





September 1, 2023

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

Where did summer go? This issue photo-highlights some of the hot weather Club activities the kids experienced, like deep sea fishing, swimming at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center, watching a big screen movie in an actual theater, as well as a success story resulting from our scholarship program which has existed for nearly 50 years.



Club members enjoyed the movie "Playing with Fire" at the Regal Rancho Mirage.

We are grateful for our kids to have the opportunity to experience what going to the movies IN PERSON feels like!

"...the movie was so good I even cried."

Maya H.

Our Mecca Club members enrolled in the 'Smart Girls Program" were recently treated to an encouraging talk by guest speaker and alum, Karla Rodriguez. "The dedicated staff recognized my determination and encouraged me to apply for their scholarship program," said Karla.

"Looking back, I can honestly say, without this scholarship, I would not have been able to embark on my lifechanging, academic journey. Sharing my journey, inspiring others, and offering guidance is a fulfilling experience. As I continue my path, I remain committed to empowering my community, advocating for those who face adversity, and providing support

> wherever it is needed. **Through Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella** Valley, I received the valuable gift of education and opportunity. Today, I stand as a testament to the power of resilience, community support, and the transformative

graduated from California State University (Chico ) with a major in Political Science and a minor in Ethics, Justice, and Policy.

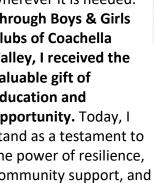


Karla Rodriguez



Here's some of our 2023-2024 scholarship recipients.





impact of investing in young minds."

So, this is just a glance of what summer has been about at the Clubs and more of that will continue this fall as our dedicated staff provide test-proven, after-school educational programs thanks to your support. Look at the full roster of students YOU helped earn educational scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year.

Cal Poly State University

Rafael Aleio Rlanca Almada Ravna Amador Briceyda Cabrera Yaire Cabrera Heriana Chavez Daniel Cid Elizabeth Cota

Alexis Delgado-Murillo Rolando Gomez

America Hernandez Guillen Maria Lopez

Azriel Mancilla Miguel Millan Adrian Montes Sarbelio Montova Kymani Nix Mike Powell Crystal Romero Itari Romero

Adriana Torres Francisco Torres Bernice Vaca-Espinoza

Tony Williams Maurisha Wright Ethan Yockey

Grand Canyon University Grand Canyon University CSU San Bernardino **IIMass Global** CSU Fullerton CSU San Marcos

> Hope International University College of the Desert

CSU San Bernardino San Diego State University

College of the Desert College of the Desert CSU San Bernardino

Southern New Hampshire Univer.

College of the Desert

West Coast Ultrasound Institute

College of the Desert CSU Fullerton CSU San Bernardino

Stanford

College of the Desert

UC Riverside

University of Redlands Texas Southern University Howard University

Mechanical Engineering

English Nursing Business Admin Psvcholoav Psychology Sociology Kinesiology

Mechanical Engineering

Nursina

Mechanical Engineering Health Sciences Education Music

Business Admin Health Informatics Business Admin Business Admin Psychology Psychology Political Science Criminology Pre-Med Business Admin

**Environmental Science** 

Psychology

## A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne & our President/CEO Quinton Egson

For 58 years, agricultural growers, packers and shippers, local business owners and industry leaders have gathered to play in the Southwestern Growers Invitational Golf Tournament. Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley benefits from the tournament and car raffle, which are open to anyone! Raffle purchasers and a guest



are invited to attend the car drawing buffet dinner on Friday, September 22nd at Bermuda Dunes Country Club. The lucky winner can choose to zoom around in a 2024 Corvette\* OR take a \$45,000 cash-out option. Only 400 tickets will be sold! Tickets are \$400 and can be purchased by calling Susan Ogrodnick, 760/836-

1160, Ext. 101. You do not need to be present to win! Pin flag sponsorships are available too for \$1,000 and qualify you to become a member of our "donor appreciation" President's Circle. We hope to see you for this very fun and wildly anticipated car drawing event! \*Winner can choose a new Cadillac, Buick, GMC, or Chevrolet vehicle of like value.

And don't forget to sing along with Barry! If you attend a Barry Manilow Christmas concert at the McCallum Theatre, a percentage of the proceeds comes directly to us from five live performances (December 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17). Go to www.AGOL6.com and select Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley from the drop-down menu at the time of ticket purchase.

