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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF CENTRAL ORANGE COAST**

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO ROBERT SANTANA

# Together, committed to making an impact

THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE NOT EASY TO SOLVE. But, to make a significant impact—whether breaking the cycle of poverty or providing a support system for families so all kids in our communities have access to world-class mentoring—long-term commitments are essential.

It requires innovation, persistence, and the courage to do what is right. **It takes a community of people coming together with an unwavering commitment to making this a better world for our kids.** As we look at the impact we have across all our sites, we continue to focus on each and every relationship we build. We value and appreciate every child and family we have the privilege of serving. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers, donors, and community partners for helping us strengthen our collective impact. Together, we leverage our expertise and resources to serve the whole child and the whole family.

Our relationship-driven and mission-focused culture is the cornerstone of our impact in the community. It is because we believe in the greatness that exists in every child that we are driven to continue to challenge ourselves to improve and expand our reach. **Our passion for our mission grows exponentially as we continue to deepen our impact in our communities.**

While our reach to serve 8,000 kids extends to more than 60 sites across 5 cities, our family of Clubs is united under one mission...one vision...and one core value. On behalf of every child and family we serve, thank you!



Robert Santana, CEO

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, representing Robert Santana.

## OUR MISSION

To ensure every child has **mentors** and **champions** in life.

## OUR VISION

All children will **build** positive life-long memories, **achieve** their greatest potential and **inspire** future generations.

## OUR CORE VALUE

Pursue **greatness**



### success

*Noun*

suc•cess \ sək'ses \ the accomplishment of an aim or purpose; a person or thing that achieves desired aims or attains prosperity

**Remember your first day of school?** The anticipation, anxiety, excitement. Now imagine that day without the essential tools for success. Your gift to our back-to-school campaign provides mentorship and support to help the 8,000 youth we will serve this year pursue greatness.

**DONATE TODAY!**

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*Oh! The places they're going! 2018 College Bound graduating seniors in attendance at the ceremony on Saturday, May 19, at our Santa Ana Club.*

## FEATURE STORY

# College Bound Graduates Abound

**OUR COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM ENSURES** that a student's success is not determined by his or her zip code or access to resources. We support students throughout their high school careers, to graduation, and beyond by providing mentors that help each of them build an individualized plan for his or her future and a path forward to thrive.

College Bound is a free, year-round college and career readiness program that provides high school students with one-on-one academic advisement and career exploration to help them plan for the future, whether that includes a four-year university, community college, trade school, or the military. Members receive individualized support, mentoring, and resources to ensure they graduate high school ready for a successful college experience and with a career plan. **For many of the students in the program who are the first in their families to pursue a higher education, this guidance is invaluable.**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast launched College Bound at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. During its inaugural year, the program served 47 high school students with 11 graduating

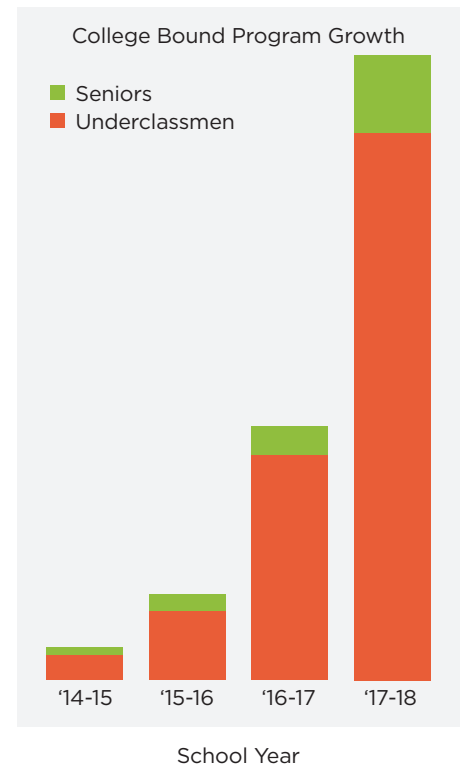
seniors. College Bound nearly tripled in size the following year, with a total of 125 participants and 24 graduates. Last year, it tripled again, serving 370 teens and 42 graduating seniors. **This year, the program served over 900 high school students and graduated 113 seniors.**

On Saturday, May 19, we held our annual College Bound Graduation Ceremony at our Club in Santa Ana to honor and applaud the nearly 60 participating seniors in attendance. As each student crossed the stage, his or her name was announced along with the college or university the student will attend in the fall. Additionally, during the event, **we awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to 26 of the graduates** to help them in their educational pursuits.

Much of this program's incredible growth and success is due to those who are champions for College Bound. This group is made up of community partners, including the 10 high schools in the cities of Santa Ana and Orange where we currently provide College Bound services on campus, as well as financial supporters, such as Draper Family Foundation, Hartman-Baldwin, Joe MacPherson Foundation, Keith Swayne, Marisla Foundation, PIMCO

Foundation, Taco Bell, and many others. Thank you!

To make a gift toward College Bound and help deserving students reach their goals of a post-high-school education, visit our website at [www.boysandgirlsclub.com/donate](http://www.boysandgirlsclub.com/donate).



# REDUCE YOUR TAXES WITH AN IRA GIFT

YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR TAXES BY MAKING A GIFT TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL ORANGE COAST FOUNDATION. If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity free from federal income tax. Better yet, an IRA rollover gift qualifies for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to **lower your income and taxes for this year while helping the kids and teens we serve in our community.**

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

# Taco Bell Supports Leaders of Tomorrow, Encourages Them to Live Más

ONE OF OUR CLUB'S CORE BELIEFS is building partnerships throughout the community that identify different ways for people to engage in our mission and make an impact in the lives of the youth we serve. We are proud to highlight the Club's long-standing partnership with Taco Bell and their continued investment into teen services that help ensure every teen graduates high school on time with a plan for his or her future.

The Garage Teen Center at our Santa Ana Club recently held its Live Más Graduation to celebrate our graduating seniors and all the underclassmen who are moving to the next grade. More than 140 teens from five different high schools joined

the event to celebrate their individual milestones and commit to Live Más!

Taco Bell and the Taco Bell Foundation "invest in America's youth... and help them pursue their educational goal and career aspirations...so they can confidently pursue their dream-career." We are proud of our shared belief in the potential of every teen in our community and to count Taco Bell as a champion of our mission.



**TACO BELL**  
FOUNDATION.





## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

# Youth of the Year: MIGUEL MARQUEZ

EACH YEAR, OUR CLUB HONORS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER TO SERVE AS YOUTH OF THE YEAR; he or she acts as an ambassador of the Club, speaks in front of City Officials and Board Members at Club events, and most importantly, acts as a role model for all the younger kids in our program.

To become Youth of the Year, nominees go through a rigorous process with an essay application and a panel interview comprised of Board Members and Strategic Partners. Picking one outstanding teen is always a difficult decision, but it's also really rewarding to see all that our teens have accomplished thus far in their young lives and to hear about their goals for the future.

**We are excited to announce this year's Youth of the Year: Miguel Marquez.**

A senior at Middle College High School in Santa Ana, Miguel has been simultaneously enrolled in high school and community college classes for the past two years. **In June, he will graduate with both a high school diploma from Middle College High School and an associate of arts degree from Santa Ana College.**

In addition to his dual coursework, he is currently class president and works two jobs to help support his family. Last year, he founded and was president of a social activist club at his school called Minority Empowerment Through Awareness--an avenue for minority students, like him, to voice their concerns and feel a sense of empowerment. He is also actively involved in the Volleyball Club, Eco Club, and Wizards for Water, which raises money for water in Africa.

On top of all this, he maintains a 4.4 GPA and a drive to reach for greatness!

This fall, Miguel will attend **University of California, Berkeley** to study public policy. He hopes to be a voice for those



**Miguel Marquez, 2018 Youth of the Year, UC Berkeley class of 2022**

who are afraid to speak up and to inspire America's youth.

"Miguel has proven that he is a true leader who has developed the skills to guarantee himself a successful future. He is resilient and knows how to overcome any and all obstacles. His success is possible because of his strong work ethic and his abilities to think critically and collaborate with others. Miguel believes in himself and is determined to achieve the American Dream," said Rafael Ramos, Miguel's American History teacher and Associated Student Body (ASB) Advisor.

With two older siblings, Miguel is the first in his family to go to college. He attributes some of his success to the support he receives from the Boys & Girls Club. He said, **"My parents work hard to give me all they can, but sometimes things I need are out of reach. Whether it be for academic or emotional support, the Boys &**

**Girls Club has been my constant safety net. Through the Club, I have been privileged to have access to computers for school work, staff for mentorship, academic assistance, and motivation...and there is always something to eat."**

As Youth of the Year, Miguel received a \$3,000 scholarship to use toward his college education. Our Youth of the Year runners-up each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Our College Bound program provides additional scholarships to help deserving kids, like Miguel, pay for college. Want to be a part of it? Visit our website at [www.boysandgirlsclub.com/donate](http://www.boysandgirlsclub.com/donate) to make a gift.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to ensure every child has mentors and champions in life and for giving high school students a better opportunity to reach their **GREATEST POTENTIAL!**

## CALENDAR

# SPRING



JUNE 1 5 7 10 15 20 25 30 JULY 1 5 10 15 20 25 31

**LEADERSHIP  
BREAKFAST**  
6/7



AUG 1 5 10 12 15 20 25 30 SEP 1 5 10 15 20 25 30

**HI-TIME WINE CELLARS  
CHILI COOK-OFF**  
8/12

**SAVE THE DATE  
BE GREAT GALA**  
10/13

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**GALA** 2018

October 13, 2018 | 5:30 p.m.  
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