



The Appian Wayfarer

Congratulations to the Shirley Kille Scholarship 2019 Award Recipients



From left to right: Robson Swift, Khiari Neal, Jomari Robinson, (KK), Carina Cabriaes, Kelsey Heatherington

Robson Swift graduated this year from De Anza High School, where his favorite subjects have been English Literature, US History, World History, and Government, among others. He was very involved with several extra-curricular activities and also volunteered in the community. He plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall and major in Political Science. He aspires to be a civil rights lawyer and eventually to serve in political office in an executive capacity (mayor, governor, etc.).

Khiari Neal graduated this year from De Anza High School where her favorite subjects were African-American Literature, English Literature, and Government and Politics. She has been involved with Student Council, the Black Students Union, and was the head tutor of the Writing Center. She plans to attend UCLA with a double major in Political Science and African-American

Studies. She hopes to become a criminal defense attorney.

Jomari Robinson graduated this year from Middle College High School. His favorite subjects have been Art, Law, and Government. He was the President of his Senior Class, a volunteer tutor in Pinole and an active member of his local church. He plans to attend UCLA in the fall and major in Political Science. He hopes to pursue a career in the law, maybe even Judge or Supreme Court Justice!

Carina Cabriaes graduated this year from Richmond High School. Her favorite subjects in high school have been Calculus, Biology, and Engineering. She has also been involved in a whole host of extra-curricular activities. She plans to attend San Francisco State University in the fall and major in Mechanical Engineering. She hopes with her degree in mechanical engineering will help her to solve social injustices in low-income communities.

Kelsey Heatherington graduated this year from Middle College High School where her favorite subjects included Astronomy, Biology, Geometry, Algebra, Calculus, History and Economics. She was Editor in Chief of the Yearbook and President of the Biology Club, among other extra-curricular activities. She has been a peer educator, tutoring in a number of subjects for the past three years. She plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall and major in Computer Science and Business Administration. She hopes to become a software engineer and do non-profit work.

Kelsey has a particularly touching story:
 " I am recent honors graduate from Middle College High School, where I graduated with my high school diploma and AA degree from Contra Costa College.

Achieving a higher education has always been a dream of mine as a first-generation college student from a low-income background. In the eighth grade, I fled my abusive household in the hope to escape violence and dedicate myself to education.

Upon leaving home, my friend's mother opened her home to me. With a safe place to stay, I was able to entirely focus on school, but I also had to adapt and become completely self-sufficient. I got a job as a tutor on campus and made enough to buy groceries and other necessities. I channeled all my energy into my studies and took advantage of any opportunities that came my way.

At first, learning how to juggle between maintaining perfect grades at an academically rigorous high school, being active on campus, participating on the varsity swim team, supporting myself, and dealing with traumatic memories was extremely difficult. There were times when I wanted to give up, but the drive to make a better future for myself taught me to be persistent. Whether it was because I am a first-generation college student, or to break the cycle of poverty in my family, these motives pushed me to succeed. Of course, my new family was always there to reassure and encourage me. Although painful, I cannot help but be grateful for all that I have endured, for it has shaped me into the determined and empowered individual I am today.

Furthermore, I will be continuing my education at the University of California; Berkeley where I will be pursuing a degree in Computer Science, Business Administration, and Art. I aim to bring

change to society through my work as a computer scientist, to empower more women to enter the male-dominated field of science and tech, and to help youth in my community with college accessibility.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the Shirley Kille Scholarship committee and all donors who contributed to the awards. It is such a blessing to have been nominated a recipient of the award and I am forever grateful for the generosity of the scholarship. With the aid from the Shirley Kille Scholarship, I will make the most out of my education at UC Berkeley and graduate with the ambition to give back to my community. I would also like to thank Soledad Espinoza for granting me a secure place to stay for the last five years and welcoming me into her family. For it is because of the Espinoza family's love and support that I have been able to achieve so much."



July 1 - Janelle Abrams
 July 8 - Joan Staley
 July 9 - Andrew Hancock, Sarah Dwiggin, Rebekah Wimmer
 July 13 - Gwen Dierst-Davies, Alicia Neyhouse, Ann Marie Marinakis
 July 14 - Michael Marinakis
 July 15 - Kim Valentine
 July 23 - Marilyn Cooley Santos, Monika Smith
 July 28 - Rick Taft
 July 29 - Robin Rahmgren
 July 30 - Michael Resso, Lucille Wilson
 July 31 - Erika Rahmgren

ESUMC Financials

May 2019

Income	\$103,854.55
Expenses	\$103,335.12
Surplus	\$519.43

Women Retreat Garage Sale

August 3rd

Call Marilyn Lomelino to arrange for delivery of your stuff: 510-417-5332.

Farewell to the Boys and Girls Club

Due to lower-than-anticipated enrollment in both the Summer Camp program and the After School Program that ran throughout the school year, the Boys and Girls Club will not be returning to ESUMC. I can say based on my interactions with both the children and the staff that the Boys and Girls Club provides an important piece of character development: identifying and affirming strengths as well as weaknesses, setting goals to improve and encouraging cooperation along with other social skills. Undergirding the whole project is the conviction that each and every child is worthy of our attention, our care, and our respect – in church talk, that they are beloved of God and of sacred worth.

Staff shared with me that several of the children that started out at a C-level in reading were reading at a high B/low A level at the end of the school year.

At some point in the future, they may come back; and they know that the door is always open.

Mark Zier

Faith In Action

Christ counsels Christians to “love as I have loved you.” The Apostle Paul defines the characteristics expected of a Christian “love” and “life” as “fruits” (Galatians 5:13-25) by which a Christian may “let his/her light shine”. The need to let our light shine has become even greater in these days of our lives when many of our neighbors are called names like “undocumented” and/or “illegal”.

Fortunately, many churches and faith groups are rising, or have risen, up to heed Jesus’ call to love “the least of these” our neighbors. On June 29th, 2019, a multi-faith conference of leaders met from 10am till 7 pm in Keislar Hall. They came from all over the East Bay primarily organized by “Faith In Action, East Bay” and our Church was named “co-sponsor”. There were clergy and lay, young and old numbering over fifty persons. The objective was to incubate a movement to promote goodwill among Christians and other faith denominations and build a “Beloved Community” wherein each person can have a close relationship with the other.

The attendees told their stories in many languages – in English and Spanish from several Central American countries. Mothers told of their determination to flee from fear of persecution, violence and abuse only to meet inhumane treatment and imprisonment at the hands of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Youth told of their determination to “make something of” their lives in “freedom”. They formed themselves into groups with intentions to “be each other’s keeper”. The conversations were “Pentecostal” and everyone felt like a friend to the other. All went away focused on the need to invite friends and neighbors to join build a MOVEMENT OF FAITH IN ACTION where all BELONG as a coalition to organize effective deportation defense.

Kofi Baah-Arhin

West County Freedom School Off to a Great Start!

Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, celebrated the start of summer by being the guest reader on June 20th at West County Freedom School, being conducted at Nystrom Elementary School in Richmond. Thurmond has been a long time supporter of Freedom Schools and read during the daily morning assembly.

Open Door United Methodist Church, Richmond, was selected last December by Children's Defense Fund, of Washington, D.C., to be the first-ever West County sponsor of Freedom School, a summer program inspired by the Freedom Schools in Mississippi in 1964. This secular and non-sectarian, 6 week, intensive reading summer camp, for Stege and Nystrom early readers, is offered free to families.

Open Door United Methodist Church, together with El Sobrante and the other Methodist churches in West County, West Contra Costa Unified School District, Congregation Beth Hillel, El Cerrito Soroptimists International, the East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, the City of Richmond, and more than sixty individual donors, Open Door UMC is committed to supporting WCCUSD's Roadmap 2022 goal of increasing literacy by third grade. Superintendent Matt Duffy says "West County Freedom School will help us meet our Roadmap 2022 Learning Goal of "80% of third graders reading on grade level."

Seven local college students, trained at the CDF training facility on the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee, are teaching the 50 scholars, nurturing their love of reading, engaging their families and help them participate in social activism. Marian Wright Edelman, founder of CDF, is a firm believer in service to others, which is why

these young teachers as referred to as "Servant Leader Interns," or "SLI's."

In the mornings, scholars will be taught CDF's Integrated Reading Curriculum, based on the latest and best in children's literature that feature black and brown main characters. In the afternoons, the SLI's and community volunteers provide sports, art, drama, and garden opportunities for the young scholars.

Sandy Oberg and Vickie Resso have been heading up the Creation Station, an arts-and-crafts learning center that the 50 scholars enjoy in the afternoons. Sandy and Vickie write:

"Dear friends at El Sobrante UMC, You have been so, so generous to the Freedom School. I could not have stocked the Creation Station without your help. Already they have painted a lovely crayon resist watercolor ...thanks Vickie Resso for your excellent direction. They played a game of rotating marking tools, decorated a felt pouch to keep their new library cards in ..thanks Charlene Kafer for sewing up 51 felt pouches with a ribbon hanger. We have themed playdough sets that I made with your donations and yes 3ed graders still love playdough. Some just wanted to paint and of course we let them. Thankfully Paula Hammond & Marilyn Lomelino come and help us too. Next we will make July 4 firecracker decorations and chalk shadow butterflies. For the moment we have the supplies we need. We give thanks for your prayers and support."

Sandy Oberg and Vickie Resso.

To learn more about West County Freedom School, visit :

<http://opendoorumc.org/freedomschool/>

All Church Meeting, Sunday, July 14 re: Reconciling Congregation statement

After our last Ad Council meeting, a small committee was struck to draft a "Reconciling Congregation" statement for ESUMC. The purpose of such a public statement is to make it clear where we stand in light of the actions of the Special General Conference earlier this year.

The following is the result of the committee's discussions. The statement will have a short and a long form, as described below.

Short form: *to be included in weekly service literature and on the homepage of the website, with a link to the long form that will be under the 'About>Who We Are' menu*

El Sobrante United Methodist Church celebrates the diversity of the human family, both around the corner and around the world, and welcomes all people who seek to love God and each other. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God as God's beloved children, and welcome the full inclusion of all in the life and ministries of our congregation as we journey toward reconciliation in Christ.

Long form *(under the 'About>Who We Are' tab on the website, linked from homepage)*

El Sobrante United Methodist Church affirms the sacred worth of all people. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, education, and any other difference, real or perceived. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of

all people in the life and ministries of El Sobrante United Methodist Church as we journey towards reconciliation through Christ. We recognize that there are differences among us, but believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike. We seek to live the motto of the United Methodist Church – Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors. We support marriage equality and full pastoral privileges for all persons regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination in the church or in society and know that everyone's participation in our ministries enriches us. We invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

To consider this action for possible adoption by the congregation, a **special All Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, July 14**, immediately following the worship service. All are invited to attend. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

If you have any questions or concerns about the statement or the proposed action, please feel free to contact any of the following: Jacqueline Corl-Seidel (trottinghorse@yahoo.com), Hansen Rahmgren (hannyman@comcast.net), Noel Stout (noelystout@gmail.com), Eileen Johnson (music@esumconline.org), or Mark Zier (markzier@sbcglobal.net).

If you are unable to attend, but would like to cast a ballot or offer an amendment, please use the reverse side of this page and leave it with the church office before the end of the day, Friday, July 12.

Pastor Mark

BALLOT FOR ALL CHURCH MEETING,
JULY 14

_____ I APPROVE OF THE MOTION TO
ADOPT THE RECONCILING
CONGREGATION STATEMENT **AS
PROPOSED** BY THE COMMITTEE.

_____ I APPROVE OF THE MOTION TO
ADOPT THE RECONCILING
CONGREGATION STATEMENT **AS
AMENDED** BY THE BODY.

_____ I DO **NOT** APPROVE OF THE
MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECONCILING
CONGREGATION STATEMENT **AS
PROPOSED** BY THE COMMITTEE.

_____ I DO **NOT** APPROVE OF THE
MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECONCILING
CONGREGATION STATEMENT **AS
AMENDED** BY THE BODY..

NAME

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I OFFER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT(S):

Please note that

NAME

(All amendments must be seconded and
approved before the main motion can be
considered.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 AM Painting Group, R1 4 PM Faith Exploration 6 PM Yoga, R1 7 PM Boy Scts, KH	3 10 AM Bible Study, R1 11:30 PM Motion Class, KH 1 PM Crafty Ladies, R1 6:15 PM Girl Scts, KH 7 PM AI Anon, FR 7 PM Alateen, R1	4 6 PM Yoga, R1 7:30 PM Photo Club, R1	5 10 AM Motion Class, R1 6:30 PM EBARC, R1	6
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The CSU East Bay Reading Program meets in **Room 1** on:
Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm, starting July 17,
and **Thursdays, 8:45 am -4:45 pm**, starting July 18;
and in **Keislar Hall on Sundays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**, starting July 21
The program ends on Sunday, August 18.

Prayer Concerns Annette Allan (Noel Stout's sister), Family of Parker Walker, Earl Carlston (Judith Scarborough's brother), Ron Driskell (Karen Jarrell's colleague), Gary Dwiggin, Paulette Collins, Family of Sabrina Looney, Hailie James, Bob & Hilda Nessel (friends of Cheryl Brown), Pat Rockeman, Joan Landis and family, Family of Maxine Hilburn, Emery Phillips, Family of Betty Staley, Noel Stout, Family of Bob Parker, Darlene Fleming, Family of Valerie Kleinfeld, Frank Kafer's sister and brother-in-law Karen Kafer Kearsley and Cliff Kearsley, Family of Sam Emmanuele, Wendy Allen, Bill Slessinger, family of Dorothy Williams, Lee Hunt, Edna Luffey, Marge Dean, Leota Merrithew, Karin Shuttlesworth, Gary Stearns, family of Teresa Morin Stanton (friend of Lee Hunt), Sherry Banks, Victor Nozzolillo, the Fleming family (Steve, Denise Roby, & Michael), Laureen Kelly and Linda Goodman (nieces of Darlene), Gary Spearie (Paula Hammond's brother), those who continue to be impacted by natural disasters.

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