset Academy. I will be pursuing studies in the medical field. I want to be a Registered Nurse Assistant and possibly Registered Nurse.



MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Carolyn Tran
Pre Med, UC Irvine
 I'm very honored to be named one of the Top Seniors. I would like to extend my thanks to the people who have supported me throughout my educational career. I'm hoping to attend medical school in the near future with the goal of becoming a pathologist.



Lucia Martinez
Political Science, UC Berkeley
 Education has been a tool that has allowed me to blossom as a driven, tenacious student. My lived experience is a testament to my capabilities, determination, and encourages me to continue being a successful individual who can eventually provide financial stability for my family. I am proud to be graduating Middle College HS with an AA degree and plan to serve underprivileged communities as a political science major with the career intention of an immigrant lawyer.



Joel Escobar
Cybersecurity, CSU Fullerton
 I am a Bolivian, first-generation immigrant that has faced multiple hardships in the pursuit of a higher education. With an interest in Computer Science and Cybersecurity, I have pushed myself academically outside and inside of school to make sure I am prepared for university. Throughout high school, I have received numerous awards for high grades and am ranked 3rd in my high school. I am interested in attending California State University Fullerton with a major in computer science and an emphasis in cybersecurity.



Yarethsi Leal
English, UC Berkeley
 I am Yarethsi Leal, a first-generation student who is determined to accomplish any goal to make both my family and I proud. I am proud to be graduating from Middle College High School with two Associate degrees and being recognized as one of the Top Senior students of SAUSD. After graduation, I plan to obtain a degree in English at a four-year university, where I can further expand my interest and knowledge in writing.





SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL



Monserrat Vergara
Nursing, UC Irvine

Throughout my years in high school, I have learned many things such as time management and being able to prioritize things. Being one of the top Senior has allowed me to acknowledge my hard work and sacrifices since they got me to where I am today. My family also contributed greatly to that as they always push me to try my best and support me.



Bianca Espinoza
Psychology/Ed Services, UC Irvine

Being a part of the district's top Senior shows all of the hard work and dedication that I have put into school and finally seeing that it is all paying off. I'd like to thank all of my teachers that have believed in me and supported me since the very beginning. Most importantly, I'm grateful for the endless support I have gotten from my family and parents and their constant motivation.



Estefany Martinez Regueira
Mechanical Engineering, UC San Diego

Being a top Senior scholar represents that this is the land of dreams and if you put enough effort everything is within reach. I want to thank my family for showing me what a good work ethic looks like and encouraging me. Despite being immigrants they have given me and my siblings the stars and I want to continue being worthy of their beauty.



Ashley Avalos
History, Notre Dame

As a first-generation low income scholar, I appreciate the opportunity to have received an education and will push my academic potential in the next four years at a higher-level institution. I thank my family, teachers, mentors and higher education staff for the support provided towards my future endeavors. I look forward to acquiring a professional career in my field of interest and giving back to my community.



Jalynn Gonzalez
Latin American Studies, UC San Diego

Being a part of the Top Senior is a testament to all the sacrifices my parents made in order for me to have access to a better education and overall life. I hope to continue excelling and use this recognition as motivation to further excel in my higher education.



Jacob Ysmael Gomez
Computer Engineering, CSU Fullerton

Being in the Senior top students is such an honor that represents my hard work throughout my high school years. Besides that, it represents the love and support that my friends, educators, and family, especially my grandparents, provided me in the past 4 years. The end of high school is the stepping stone to achieving my dreams and goals in the future.



Araceli Martinez
Social Justice, UCLA

Through my years of hard work and academic success, I've learned just how much one can accomplish with the right mindset and determination. I'm honored to have the privilege of being one of the top Senior students in the district. It has been a difficult spot to earn but I am beyond proud of this accomplishment. Although I am not certain what the future may hold, I look forward to persevering and thriving through the next chapter in my life: college.



Karen Nguyen
Human Biology/PA, UC San Diego

The rewards of our perseverance are not always within our sight. Being a top Senior scholar serves as a reminder that hard work pays off. I am proud to have received this honor at the end of my high school career and am thankful to everyone that has helped me through the past 4 years.



Daisy Navarro-Romero
Registered Nurse, CSU Long Beach

Being a top Senior scholar represents all the hard work that my parents made to get to this country. Doing well in school is a way for me to show gratitude to my parents for everything they have done for me and my siblings. Thanks to my parents, my siblings, and the rest of my family, I know I will be able to achieve my career dreams.





SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL



Harrison Tran
Biology/Physician, UC Riverside

Being a Top Senior Scholar is an amazing honor and accomplishment for me. I am thankful for my friends and family for supporting me throughout this journey. This honor acknowledges all of my dedication and perseverance that I have put forward, and I am grateful that it has paid off.



Victorly Singharaj
Physics, CSU Long Beach

Before I started my high school experience at Saddleback High School, I had moved almost two-thousand miles away from Minnesota to California during that summer in 2018. To be announced as a top Senior scholar reflects the promise I had made to myself prior, where I would strive to not only achieve excellence in my classes, but go outside my comfort zone by exploring new ways to push myself as a means for personal growth. I would like to thank my friends, teachers, and family who have all been pillars of strength during my journey, where I could not have achieved this honor without their gracious support.



Alondra Cortes-Cruz
Political Science, Notre Dame

Being a top Senior scholar represents all the handwork that my parents and I have put in since I was little. I would like to thank my family and friends for supporting me through this journey.



Ruby Romero
Psychology, CSU Fullerton

It's an honor being a part of the top Senior students knowing the effort that all those included in this category was immeasurable. Being raised by my dad and older sister have made this label even more special, considering the sheer effort and dedication each took into raising me. The achievements I receive are equally to be given to them both, as they are behind my success and determination.



Valeria Velasco
Nursing, CSU Fullerton

Being a top Senior student represents the path of how far I've come along the way, along with the unconditional support from my family, friends, and staff at Saddleback High School. It shows my high school career coming to an end but my dreams and accomplishments just starting to get bigger.



Perla Mendoza
Psychology/Human Development, UC San Diego

Being a top Senior scholar represents all of the hard work and struggles that I have had to overcome throughout my years in high school. I owe it to my family and myself, and I am ready for whatever comes next in my journey.





SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL



Ariana Figueroa
Social Welfare, Harvard University

Being a Top Senior represents all the effort that my family and I have done to help me reach this point of my academic career. It is a testament to my commitment to my future and what I have been working for since my freshman year. I am beyond excited to receive this award, and I'm excited to continue my academic journey. I hope to one day come back to Santa Ana and help my community.



Halle Broadnax
Computer Science, Chapman University

Being a Top Senior Scholar proves to me that hard work does pay off. Having to juggle Varsity Basketball and AP classes all four years of high school was challenging, but it taught me how to be resilient and persistent. This recognition represents the hard work that I've done, and also the goals I have yet to accomplish.



Adriana Sosa,
Psychology, UCLA

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