

NOVEMBER 2018  
NEWSLETTER



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ONGOING:

General Office  
Volunteer

Business Leader  
Presenter

Financial Aid  
Workshop

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

Financial Aid  
Workshop  
Chaffey High School  
1245 N Euclid Ave,  
Ontario, CA 91762  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

## Planning and Preparing

We have been busy coordinating Community College Campus visits for all 5th grade students in the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD)! Thank you to all of our college partners that help ensure that we're keeping our third promise, to help all OMSD students plan and prepare for college.



Pictured: Mt. Sac student, Saydi leading a group of Promise Scholars from Mission Elementary

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

Financial Aid  
Workshop  
*Montclair High School*  
4725 Benito St,  
Montclair, CA 91763  
6 PM - 8 PM

**DECEMBER 8, 2018**

The City of Ontario 5K  
Reindeer Run

**DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> –**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

True Colors Activity at  
Montclair High School

## Business Partner Spotlight - Bank of America

Pictured: Bank of America leadership and Promise Scholars board members - Front row: Hassan Webb, Al Arguello, Kristine Scott, Cathy Paredes, Leslie Sorensen. Back row: Albert Maldonado, Al Boling, Robert Cleeland, Danny De La Mora.



Promise Scholars has been named the 2018 Bank of America Neighborhood Builders® award recipient for the Inland Empire. As part of the award, Promise Scholars will receive \$200,000 in unrestricted grant funding to pilot a new College Ambassador program aimed at helping Ontario-Montclair students and their families navigate applying and transitioning to local colleges. Promise Scholars is proud to have Bank of America as a core partner who invest funds and staff expertise and time to help build Promise Scholars to scale. Employees from Bank of America volunteer each month to share their college and career experience with our 6th graders during Promise Scholars Business Leader Presentations, they support the annual Reindeer Run, and Danny De La Mora, Bank of America Commercial Banking Relationship Manager currently serves as the Promise Scholars Board Vice President.

“The Promise Scholars program has the potential to close the Inland Empire’s growing education gap that impact’s the region’s economy. We know an educated workforce attracts higher wage jobs and sustainable careers, and the types of industries located in the Inland Valley become more automated with evolved skill sets needed, programs like Promise Scholars can help ensure that no student is left behind in the region’s exciting economic future,” said Al Arguello, Inland Empire Market President, Bank of America.

As a Neighborhood Builder awardee, Promise Scholars will also receive a year of leadership training for the Executive Director and an emerging leader at the organization, access to a network of peer organizations across the U.S., and the opportunity to access additional capital to expand their impact.



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please contact Suzanne with great volunteering stories from the year. We would love to feature your story in our newsletter and on our social media. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Our program would not be successful without our incredible volunteers, sponsors, and partners.

Feel free to email us with questions or comments.

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## Volunteer Spotlight - Christian Garcia

Christian is a sophomore at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). He volunteered at the last Promise Scholars Community College Camus Tour to Mt. SAC by chaperoning and sharing his college experience as a first generation college student.

**Fun fact:** Christian was a Promise Scholar who attended Elderberry Elementary and graduated from Montclair High School!



## Promise Scholars Welcome



Hello! My name is Danielle King and I joined the Promise Scholars team in September. This is my second year serving as an AmeriCorps Volunteer Infrastructure Program Fellow. Last year I served in Orange County with Big Brothers Big Sisters. I graduated in 2014 from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelors of Science in Human Development and a minor in Psychology. I am a first generation college student and I accredit my academic success to the individuals in my life that didn't low their expectations of me because of my circumstances. I'm happy to be a part of the movement to increase the college going rate for all OMSD/Chaffey, Montclair, and Ontario High School students!

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volunteer with us  
this year!

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updates on LinkedIn as  
well! Also, add us on  
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Hello everyone! My name is Priya Biswas and I recently graduate from the School of Public Policy at University of California Riverside. I'm passionate about implementing sustainable practices into the community to help families become more self-sufficient. Growing up as a daughter of first generation immigrants, I understood the impact urban development and environmental policies have placed in diverse communities. As a public policy major, I spent much of my time in college volunteering with the community garden, hosting urban farming workshops, and organizing to end food insecurity on campus. By joining Promise scholars as an AmeriCorps VIP fellow, I hope to provide younger folks with opportunities to further their education as I did and to give back to the community

## 5K Reindeer Run

**12.08.2018**  
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**ARENA**



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Regards,  
The Promise Scholars Team

P.S. If you would like to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please contact Suzanne (email listed above).

Please contact *Danielle* with great volunteering stories from the year. We would love to feature your story in our newsletter and on our social media. We look forward to hearing from you!