

AAUW – Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette Branch presents scholarships to local students

Submitted by Renee Rosado

The American Association of University Women-OML branch honored local middle school, high school, and college students at their April meeting. Students, parents, and friends joined branch members to celebrate the students' accomplishments.

Three local high school seniors and members of the Saint Mary's College High Potential Program received scholarships based on community engagement, leadership, and grades.

The following students received scholarships: Acalanes High School, Zoya Acuna; Campolindo High School, Bella Stratford; Miramonte High School, Nicole Hui; Saint Mary's College, Ayanna Wade and Evony Jackson.

Zoya was one of the founders of the UM-

BRELLA (Understanding Mentoring Belonging and Racial Equity through Listening, learning and Advocacy Committee.) The committee created lessons on allyship, microaggressions, identity and more, and presented these programs to local elementary and middle school students. Bella created the Native American Cultural Club at Campolindo to make students aware of her heritage and welcome them to participate in cultural activities and diversity events. These events initiated the creation of a land acknowledgment plaque for the school. Nicole created "IMMOBILITY" to collect gently used/new medical equipment and supplies and delivered them free to those in need. Evony helped plan the Saint Mary's Weekend of Wel-



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come, which aimed to create a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for incoming freshman and their families. Ayanna interned at the San Mateo County Health Department office of Diversity and Equity to better engage marginalized communities in matters of mental health. Her outreach tripled the attendance at a suicide prevention program. Seven seventh grade

middle school girls received scholarships to Tech Trek, a weeklong STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) immersion program that will be held this coming July at Santa Clara University. The camp is designed to encourage rising eighth grade girls to persist with their excitement about STEM through high school, college, and into their careers. The pro-



Zoya Acuna, Natalie Hui, Bella Stratford and Ayanna Wade (Evony Jackson not included in the photo)

gram features numerous hands-on activities, as well as a chance for the girls to make friends with other girls interested in STEM and to meet professional women in STEM fields. Girls were nominated by their teachers and completed an application and an interview process by AAUW-OML members.

The following students will attend camp: Madely Azalde and Merritt Thompson from Orinda Intermediate School, Olivia Sanders, Priya Holl and Quinn Sousa from Stanley Middle School, and Sadie Ginestro and Athena Simbajon from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School.

Photos provided

Not to be missed

Art

Art Gallery at the Orinda Library: "The pen is mightier than the sword." The ekphrastic poem, "Man with a Hoe" by poet Edwin Markham, was published in the 1899 San Francisco Examiner with a painting of the same name. Sample author Marlene Dotterer's "The Dragons of Jupiter at Play" in response to Bill Carmel's painting, "Dragon's Breath," through June 28 during normal Library hours; closed Sundays. For more information call (925) 359.9940, email ekphras@LamorindaArts.org, or visit <http://lamorindaarts.org/galleries>.

The Lamorinda Arts Council features Leslie Golden's oil paintings in

the Art Gallery at Wilder in June. Her theme is California landscapes and florals from her garden. 20 Orinda Fields Lane, Orinda. Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.; closed June 19. <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/> email wilder-gallery@lamorindaarts.org or call (925) 359.9940.

Music

2024 Concert at the Moraga Commons Park schedule:
20 June: Jazzphoria – Jazz Rhythm & Blues Octet
27 June: Midnight Flyer – Eagles Tribute
4 July: Houserockers – Rock & Soul (7Pm Concert)
11 July: Mumbo Gumbo – Genre-bending Americana & Musical Stew

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18 July: Steve Hanson & Carousel Cowboys – Modern Country
25 July: Purple Ones – Prince Tribute
1 Aug: Native Elements – Reggae
8 Aug: Traveling Wilburys Revue – E.L.O, Orbison, Harrison, Dylan Tribute
15 Aug: 3 Day Weekend – Motown, R&B, Classic Rock
6:30-8:30 P.M. (Uno) at The Moraga Commons Band Shell.

Rock the Plaza Summer Concert Series. 3530 Plaza Way, Lafayette, (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. & Moraga Road). Bring a picnic, chairs or blanket. Bands perform 6 to 8 p.m. Friday June 21: Bay Bridge Beat and Friday June 28: Lamorinda Idol Finalists. A program of the Lamorinda Arts

Council, is an annual singing competition open to students in K - 12th grade who attend school or reside anywhere in Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda. Learn more here: <https://lamorindaarts.org/idol-2/>

Orinda – Concerts are held at the Orinda Community Park on Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Call (925) 254.2445 for information. Thursday, June 20 – Opera in the Park; Thursday, July 11 – Lamorinda Idol; Thursday, July 25 – August Reed Band; Thursday, Aug. 1 – Tin Man; Thursday, Aug. 15 – Vintage Jukebox; Thursday, Aug. 29 – Spill the Wine; Thursday, Sept. 12 – Patron

Come and enjoy the quiet at the end of a weekend in the Grove

Not to be missed

behind Lafayette Christian Church at 584 Glen-side Drive, Lafayette on Sunday, June 30 at 5 p.m. for an hour and half of meditative music and poetry with Rev. Dr. Curran Reichart and Rev. Faye Orton Snyder. Bring your favorite outdoor chair and a tumbler of your favorite beverage to enjoy the sounds and the trees. Not religious, just peaceful.

Theatre

Orinda Starlight Village Players - Agatha Christie's Spiders Web Now Open. Directed by Jill Gelster. Fridays and Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. May 31 through June 29, Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m.; Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m. Orinda Community Center Park Amphtheater, www.orsvp.org. Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org

Literature

Join author Joyce Maynard to celebrate the release of her new novel, *How the Light Gets In*, at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Joyce is the New York Times bestselling author of twelve novels including two adapted for film. Registration required. Attendance includes a signed copy of *How the Light Gets In* and champagne! Information at LLLCF.org/dss-joyce-maynard or call (925)283-6513 ext.102

Opening Celebration of The Preston Memorial Fitness Zone on June 23 from noon to 3 p.m. The Preston Memorial Fitness Zone is 8 state-of-the-art pieces of outdoor exercise equipment, 2 of which are ADA compliant, located at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga, 2101 Camino Pablo. There will be music, hot dogs and burgers, beer, wine, soft drinks, and games for the kids.

Mis- and Disinformation: Election Edition. League of Women Voters, Diablo Valley, Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Moraga Public Library, 1500 St Mary's Road, Moraga. This event is an eye-opening discussion of the impact of misinformation and disinformation on elections. Learn how to SPOT fake news, FACT-check sources, and navigate the complexities of today's media landscape. This event is free and open to the public.

Lamorinda Safety Fair June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lafayette Reservoir. Meet your local first responders and see their equipment. Learn how to prepare for the next emergency / disaster. Meet your local HAM radio club (LARIG). Shuttle service and additional parking available at the Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For more information call: (925) 299-3282.

Other

AARP Tax-Aide will be providing Free Tax Clinics one Saturday per month starting in May through Sept. at the Concord Library. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call: (925) 471-5686

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