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Campolindo Honors Students for Volunteer Service

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Campolindo Volunteer Service Award recipients Photo Mark Ryles

Silver, or Gold President's Volunteer Service Awards, which are given by the federal government to thank and honor Americans who by their demonstrated commitment and example inspire others to engage in volunteer service. In praising students for their devotion to service at the awards ceremony, Principal John Walker said, "Commentators state that civic responsibility is on the decline, but not here at Campolindo High School." Walker thanked Campolindo parent Patti Ringlee as a "volunteer extraordinaire" for establishing the Awards Program and Ceremony at Campolindo.

Next year, Campolindo students will again be able to apply for these awards to receive recognition for their hours of volunteer service.

The Second Annual Campolindo Volunteer Service Awards were held June 1 in the Performing Arts Center at Campolindo High School. This year a total of 95 students received awards for volunteer service to dozens of organizations, including the Oakland Zoo, Harbor House, Aegis Living, Global Student Embassy, and ARF, in addition to many more. Students pursued many paths to service both locally and internationally, from collecting food donations, to performing brain fitness exercises with the elderly, to working on a reforestation project in Ecuador.

To receive recognition, each student volunteered between 25 to 250 hours over a 12-month time period. Collectively, Campolindo students earning awards this year served a grand total of over 10,000 hours. Students who served between 50 and 250 hours received national recognition and were honored with either Bronze,

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