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*Venturing
and
Sea Scout
Banquet
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Venturing Leadership Award Recipients- 2014

Ian Villaescusa

Ian has been an active Venturer for four years in Crew 871. He has served as both Vice President and President concurrently because there was not enough leadership. Ian has been involved in Scouting since Cub Scouts. He received his Arrow of Light in 2007 and his Eagle in 2013. Ian is ILSC and Landmark trained. He serves as a Campmaster for Firestone Scout Reservation and is a member of the Thespian Club and National Honor Society. Ian is currently a student at Fullerton College. His advisor wrote that Ian deserves this award because of his enthusiasm for Venturing and his ability to pass that on to the other members of his Crew. He is entirely devoted to the Scouting Movement as a whole.

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Venturing Leadership Award!!

*Orange County Council, BSA
Venturing District*

**Flag Ceremony
Scout Oath and Law**

Alicia Chapman

Invocation

Meghan Clark

Dinner

Opening Message

Danny Tucker, Director of Field Services

Recognition of 2013 – 2014 Officers

Stephen Chomppff, VOA President

Hoanh Vu, VOA Advisor

Announcement of 2014 – 2015 Officers

Stephen Chomppff, VOA President

Dale Zimmermann, VOA Advisor

District Award of Merit

Venturing Leadership Awards

District Executive Comments

Laurel Berkheimer

Venturing Officers' Association 2013-2014

VOA President- Stephen Chomppff

VOA Advisor- Hoanh Vu

VOA VP of Administration- Meghan Clark

VOA Associate Advisor- Travis Hill

VOA VP of Communication- Tatum Havard

VOA Associate Advisor- Dale Zimmermann

Venturing Officers' Association 2014-2015

VOA President- Tatum Havard

VOA Advisor/Program- Dale Zimmermann

VOA VP of Communication/Administration- Meghan Clark

VOA Associate Advisor- Anthony Geukens

Venturing District Committee

Chuck Williams- District Chairman

Don Blake- District Commissioner

Shelia McNutt- Leadership Development

Phil Brigandi- Outdoor Programs

Sara Bowie- STEM

Hunter Piper- Member at large

Dale Zimmerman- Activities and VOA Advisor

Laurel Berkheimer- Staff Advisor

Special Thank You

Special thanks to Phyllis Raines and Dianna Sloane! Their countless hours of dedication and support for the Venturing program over the years is indescribably appreciated. We could not be more thankful to have had these two ladies give their time to Venturing in Orange County!! We thank you for your service from the bottom of our hearts!

Kevin Taylor

Kevin has been involved in Venturing for two and a half years. He is a founding member of Crew 811 where he has served as the Vice President of Activities and Vice President of Administration. He has achieved the Arrow of Light, Youth Religious Award, NRA Rifle Marksmanship Award, Sports Bronze Award, Outdoor Bronze Award and Gold Award. Kevin also serves as a Firestone Scout Reservation Junior Campmaster and received the Firestone Junior Campmaster of the year award. He is also an active participant in the Order of the Arrow as an Ordeal member and serves on the OA Dance Team. Outside of Scouting, Kevin is a Junior Assistant Coach for La Habra Pop Warner Football and is a member of the La Habra High School Football Team. His advisor says, "When Kevin is given a task, he puts his all in to accomplishing the task, promptly and to the best of his ability."

Javier Venegas

Javier is a member of both Crew 48 and Crew 1910, Bishop's Crew. He serves as the founding President for the Crew. Javier has been involved in Scouting since he began as a Tiger Cub in 2003. He achieved his Arrow of Light in 2007 and Eagle last month (congrats!). Javier became an Order of the Arrow Ordeal Member in 2010, earned his Brotherhood in 2011 and became a Vigil Honor Member in 2013, the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow. He has been extremely active in the Koshare Chapter of the Order of the Arrow and currently serves as the chapter's Vice Chief of Service. Javier has also earned the Venturing Sports Bronze Award. The Bishop's Crew greatly values Javier's leadership during the many hurdles they have had during their first six months of existence!

Diana Pham

Diana has been a Venturer for two and a half years. She is involved in both Crew 1789 and Crew 1910, Bishop's Crew, where she is a founding member. She is both Woodbadge and ILSC trained. Diana has been actively involved in Girl Scouts in addition to Venturing. She currently serves as a Brownies and Juniors leader and has held that leadership since 2011. She was a volunteer as Messenger for Saint Joseph's Hospital for three years and a Teacher's Aid for the Vietnamese Linguistic Program at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for two years. She received her Girl Scout Silver Award in 2008 and her Gold Award in 2011. She was also awarded the Saint Joseph's Hospital Best Volunteer Award in 2011. Diana currently attends California State University, Long Beach and serves as the Bishop's Crew Secretary. Her advisor said about Diana, "Diana is a humble servant leader who says little but does a lot. She is independent and requires little to no guidance to perform her job."

John Tanner

John is a founding member of Troop 1273, Crew 2020 and Ship 2020. He has been an active participant and advocate for Venturing for 3 years. He has served as his Crew's Vice President of Administration, Ship's Boatswain and currently serves as his Crew President and NESAYouth Vice President. He was the youth lead on two consecutive VLSCs, youth leader staff at Cub Scout Day Camp and will serve on Key Staff for the upcoming Day Camp. John received his Arrow of Light in 2009, is an Eagle Scout with six palms, Apprentice in Sea Scouts, three Venturing Bronze Awards, Ranger Award, Gold Award and Silver Award. He is also Powderhorn trained. John is actively involved in his church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He has volunteered with Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. John will be a Junior at Santa Margarita Catholic High School where he is a active competitor in Model United Nations.

New Venturing District!

January 1, 2014 the Orange County Council created a Venturing District. This new Venturing District encompasses all non-LDS Venturing Units in Orange County. The new Venturing District is an enormous opportunity to focus on growing and improving the Venturing program in Orange County. The goal of the district is to provide excellent customer service to our Venturing Units. There is a growing district committee and unit commissioners focused solely on Venturing. There is a reenergized focus on the forum and the Venturing Officers' Association. We plan to have some great events for all Venturing Crews to join. Even though they do not fall into the traditional Venturing District, all LDS Crews and Sea Scout Ships are invited and welcome to all Venturing District events! We are all excited for this upcoming year and the years beyond to see the improvement in Orange County's Venturing Units.

Venturing Crews in Orange County- May 2014

Sea Scout Ships- 5

LDS Venturing Crews- 87

Non-LDS Venturing Crews- 60

Total number of Venturers (Primary Registrants)- 1,017



District Award of Merit- 2014

Andrew Joseph Hutcherson

Andy has been active in scouting since Cub Scouting. He received his Arrow of Light in 2003, Order of the Arrow Ordeal Honor member in 2006, earned brotherhood in 2013 and achieved the rank of Eagle in 2008. As a Venturer, Andy earned the Bronze award in 2012 and the Ranger award in 2013.

However, Andy didn't stop there. He continued has continued his active involvement in scouting into adulthood. Andy was an Assistant Cubmaster for three years, committee member of the Portola District for four years, founding member of Crew 811, serves as Campmaster at Firestone Scout Reservation, Program Specialist at Firestone and Certified Rifle Instructor. In addition, Andy has earned the Cubmaster and Cub Scouter Awards as well as the Scouter's Training Award. Currently Andy serves as the Advisor to Crew 811 in Brea and is the newest commissioner in the new Venturing District. Despite his young age, Andy has shown true dedication and passion for the scouting program!

Hoanh X Vu

Hoang started his scouting career with his four daughters in Girl Scouts. Through his involvement in Girl Scouts he became involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing programs. He had been and continues to be an active leader and supporter within the Vietnamese Scouting Community. At the unit level, Hoanh has been a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Associate Crew Advisor, and member of committee. At the Council Venturing level, Hoanh has been involved in the planning and execution of three Venturing Outs, served on the training committee and an adult leader for the Venturing Officers' Association for four years. Hoang is also Woodbadge trained, served on Woodbadge Courses and is an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been involved in the regional level of Venturing through his Vietnamese Scouting community. Finally, Hoanh currently serves as the Venturing Officers' Association's Advisor. Hoanh's scouting commitment is clearly shown through his continued involvement in the programs that his daughters belonged to and even to those they did not belong. Hoanh has been an integral part of Venturing in the Orange County Council!

Alicia Chapman

Alicia has been involved in Venturing for four and a half years in Crew 412. She was a founding member of the crew and served as President of Crew 412 for three years. She served on staff for the VLSC training in October 2013, Youth Staff Leader for the ILSC training in March 2014, Vice President of Crew F904C at the 2013 National Jamboree. She is active in the Crew as well as Troop 412. She has helped the Troop at Scout-o-Rama for many years. In addition, Alicia is volunteers for many organizations. She has volunteered at the Disney Half Marathon, Bolsa Chica Wetlands Conservation Project, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, beach clean-up, and was a member of the American Cancer Society Club in high school. Alicia has earned the Outdoor Bronze Award, Conservation Award, Emergency Preparedness Award and NRA Pro-Marksman Rifle Shooting Award. Alicia currently attends Santa Ana College and serves in her Crew as the Vice President of Administration.

Meghan Clark

Meghan has been involved in Crew 412 for three years. At the unit level, Meghan has served as the Vice President of Administration and currently serves as the Crew Guide. At the Council level, she has served on the Venturing Officers' Association as the Vice President of Administration. Meghan was a participant in the 2011 National Youth Leadership Training and is on staff for the upcoming training this summer. She also participated in Powderhorn in October 2013 and is hopeful to be on staff for the upcoming Powderhorn. Meghan has earned her Religious Award, Girl Scout Bronze and Silver and is in process of obtaining her Girl Scout Gold Award and Venturing Ranger Award. Outside of Scouting, Meghan is actively involved in her school's Color Guard and Winter Guard. Meghan will be a senior at Bolsa Grande High School in the fall and will be returning to the VOA as the 2014-2015 Vice President of Communication.