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*Goleta Teen of the Year
 Community Service Award Program*



Valerie Mehlschau
2007 Goleta Teen of the Year



Valerie Mehlschau was born and raised in Goleta, and graduated from San Marcos High School in June of 2008. At age 14 she founded the Mini-Miracles Society, a volunteer service group dedicated to performing one random act of kindness every month for local individuals or charities in need. Some of their past projects include, procuring donations for the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, collecting toys for the Battered Women's Shelter, working to raise money for the Humane Society, knitting hats for infants in need, and many others. In addition to founding Mini-Miracles, Valerie was Opinion Editor of the San Marcos King's Page, a freelance writer for papers such as the Daily Sound and Independent, an intern at Noozhawk.com, a finalist in the Santa Barbara International Film Festival 10-10-10 student screenwriting competition, a study guide writer for Letscram.com, and a recipient of the Presidential Silver Volunteer Service Award. Valerie is currently one of 10 students from Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties to be selected for the Scriptwriters Network Mentorship Program, through which she will attend networking events, write screenplays, and work with a mentor for a year. She is a member of the National Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation, National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Roll, and Women in Film. After completing the Majors program at San Marcos with a focus in Media Production, Valerie graduated with honors, and was accepted to USC, NYU, Dartmouth, CLU,

and UCLA. In the fall, she will attend UCLA as an Alumni Scholar. Valerie says: "The Teen program not only met, but exceeded my expectations. Goleta Teen is different from many other scholarship opportunities, in that it offers nominees the opportunity to help around the community during the competition. While other programs simply judge credentials to find a winner, Goleta Teen expects candidates to give back to their community, allowing participants to discover new friends, and new opportunities to volunteer. I'm so glad I got to participate, as the experience will stick with me when I look back at my senior year of high school. It was amazing!"

Do you know an outstanding teen deserving of recognition for his or her contributions to the Goleta Community? Please complete the nomination form on the reverse side and return it to the Goleta Teen of the Year Committee before the deadline!

For more information, please call Connie Burns, Committee Chair, at 967-6166, or visit us at www.goletateen.org.



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“Over the past decade, I have had the privilege and joy of introducing dozens of the finest young people who are indeed eloquent proof that we are improving the breed!” Larry Crandell, Presenter

GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

- * The program is sponsored by Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime.
- * The program recognizes male and female Teens for their contributions to the Goleta community.
- * Scholarship funds are awarded to the Goleta Teen of the Year and Finalists in the program, plus a donation is given to selected non-profit charities chosen by all Finalists.
- * Qualifications:
Candidates must be a junior or senior at Dos Pueblos, San Marcos, Bishop Diego High or Laguna Blanca High Schools with a minimum GPA of 2.75. They must live in the zip code areas of 93117, 93111, or 93110, and must contribute to community, school, youth group, church, service clubs, or other non-profit organizations. He or she must be willing to commit enthusiastically to serving as Goleta's Teen of the Year.
- * Funds for scholarships are provided by Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime's annual 4th of July Fireworks event at Girsh Park, and Rotary Club's annual December 5K & 10K Fun Run. Funds are also provided by the Goleta Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, from raffle ticket sales, from proceeds earned at the Goleta Lemon Festival, and from booth sales at the 4th of July Fireworks event.

NOMINATION FORM

GOLETATEEN OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM 2008-2009

Nominee's Name _____

High School (Circle One): Dos Pueblos San Marcos Bishop Diego Garcia Laguna Blanca Grade level (Circle One): 11 12

M/F _____ E-Mail Address _____ Phone number _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Zip Code (Circle One - nominee MUST reside in one of these zip code areas to be eligible): 93110 93111 93117

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

Reasons for your nomination of this outstanding teen (use extra paper if necessary) _____

Nomination deadline: September 19, 2008

Mail nominations to: Goleta Teen of the Year Community Service Program, P.O. Box 164, Goleta, CA 93116
For information or to send a nomination online, visit our website (www.goletateen.org) or call 805-967-6166.