

# Children's Resources

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## Youth Symposium Provides Tools for Leadership



Pictured above— Representatives from New Environmental Leaders of America nonprofit organization present information about available careers in science and technology that preserve the environment and protect the Earth's natural resources.



Shelly Williams of Lambda Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Fontana School Board President, Jason O'Brien, Sr. present awards to essay contest winner, Jill Patel. O'Brien is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Lambda Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. hosted its 22nd Annual Youth Symposium in partnership with the Fontana Unified School District on March 9, 2019. The event took place at Almeria Middle School in Fontana, CA, and featured guest speakers, entertainment and raffle prizes. The theme was *Mission Possible: A Safe Space for Our Youth*.

The workshop topics presented focused on career opportunities in science and business, goal setting strategies, civic engagement and community involvement. School Board President Jason O'Brien, Sr. and California State Senator Connie Leyva were the dignitaries in attendance. Each spoke words of encouragement to students, recognized volunteers and presented awards. Senator Leyva also presented a proclamation to Lambda Gamma Sigma in recognition of its extensive service record and community impact.

The event was made possible by business and community sponsors, School District staff and student volunteers.

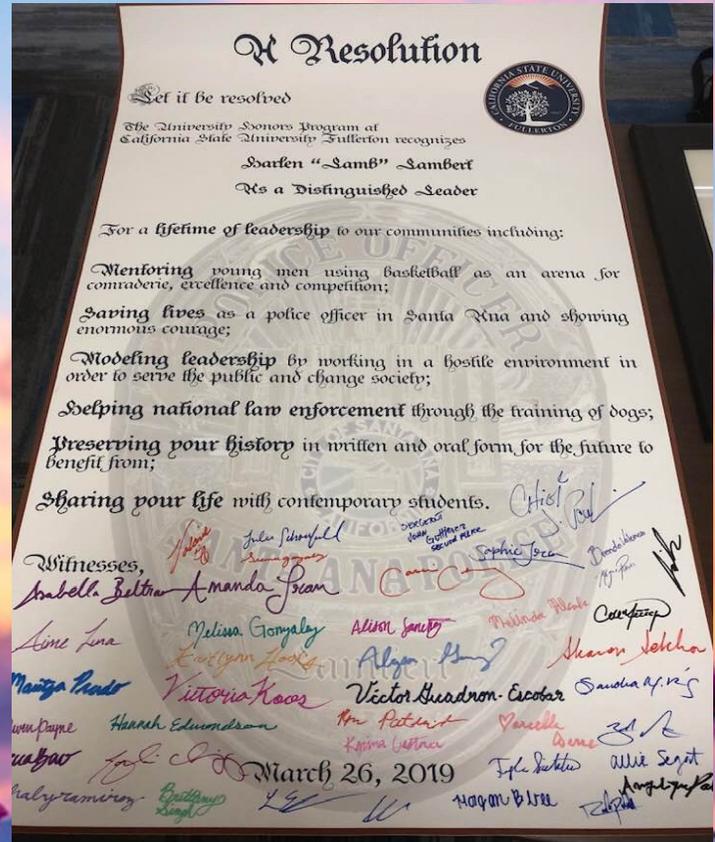
# College Students Honor Local Trailblazer

Harlan "Lamb" Lambert, the first African-American police officer hired in Orange County, was honored by the University Honors Program of California State University, Fullerton with a community leadership award on March 26, 2019.

Lambert was hired to work at the Santa Ana Police Department in December 1966. During his time as a police officer, he earned a Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, which is the highest state award given to public safety officers.

Apart from being a police officer, Lambert is also a poet. He self-published two collections of poems called "Affairs of the Heart, Volume 1" in 2016 and "Affairs of the Heart, Volume 2" in 2017. His most recent work is a memoir about his life titled "Badge of Color— Breaking the Silence."

Sharon Sekhon, adjunct professor of American studies at California State University, Fullerton and organizer of the awards ceremony seeks to authenticate Lambert's legacy to the outside world. "He continues to be a leader by sharing his story, showing up for other people and always representing what it means to be a public servant," said Sekhon.



Chief Joseph Paulino and Sergeant John Gutierrez of the San Bernardino City Unified School District Police, along with Shannon O'Brien of Children's Resources congratulate Harlan Lambert on his community leadership award.

# Silhouettes Help Make College Attainable

The Silhouettes of Riverside Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is a women's organization with membership comprised of the wives of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity members. Each year the organization identifies young women who are high school seniors and college bound for its scholarship awards.

The 2019 scholarships were awarded to Kendal Ruffin of Vista Murrietta High School in Murrietta, CA and LaTanya Ezeala of Vista Del Lago High School in Moreno Valley, CA.



I first learned of this scholarship opportunity from the Silhouettes during a Black Student Union meeting. The scholarship chairperson, Mrs. O'Brien attended the meeting and gave us tips on how to write our essays. Having faced a lot of obstacles throughout my high school experience, I was initially hesitant to open up about my past struggles. Nevertheless I gathered up the courage to share more about myself, including the fact that my family and I had been homeless at one point. I am now a freshman at Norfolk State University in Virginia enjoying a fresh start. Overcoming adversity has boosted my confidence and broadened my perspective.



LaTanya Ezeala

**Success:** *noun.* The accomplishment of an aim or purpose. By definition, that is what success means; however, to me success means sticking it out through hard times and finally achieving a goal. Success is falling down seven times, getting up eight times and staying up. Success is having faith. Faith that although you may not see the light at the end of the tunnel, you know it's there.

I plan to use my education to prepare for a career in health and human services. I want to help others get back up after they've fallen and encourage them to achieve their goals.



Kendal Ruffin

# Event Teaches Students How to Manage Finances



Seniors from Summit High School in Fontana, CA learned just how challenging it can be to make financial decisions as an adult, courtesy of an interactive financial education simulation held on campus.

The April 30 "Bite of Reality" event was hosted by Chaffey Federal Credit Union, which is based in Upland. The program is offered by the Richard Myles Johnson (RMJ) Foundation, the state foundation for credit unions in California and Nevada, and it aims to teach young people the basics of finance by having them take a "real world" test drive complete with a job, money, and the freedom to make their own financial decisions.

Via the Bite of Reality app, each senior at the school received a persona complete with occupation, salary, spouse and family, student loan debt, credit card debt, and medical insurance payments. With the app also providing them with a personalized monthly income, each student went "shopping" for items such as housing, transportation, food, clothing, household necessities, and daycare.

Throughout the event, the students dealt with pushy salespeople portrayed by volunteers from Chaffey FCU and Fontana-based Inland Valley Federal Credit Union. And when some overspent, those staffing the "credit union" station provided much-needed assistance.



# Congratulations!



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