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Maddie Janssen, Anchor for Emmy Award winning 17 News at Sunrise & California Alumnae Presented a Be Your Best Self Workshop to the Class of 2018.

CLASS OF 2021 UPDATES

- Digital Showcase dates announced !
- Lifeskills Workshops & New Resources Available
- 27 Participants

Due to the continuing health crisis the Class of 2021 Showcase will be held on January 28th, 29th, & 30th, 2021 as a Digital Showcase. Although we are disappointed to not welcome the Class of 2021 to Bakersfield, we are thrilled to offer the opportunity for scholarships and to showcase the outstanding Class of 2021. Please be sure to watch with us - more info to follow.

Catching up with Stephanie Temnyk, California DYW 2020

While 2020 has brought its share of unexpected melancholy, I refuse to let opportunity slip away and instead nourish positivity where I find it. Attending Arizona State University (ASU) and moving to a new state has afforded me a wealth of novel experiences, from



in-person instruction to exploration of a diverse desert landscape. As a first-year student with credit hour equivalents of a junior, I have been able to learn material specific to my Sustainable Horticulture major (such as my Soils course) and cannot be more excited to pursue a doctorate in the field! Despite an uncertain COVID-19 environment, the multitude of clubs at ASU discover virtual ways to engage students—I am fortunate to have become an Ambassador for my college, supporting student involvement through creative Zoom projects and social media outreach. And while a pandemic-stricken world dampens our spirits and health in countless ways, we can cherish the memorable foundations that keep us going; for me, that emerges in my journey through DYW. From a traditional Local and State program, to an impressively-transformed Nationals experience, I have garnered an array of values that guide my decisions as a young adult. I cannot thank the CA State program enough for your outpouring of support throughout my virtual Nationals program—the memories forged then continue to make me smile and provide a shoulder to lean on for a lifetime. Thank you! *Stephanie Temnyk*

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A Note from the State Chair

The Class of 2021 Program is well underway, and I am so happy to be the new State Chair! Our new digital format has allowed the group of 27 to really engage in the life skills portion of the program! Each month the participants attend virtual Be You Best Self and Life Skills Workshops, with the focus of each month corresponding to one of the Be Your Best Self Attributes. Participants also have access to online content from the National Program that matches the focus of each month and engage in activities that promote learning life skills for the future. The Class of 2021 also interacts with each other, their amazing Hasbeens and our current

California Representative in an online classroom. Despite the distance, these amazing young women have made a community where they discuss the incredible take-aways our speakers and program provide. I am so excited for you to meet this outstanding group of young women in our digital showcase! If you haven't yet, mark your calendars!! I hope you join us as these talented ladies put on a great showcase.

In the Spirit!
Kacie Lesky

Local Program Updates

California has a rich history of local programs and they always are looking for new volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer with an existing local or start a new local program, let us know. We are ready and willing to help! Shout out to the Locals!!

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Volunteer Spotlight

Let's Welcome our newest Social Media Chair, Sunny Chen. Sunny was Sonoma County's DYW, Class of 2011. She attended UC Berkeley (graduated in 2015) where she met her husband Justin - they were in the same dorm her Freshman year! They instantly clicked and 9 years later have a miniature dachshund and a little boy named Joey. Sunny is currently working at UCSF as a data analyst and recently moved back to Sonoma County. She can't wait for Joey to grow up so she can teach him how to play the piano, which was her DYW talent! Sunny took on the position on Social Media Chair and has been doing a great job keeping our DYWs and Alumnae connected.



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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