

# Children's Resources

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## Gala Supports Entrepreneurs and Youth



Friends congratulate business leader, Tammy Martin-Ryles, who was honored at the 100 Black Men IE 4th Annual Gala. Pictured from left to right— Shannon O'Brien, Kimberly Peters, Tammy Martin-Ryles and Patrice Morrow.

The Inland Empire Chapter of 100 Black Men hosted its 4th Annual Gala on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Riverside Convention Center. The theme of the event was "Uplifting the Community Through Economic Empowerment", and individuals who have devoted their lives to helping others in the areas of business and entrepreneurship received special recognition. Proceeds from the Gala were used to support scholarships and youth mentoring programs in the Inland Empire.

100 Black Men of America Inc., is a nonprofit civic organization and service club that focuses on educating and empowering African-American children and teens. The organization has 110 chapters and more than 10,000 mem-

bers in different cities throughout the United States. It's four principal program areas are mentoring, education, health and wellness, economic development and leadership development.

On Saturday, October 12, 2019, 100 Black Men of the Inland Empire will host its 5th Annual Gala at the Mission Inn Hotel in Riverside, CA. To learn more about 100 Black Men visit [www.100BMIE.org](http://www.100BMIE.org).

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# Youth Summit Stimulates Interest in Environmental Careers



New Environmental Leaders of America (NELA) hosted its inaugural Youth Summit on October 13, 2018 at the Jesse Turner Center in the City of Fontana. The interactive event was attended by students, parents and educators throughout San Bernardino County, and the admission was free.

The organization was founded in 2011 by La Weeda Ward, a chemical engineer with the Environmental Protection Agency. She started the organization because of her concern for planet Earth and the need for resources and technology to protect it. "We have to start informing our youth about ways to sustain the Earth's resources," says La Weeda. "The future of the planet rests in their hands."

In an effort to attract more students to careers in science, NELA will continue to host more youth summits and partner with other agencies and schools.



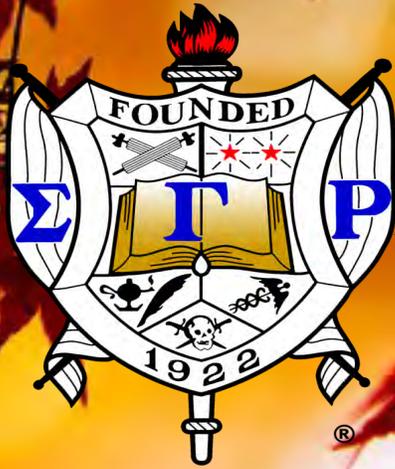
Pictured above—Students make a presentation about the impact of environmental pollution and how to reduce it.



In the photo above Fontana School Board President, Jason O'Brien, Sr. participates in a workshop where students learn how to harvest groundwater with aquifers.

[www.Nela501c3.org](http://www.Nela501c3.org)

# Lambda Gamma Sigma Supports Local Food Bank



Pictured above from left to right are members of Lambda Gamma Sigma: Lynne Green, Letha Hill, Zeretha Morgan, Shannon O'Brien and Andrea Small.

The Pomona Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Lambda Gamma Sigma, partnered with Helping Hands Caring Hearts Ministry on Sunday, December 9, 2018 to assist in the delivery of food and articles of clothing. Helping Hands Caring Hearts provides home cooked meals at its church every Sunday for homeless men, women and children.

In fulfillment of its mission "Greater Service Greater Progress" the Sorority assisted in distributing food to the community members at the food bank and donated scarves, hats and gloves as well.

"We are glad to have been able to form this partnership in service to our Pomona neighbors," says Malynnda Cooper, President of the Chapter. "Being present and connecting with those in need is a rewarding experience for us all."

To learn more about Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. visit [www.sgrho1922.org](http://www.sgrho1922.org).

# Fontana Educator Named County Teacher of the Year



Shadow Hills Elementary third-grade teacher Theresa Pearce starts each school day with a series of creative exercises: a warm-up song accompanied on piano, a brief art activity and a “weird but true fact.” The exercises are the cornerstone of Pearce’s fun approach to learning, which has earned her recognition as a 2019 San Bernardino County Teacher of the Year. “When I was in second grade, I had a teacher who played the piano in class and I thought it was the coolest thing,” Pearce said. “It was an experience that stuck with me and inspired me as a teacher. I was excited to bring a piano into my own classroom and continue the tradition, because I believe that teaching is all about creating experiences that make learning memorable for students.” Pearce is one of four teachers in the County to be honored this year.

The teachers were nominated by their individual districts and reviewed and selected by a County panel. Over her 19 years with Fontana Unified, Pearce has gained a reputation for creating lasting educational experiences for her students. In addition to her creative morning exercises, Pearce transforms traditional lessons into engaging activities by adding movement and exploring topics that interest her students. “I had one student that really loved rocks, so I found a way to integrate that into what we were learning,” Pearce said. “That student was able to discover a love of science and learn how an interest in rocks could lead to educational and professional opportunities he had never thought of.”

Pearce’s dedication to students extends across campus, where she coaches a creative problem-solving team, finds hands-on opportunities to promote community involvement and brings guest speakers to discuss college and career readiness. Under her guidance, Shadow Hills’ Odyssey of the Mind team – which engages fourth- and fifth-grade students in a creative problem-solving program – took third place in the Inland Empire competition and advanced to the state competition in 2017-18. Pearce and her fellow honorees were recognized by the County Board of Education on Oct. 9 at the Roy C Hill Education Center in San Bernardino.

# Fashion and Fun for Scholarships



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The Inland Ivy Foundation, in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, Eta Nu Omega Chapter, hosted its signature event and annual fundraiser, “Pearls, Pumps and Fashions” on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel in Ontario, CA. Over 500 guests were in attendance. During the past several years the organization has raised \$100,000 in support of program initiatives and college scholarships.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is an international community service organization of college women, founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC. The mission of the organization is to provide service to all mankind by improving the quality of life for citizens throughout the world. Currently Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has more than 290,000 members and 1005 chapters around the world.

Eta Nu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 57th year of existence as the first African American Sorority serving Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The chapter has worked tirelessly through community participation, advocacy and volunteerism, while providing financial support to various service organizations, causes and activities. Countless lives have been impacted in key areas such as educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact. Visit [www.etnuomega.org](http://www.etnuomega.org) to learn more.

