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Five local students win Good Citizen awards

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The Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution treated students to high tea Feb. 1 in the Fellowship Hall of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. These five students were selected by their schools as outstanding citizens and leaders deserving of the DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Program. Their essay submissions were optional and impromptu, and the students were asked to describe how they would energize the youth of America. The students read their essays to an audience of DAR members, parents, counselors, and friends at the tea. Chairperson, Susan Bourne, then presented each student with a monetary award, a recognition certificate, and a U.S. flag that had been flown in their honor over our nation's Capitol.

Acalanes DAR Chapter essay contest winner and Good Citizen was Isabelle Restrepo from Campolindo High School. Isabelle is active in sports, coaching, tutoring,

club activities, and she speaks three languages. Isabelle wants to pursue a career in international business.

Georgia Carpenter was the Good Citizen winner from Acalanes High School. She is on the board of the Lindsay Wildlife Experience and will attend the College of William and Mary in the fall. Georgia hopes to become a politician and lawyer.

Sophie Foster won the Bentley School's Good Citizen Award. She has extensive volunteer experience and is a teacher's aide, a student ambassador, a peer counselor, and a member of the student body government. Sophie hopes to become an attorney and run for U.S. president in 2040.

Alexis Im was the Good Citizen winner from Contra Costa Christian School. Alexis is captain of the school's varsity volleyball and basketball teams, a member of her student body government, and a band and choir member. Alexis hopes to become a doctor and serve overseas.

Naomi Desalegne won the Las Lomas High School Good Citizen Award. She led her school's Pineapple Club welcoming English Language Learners into the school. Naomi was awarded the Silver Presidential Award recognizing her 2019 volunteer hours, and she hopes to become a surgeon and join Doctors Without Borders.

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