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## DAR bestows Good Citizen Awards on four local students

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Emma Safahi, Miramonte



Katie Bettencourt, Acalanes



Jeremiah Masato Yonemura, Contra Costa Christian High School



Amanda Young, Campolindo

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The Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored four students as the winners of their high school's 2021 Good Citizen Awards. The students were chosen by their school to receive this recognition, and each participated in an essay contest responding to the question, "How do the combined actions of so many good citizens keep our nation moving forward?"

Katie Bettencourt, from Acalanes High School, said that our country is made up of people working together. Jeremiah Masato Yonemura, from Contra Costa Christian High School, said the nation needs strong leadership to serve the people. The community must care for its people. Emma Safahi, from Miramonte High School, referred to the civil rights movement, which changed laws. She proposed that united actions of good citizens can change society. And Amanda Shin-Hwei Young, from Campolindo High School, noted that our current common enemy is the pandemic and sacrifices by everyone yields progress. She felt that visionaries created our country and said that individual actions can make positive changes. Amanda won the DAR Acalanes Chapter Top Essay and she also won the DAR District IV Top Essay.

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Each student was awarded with a small scholarship, a United States flag that had been flown over the nation's Capitol in their honor, and a certificate during the Acalanes Chapter's Feb. 6 Zoom Meeting. Susan Bourne, Good Citizen Chair, led the ceremony. Acalanes Chapter's DAR Regent Mary Carrillo congratulated all the honorees and said what a joyous event it is to honor such accomplished students.

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