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Children Receive Free Christmas Shopping Spree

The Riverside Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity treated more than 40 children to a Christmas shopping spree in its "Shop With a Kappa" program. Members of the Fraternity took the children to Target in the Tyler Mall in Riverside on December 16, 2018, and each child received \$100 to spend.

This was the fourth year the Chapter sponsored this event, as it is part of the Fraternity's Guide Right mentoring program that emphasizes academic preparedness, personal development and leadership.



Pictured above, Fraternity member Jerrold Curry reviews and approves the toy selected by his shopping spree buddy.



Pictured above, Fraternity member Demarius Carmichael tours the toy section with children and families in search of terrific gifts.



King Legacy Celebration Promotes Education and Service

Ephesians New Testament Church and the City of Fontana present:
An Elegant Evening of
JAZZ FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
Music by:
Andrew Gouche and Shelea Frazier

January 18, 2019
Show Starts at 8:00pm
VIP Reception: (6:30 - 7:45pm)

Fontana Steelworkers Auditorium
8437 Sierra Ave
Fontana, CA 92335

Annual Worship Service (Free to the public)
with Bishop Emory James
Loveland Church
17977 Merrill Ave, Fontana, Ca
January 19, 2019 at 3:00pm

Ticket Donations: (909) 823-2310

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee, in partnership with Ephesians New Testament Church of Fontana, hosted the annual Martin Luther King commemorative event at the Fontana Steelworkers Auditorium on Friday, January 18, 2019. The event celebrated the legacy of Dr. King, while honoring student leaders who aspire to emulate his contributions through service and education.

Community and business leaders were in attendance, including California Senator Connie Leyva, Fontana School Board members Jason O'Brien, Sr., Mars Serna and Mary Sandoval, Moreno Valley School Board Member, Cleveland Johnson, San Bernardino School District Police Chief Joseph Paulino and retired Rialto School Board Member Joanne Gilbert.

Lewis Family Homes, 100 Black Men of Inland Empire and Children's Resources, Inc. each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to scholars selected by the MLK Scholarship Committee.

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OF THE INLAND EMPIRE**



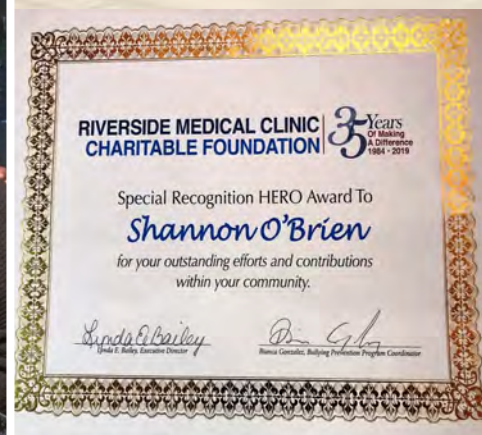
Pictured above from left to right: Fontana School Board President Jason O'Brien, Sr., scholarship recipients Kamryn Comminey and Alyssa Dodson, Fontana School Board Member Mary Sandoval and California State Senator Connie Leyva.

Anti Bullying Advocate Recognized as a Hero

On Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Shannon O'Brien was recognized by parents of the San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) and the Riverside Medical Clinic Charitable Foundation at the Board of Education meeting for her award winning "Bully Proof" parent series.

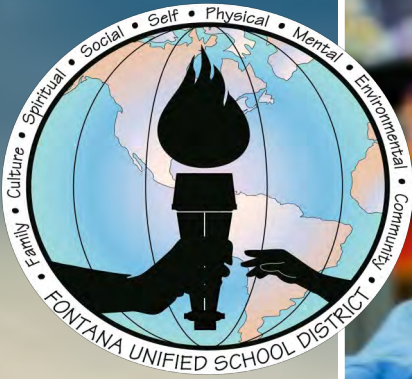
Linda Hart, Founder of the African-American Mental Health Coalition, nominated Shannon O'Brien for the Riverside Medical Clinic's "Hero" award in honor of her service to families in the Inland Empire. "I understand that bullying leads to depression and other mental health issues," said Hart. "The work that she does needs to be recognized."

Pictured below, parents at Indian Springs High School in San Bernardino celebrate completion of the "Bully Proof" parent series, where a potluck and graduation ceremony occurred.



Left to right: SBCUSD parents Julia Ramos and Glenda Luna, Shannon O'Brien, Linda Hart and SBCUSD parent Maria Ramos at dinner after the Board of Education meeting in celebration of Shannon O'Brien's Hero award.

Students Explore Computer Science in Code to the Future Programs



Chaparral and Dorothy Grant elementary school students demonstrated their skill at coding games and creating avatars for parents and community members at recent EPIC Build showcase events, highlighting student achievement under new Code to the Future programs.

Code to the Future is the nation's leading creator of immersive computer science curricula, which engages students in technology- and coding-based lessons integrated into daily instruction and core subjects. "We are seeing our teachers and students find new ways to apply coding concepts to other subjects every single day," Chaparral Principal Dr. Andrea McClain said. "In a short time, we have seen how this instruction can empower students to collaborate with their peers and exercise creative problem-solving."

Held in mid- and late-October, the EPIC Build showcases highlighted the computer science skills students have learned since Code to the Future instruction began in August. Each showcase held this year will focus on one of three cycles of computer science instruction: block coding, robotics and scripted coding.

During the first cycle of Code to the Future instruction, students explored block coding through Scratch, an online coding platform from MIT. Students used block coding to design games and create avatars, for which they then built interactive experiences. "Many of our students are going home, logging on to Scratch and learning more about block coding for the fun of it," Dorothy Grant Principal Anne-Marie Cabrales said. "They are even teaching their parents and siblings to code. It is exciting to see our students so engaged in what they are learning."

Now, students are building on their block coding skills during the robotics cycle. Kindergarten and first-grade students are learning how to apply engineering concepts by building a dream house and a community, respectively. Second- through fifth-graders are learning how to build and program Lego WeDo 2.0 and EV3 robots.

Dorothy Grant and Chaparral are the first two Code to the Future elementary schools in the Inland Empire. Teachers and staff received intensive Code to the Future training over the summer, ensuring that each school was ready to launch the program at the start of the 2018-19 school year. Students and teachers receive ongoing support during weekly visits from Corazon Lara, their designated Code to the Future coach.

"Fontana Unified is committed to providing students with a rigorous, engaging educational experience that prepares students for the careers of today and tomorrow," Fontana Unified Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said. "We are thrilled to see our Code to the Future schools thriving and look forward to seeing what our students will accomplish."

Congratulations Melodie Baptiste
2019 Children's Resources' Scholarship Recipient



Melodie Baptiste of Etiwanda High School received the 2019 Children's Resources' academic scholarship. Her community service endeavors include having served as the vice president of the Jack and Jill of America Teen Division and team leader of the Abundant Living Family Church sports ministry.

During her four years at Etiwanda High School, Melodie took advanced placement courses in English and Spanish, while participating in the school marching band and serving as senior editor of the yearbook.

Melodie begins classes at Cal Poly Pomona in the fall of 2019, where she will major in math.

Riverside Community Hospital hosted its annual Red Dress Fashion Show Luncheon and Health Expo on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Riverside Convention Center.

The event featured physician presentations, free health screenings, a gourmet lunch and fashion show.

Guests learned ways to live a healthier lifestyle and were reminded of the importance of getting regular health exams.

