



## BACKGROUND OF THE COMMON SENIOR EXPERIENCE

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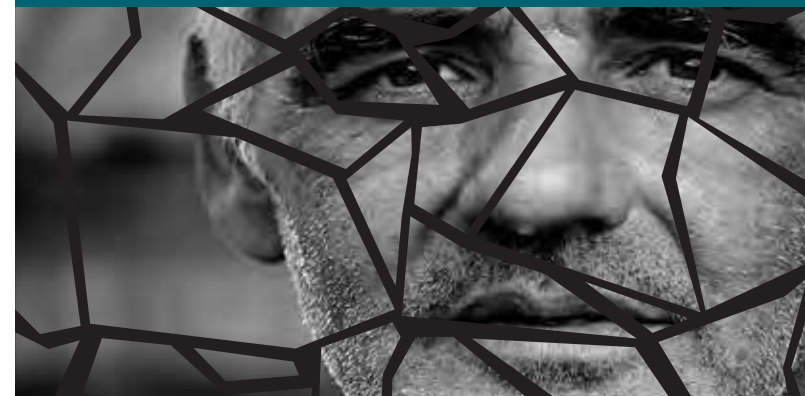


## OLYMPIAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SHOWCASE

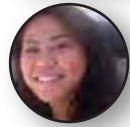


## KEEP HOPE ALIVE

MAY 21, 2015  
6:00PM - 8:00 PM  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM (MPR)



# CLASS OF 2015 COMMON SENIOR EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE



**FARRAH KARRAM** - Being a part of this year's CSE committee was an absolute honor. I learned how to step out of my comfort zone and work with people I usually don't talk to. Although we had many challenges and obstacles this year, we overcame all of them together as a group. Next year, I plan on attending San Diego State University to study Graphic Design.



**CRISTINA SANCHEZ** - What I gained from being part of the CSE is understanding the world better, that we all come from different backgrounds and that we all have our own struggles. I have also gained amazing friends and have had a lot of fun organizing fundraising events. For next year I plan to have an exceptional time studying abroad in Italy and getting closer to accomplishing my goals.



**GABRIEL GUZMAN** - Being part of the CSE has shaped my understanding of how much of a difference a group of people can make when they work together towards accomplishing a common goal. My long-term goals involve getting into Medical School which I look forward to achieving as I attend UC Riverside.



**ANGELA KUO** - By participating in the Common Senior Experience Committee this year, I learned how to work as a team and gained leadership skills. Most of all, I learned that individual can, in fact, make a difference in the world. I plan on attending UCSD after I graduate from Olympian.



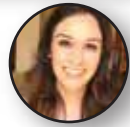
**STEPHEN BURDEN** - From being a part of the 2015 CSE committee, I've gained a sort of awareness not common among most teenagers. An awareness for the world past the screen of my cell phone. To not fully understand the pain and struggles of those in other countries, how could I, I'm not living it, but to know that there are people out there who need help and myself along with my peers have been able to do something to make their lives a little easier is incredibly gratifying. As for my plans for the next year I'll be attending UC Santa Cruz majoring in Cognitive Science and possibly double majoring in Linguistics.



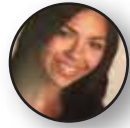
**PAULINA RAMIREZ** - What I gained from being part of CSE 2015 was that a small group of people working toward a common goal can make a change. That every little thing we did, whoever simple it looked to us, was welcomed by those we were trying to help. I'm going to college in Mexico and setting up an extension in Mexico of Just World International, which helps children in Honduras, Guatemala, Cambodia, and El Salvador. I also want to become an industrial engineer.



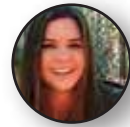
**TAYLOR LaFRANCIS** - My experience as being CSE president has proven to be invaluable because I was a part of something bigger than myself. I've learned how to lead others in an effort to help and defend those in need. I plan to take the skills I've learned to Pepperdine University as I study sociology and social injustice to eventually become a lawyer.



**SOFIA LEAL** - Being part of the CSE Committee has made me a better person because it has opened my eyes to issues that affect the whole world. All of the hard work and extensive planning behind every activity has also made me a better leader. I have gained countless memories, friends and experiences that have made me appreciate the importance of different cultures and helping others. After graduation, I plan to attend UCSD, where I will major in Global Health and I will keep on involving myself in projects that help bring awareness to global issues and aid to those in need.



**ANNA ELIZABETH TOLENTINO** - CSE has taught me many valuable lessons. Throughout the years I have been able to fully understand the benefits helping others out and being a part of group has on ones character. Next year I will be attending San Diego State University and pursuing my dream job as a physical therapist.



**SOFIA DONOVAN** - It was so humbling to be a part of CSE and truly begin making a difference in the world. I'll cherish the experiences I had and the friendships I made as a result of this amazing program. Next year I'll be attending UC Davis to study biology in the honors program and continue helping others



**KARINA RIESENBERG** - Being a part of the CSE Leadership Committee has taught me a great deal about working with others in order to achieve a common goal. I learned how to focus on important tasks that needed quick completion and how to manage my time so that I was a dependable group member. The CSE has brought great people into my life that I will always thank for helping shape who I am. Next year, I plan on attending UCLA as a Biology major.



**WOMEN'S  
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INTERNATIONAL**

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# AGENDA

<b>Opening</b>	Ernesto Zamudio Principal, Olympian High School
<b>Partnership with SDSU</b>	Dr. Geoff Chase Dean of Undergraduate Studies: SDSU
<b>CSE History</b>	Joe Lara Assistant Principal
<b>Enrique's Journey Overview</b>	Steve Rodriguez English Teacher
<b>Expressive Dance "In your Arms"</b>	Introduced by Elyssa Garcia Dance student performance by senior dance students
<b>The Common English Experience</b>	Introduced by Michelle Clark-Cadwell 12th grade English PLC lead teacher
<b>The Dramatic Experience</b>	Introduced by Damian Ariza Advanced drama student
<b>The Common Government Experience</b>	Introduced by Gary Scowden Government teacher Presented by government students: Aaron Ollier and Alec Parra
<b>Expression through Song "Change is Gonna Come"</b>	Introduced by Jennifer Opdahl Choir teacher Performance by OHS Choir
<b>Expression through Art</b>	Introduced by Abigail Serafin Art teacher Presented by art student: Farrah Karram
<b>Presentation of Funds Raised: WEI</b>	Introduced by Tonie Salinas CSE Coordinator and the 2015 CSE student committee
<b>Documentary "Keep Hope Alive"</b>	Introduced and directed by Steve Exum CTE Media Arts instructor Original song composed & performed by Danny Reyes
<b>Musical Performance "One World, One Hope"</b>	Written/arranged by Steve Rodriguez performance by seniors: Yasmine Alatraste, Gabriel Sanvictores and Noah Mationg
<b>Passing on the Tradition</b>	Taylor LaFrancis 2015 CSE President Sofia Mojica 2016 CSE President
<b>Musical Performance "We Rise"</b>	Directed by Eric Mabrey Band Director performance by: Chloe Mungia-Flores (singer) and the award-winning OHS Band
<b>Closing</b>	Ernesto Zamudio Principal