

Happy Holidays

AND CHEERS TO 2022!



The Distinguished Young Woman of California Class of 2022, Emily Lee

Emily attends the California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley, where she is a part of the Musical Theater Conservatory. She hopes to one day become a Neuroscience Researcher & Artist. Her top college choices are Wellesley and Brown. She received cash scholarships at the State Program this year in Talent - \$600, Fitness - \$400, Self Expression - \$400, and Interview - \$700.

Emily Advanced from the Los Angeles County Program representing East Los Angeles County. She is the first California Representative to from Los Angeles County itself, but shares the honor of Representing California and advancing from the LA County Area with:



Amy Yetasook 2001, Valencia
Sophia Whang 2000, Studio City
Angela Kim 1999, San Gabriel Valley
Diana Kim, 1996 Pasadena
Eddie Lehmann, 1975 Arleta
Valerie Bernes, 1971 Pico Rivera
Kim Carnes, 1963 San Marino
Marilyn Dilbeck, 1961 Pasadena
Teree Hammondtree, 1960 Covina
Jean Marie Miller, 1958 First
California Rep, Covina

The Class of 2022 State Program was held on July 26th- 31st via Zoom where our 34 representatives took part in 32 hours of Be Your Best Self & Life Skills Virtual Workshops, with 17 Speakers/Mentors/Alumnae, that culminated in the California State Finals Digital Showcase, that was shown online August 26th, 27th & 28th, 2021, where we awarded around \$26,000 in cash scholarships!



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THANK YOU! To All of our Volunteers, Sponsors, Donors, Workshop Speakers & Alumnae! Thank YOU for pouring your hearts into this program, for supporting our amazing young women, and for making DYW what it is today. We wouldn't be the Scholarship Program we are today without all of your help. This holiday season, we are grateful to be celebrating you!



Volunteer Spotlight

Kimberly Marquez was California's Representative in 2018, where she received \$18,000 in cash scholarship at the Local, State and National level. After returning to the State Program as a mentor and older sister to the Class of 2019, she returned the next year as a choreographer, and has been an amazing member of our Choreography Team ever since!! We are so grateful to Kim for continuing to volunteer as a "Zoom Choreographer" during our last two digital showcases, where Kim helped our Choreography Team create and teach the Fitness Routine over zoom to our participants. A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Kim, as she graduates from California Polytechnic State University December 11th with a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing Management. Kim is looking forward a career in Social Media and Digital Marketing. Congrats Kimberly! We can't wait to see where your future takes you!



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



JOIN THE DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN COLLEGE CONNECTIONS NETWORK AND CONNECT WITH OTHER DYW ALUMNAE ON YOUR CAMPUS!



As the new collegiate school year starts, our alumnae will be on campuses all across the nation! In an effort to provide networking opportunities for our college-age alumnae, our very own Gretchen Douglas, TEAM LA, helped create the new DYW College Connect program to help them find each other on campus. Encourage your college-age alumnae to check out the New College Connections here [COLLEGE CONNECTIONS](#) They can add their preferred method of contact and find others at their college. As our list grows, we will add the link to the bottom of the monthly alumnae newsletter so they can easily check back for new connections.

Let's build our network of DYW of CA ALUMNAE!

If you participated in the California's Junior Miss or Distinguished Young Women program as a local or at-large participant then YOU are automatically a part of California's Distinguished Alumnae & we'd love to connect with you! Email california@distinguishedyw.org and put or sign-up at <https://distinguishedyw.org/about/alumnae> to get plugged in.

Want to meet other alumnae who live in your city? Looking to network? Looking to make new friends? Looking for a volunteer/mentorship opportunity that can really make an impact in a young woman's life? Then come to an Alumnae Club meeting to mix and mingle with other alums. There are currently meetings in: Atlanta Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, New York City, Orlando, & Philadelphia. Interested in getting added to the mail list for a city? Want to start one in your city? Contact Lisa@DistinguishedYW.org.



Andrea Hansen, President of Kern Dance Alliance & California Alumnae presents a Be Your Best Self Workshop to the class of 2020.

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