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A woman with a cause

As we enter March and spring emerges, it's a great time to recognize *Women's History Month*. This is a time to explore and honor the



w o m e n who have h e l p e d make an impact on our lives and community. It is important to note that many women in the world still live in

an oppressed state, unable to utilize many of the freedoms the people in our community have as rights. We bring awareness to these areas in order to improve the ability for those to breakthrough and in turn make an impact on others.

Locally, the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce awarded a prominent leader, Mia Roseberry and the **Wounded Warrior Homes**, with the People's Choice CBAD Award. In a recent interview Roseberry stated "we do what we do for veterans". For me, this sticks out as a selfless act of putting others first. Their program provides transitional housing for those military members needing assistance with reintegrating in the community after service to the country. Many of these veterans are dealing with PTSD, TBI, and others

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uesday March 8, 2022 is International Women's Day and in the United States, the month of March is celebrated as Women's History Month. With those two celebrations as a back drop, we thought it would be great to highlight five amazing women here in Carlsbad who are making an impact.



Diane Proulx, Women in Business

Diane Proulx has been working at **Grand**Pacific Resorts

as Special Assistant to the President for 17 years. For those few Carlsbadians not familiar with Grand Pacific, they own and operate time share, hotel and resort properties here in Carlsbad. They are one of the largest employers in the city due to the volume of properties they manage. Diane's roll involves active involvement in both the administrative and operational side of the business. She is active in many aspects of development and operations of their properties, which includes proj-



ect management, construction, office management, special projects and design. No two days are ever the same in Diane's world due to the fact that she is involved in so many aspects of the business. Her wide array of responsibilities does lead to some challenges. Diane stated, "While I love a good challenge, multi-tasking is one the biggest challenges. I

always thought I was good at it, but realize I was good at thinking I was multi-tasking well, but was not as effective as I could be."

Diane is also engaged in the community. She is on the Board of Directors for the **Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation**. She has also served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and Envision Carlsbad Committee. She has participated in the San Diego Water Authority, Carlsbad Chamber Candidate and Carlsbad Citizens Academies. She has served on the **Carlsbad High School** Site Council, and Carlsbad High Touchdown Club and Pop Warner boards, as well as coached basketball, baseball and football.

When asked what her favorite thing about Carlsbad is, she replies, "Everything! I was so fortunate to land here. It was really a bit of luck that I ended up moving two young boys and myself to a place where I knew no one or had any connections. Carlsbad offered us a

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challenges. "Stable housing can do amazing things" says Roseberry. Being a leader in the community and working to improve the quality of life of others is something we all strive for. Congratulations to Wounded Warrior Homes- and thank you!

Women inspire others to bring new elements of perspective, techniques, and ideas. It is incredible to see a shift in the number of women involved in business today. Emerging from a once male dominated area women have now become the ones trailblazing and shaping industries. After attending a recent lecture by Gina Davis, I learned that much of this emergence comes from the ability of women to be shown in TV and movie roles as those leading the charge that creates a space for the current leaders to show our future professionals that women can do anything they put their minds to.

Success in business comes from creativity. Much of the recent creativity comes from a once quiet part of our society, women. An injection of talent from this group of people will help us to rise to our next challenges, overcome adversity and provide a balance of what is best for our community. We chose to celebrate women of history, culture, and society.

To learn more about Wounded Warrior Homes, please go to the Carlsbad Chamber's YouTube channel: www.youtube. com/watch?v=fmTUnw1fcnA&list=PLf1Y-CYED_d-MBOfeOyhJVc-piubSZ4FV5&index=12





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arena, people are directly affected in small and big ways which can be overlooked. In our over 20 years of service, we have learned that change management and communication are integral to the budget, schedule and scope strategy. From Fortune 50 companies to the up-and-coming next Fortune 50 companies, our depth of experience brings fresh approaches and important understanding and action to support the employee experience. Anticipating needs, listening, sharing information, providing examples and leading the conversation, all contribute to a well-implemented change management strategy.

As companies are in the midst of resizing to meet remote and rapidly changing business needs, Dynamic offers change management, strategic space planning, lab optimization, business and lab relocation management, facility management support, CAFM and construction coordination services. The best part is that we truly "love what we do!" and we are honored to work alongside.

Thank you again to our Dynamic team, the businesses we get to work for and to the Carlsbad businesses and Chamber!



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Making it in Carlsbad: Manufacturing is going strong

Although most of us never actually see it, Carlsbad is home to a bustling manufacturing industry. Our industrial parks are teeming with activity that spans across tech, life sciences and design.

ECONOMIC MANAGER

What's Carlsbad these companies are producing goods that change the way our world works.

Take SMAC Moving Coil Actuators (SMAC), for example. You've likely driven by their facilities on Van Allen Way without realizing it. But inside

their 180,00-square-foot campus, their 200 employees are producing all sorts of impressive electronic devices — including robotic fingers with incredible precision that are used to assemble the smartphones in your pocket.

SMAC manufactured about 20,000 devices last year, and is on track to produce 40,000 this year. In fact, President Ed Neff says the company plans to double in size this year, and next year.

"We're able to do that because we can grow in Carlsbad while keeping our costs down," he adds. "By staying cost-competitive, we can beat about 25% of applications in the older pneumatic automation industry with high technology devices that are equal in price. The technology and price allows SMAC to be competitive in Asia. And this is an \$8 to \$10 billion industry."

And not too far down the road, another company, Aethercomm is also going full steam with its manufacturing. Inside their



Inside their collective 97,000 square-foot space, Aethercomm produces electronic hardware used by all branches of the U.S. Government's Armed Forces.

collective 97,000 square-foot space, they produce electronic hardware used by all branches of the U.S. Government's Armed Forces. Their systems are used on battlefields around the world, helping to save the lives of our troops.

Just recently, they dedicated 10,000-square feet to a clean room, where they will build flight hardware for missions to space. This will include state-of-the-art technology capable of powering deep space satellite missions.

Both of these companies underscore the caliber of manufacturing potential here in Carlsbad. And this sector is poised to continue thriving because thankfully, we have an incredible talent pool ready to fill these manufacturing jobs.

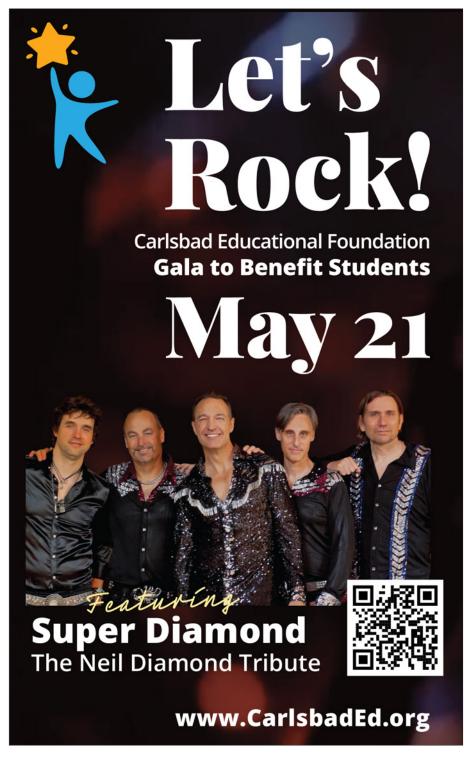
Right here in Carlsbad, MiraCosta **College** Technology Career Institute (TCI) can help manufacturing companies find ideal candidates. They offer accelerated, hands-on skills training programs — which are now coupled with State-funded, paid internships. This talent pipeline is a tremendous asset to local manufacturing companies ready to grow.

TCI also provides low-cost employee training programs at work sites. These programs help upskill the existing workforce,

accelerating management and leadership skills. This is yet another great option for manufacturing companies who want to strategically scale their operations.

No doubt, the horizon for manufacturing in Carlsbad is bright. We have the right facilities, talent and resources for success. And of course, being by our beautiful beaches doesn't hurt, either.

If you're interested in learning more about manufacturing in Carlsbad, I encourage you to reach out to me at matt.sanford@carlsbadca. gov. My team and I are always happy to help.





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Meet the Carlsbad Village Association

Although the **Carlsbad Village Association (CVA)** has been in operation for over 40 years, people are often surprised to

hear how much we do for the benefit of downtown Carls-



do for the benefit of downtown Carlsbad. Now is as good a time as any to introduce you to CVA, if we aren't already good friends!

The Carlsbad Village Association began in the late 1970's as the Village Merchants Association. From the beginning, its

main purpose was to promote and support the businesses located in Carlsbad Village through robust event programming, promotion, stakeholder engagement, advocacy, downtown revitalization, and creating partnerships with other business-related associations and organizations. CVA is an autonomous and completely self-funded 501c6 organization. A volunteer Board of Directors oversees the association's staff.

This year its farmers' market (renamed the State Street Farmers' Market in 2014 when it moved from a parking lot on Roosevelt Street to the heart of the Village) turns 28! That's nearly 30 years of fresh, locally grown produce and artisanal food. It's open-air fine art show, Art in the Village, turns 24. And in March, CVA will host its 10th Makers Market with three more on the schedule for 2022.

In addition to these larger community events, CVA is also proud to give back to the community in other ways. Its annual Heart of the Village Blood Drive, going strong for



five years, has collected, to date, 225 units of blood, saving up to 675 lives. During the pandemic, due to the severe blood supply shortage, CVA added a second drive in the fall and now hosts two each year. The newest community-oriented program kicks off March 20th with what will be the largest, collaborative Village cleanup ever. CVA has

joined forces with **Visit Carlsbad** and other Village businesses and organizations with plans to expand Village cleanups quarterly to keep the downtown looking its best.

In July 2019, CVA became a Main Street America Affiliate program, joining a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities nationwide, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. We are proud to be a Main Street program.

This is just the tip of the iceberg; there's so much more to CVA than this. Please visit our website at www.carlsbad-village.com to learn more about CVA's events and how we support the downtown businesses, residents, and the Village as a destination. We truly hope to see you soon downtown. Come experience the Village!

MARCH HAPPENINGS...

Saturday, March 5th

9:00am to 4:00pm Carlsbad Village Makers Market

Tuesday, March 8th

8:00am to 9:30am Village Voices Networking Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

9:00am to 4:00pm CVA's Open House

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Arts grants revamped for more inclusiveness

The City of Carlsbad's annual Community Arts Grants cycle's guidelines were recently revised to reflect a greater focus on diversity, equity and inclusiveness. The updates



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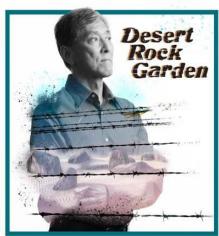
were approved by the City of Carlsbad Commission at their February meeting. Cultural Arts Manager Richard Schultz commented, "Aligning the grants with the goal of greater inclusiveness was a priority and reflect national trends in

grantmaking." Library & Cultural Arts staff drafted the revisions with consulting support from the city's senior program manager in Human Resources, Nancy Magpusao Burke, who is tasked with diversity, equity and inclusiveness.

It has always been the mission of the Community Arts Grants program to support arts and cultural programs that promote the representation and participation of diverse groups of individuals, including and not limited to people of differing abilities, class, generations, ethnicities and races, gender identities, religious or spiritual beliefs, sexual orientations and veteran status. The City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in the City of Carlsbad and the North San Diego County region.

The most significant change from past guidelines to current is the creation of two new categories designed to encourage and support 1) emerging arts organizations





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("Inside Out" - Credit: Dena Meeder)

and 2) emerging artists. Those early in their artistic endeavors are encouraged to apply for city funding to further develop their mis-



sion and talent. In both categories, there is the potential for a grant of up to \$5,000. A stipulation is that the organization or artists must be based in Carlsbad. In the first year of the revisions' implementation, the funding is supporting activities in the following areas of artistic expression:

- Original music composition and/or lyrics
- Spoken word and/or poetry
- · Visual Arts that utilize sustainable or recycled materials

To qualify as "emerging," arts organizations need to be relatively new with less than three years in existence, while artists need to be 18 years or older. If an organization is not yet incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, a fiscal sponsor is required, which applies to an emerging artist as well. More information is available on the Community Arts Grants page of the city's website.

The Arts Commission also approved two adjustments to the annual grants program suggested by prior applicants and grantees. With the launch of the next grants cycle on March 7, applicants will see a new two-year award that responds to grantees' feedback related to the time required for program planning. Prior grants were only available for one year. In addition, there will be a new procedure to offer grantees the option to file final reports through an in-person site visit and interview conducted by city staff and Arts Commissioners.

The addition of these new artists categories represents the city's significant efforts to reach more arts entities and artists who are contributing to Carlsbad's artistic reputation and its creative sector. The vision is to continue to create a dynamic and vital arts community in Carlsbad representing many genres, diverse mediums and unique perspectives.



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8 tips to beat insomnia and get you sleeping again

Are you having trouble with insomnia? While everyone doesn't need the same amount of sleep, most adults need between seven to nine hours of shut eye per night. As you get older, you may get tired earlier and wake up earlier, but you still need the same

amount of sleep.



"Sleep is essential for your physical and mental well-being," says Michael Pham, DO, an internal medicine physician at

Scripps Coastal Medical Center Carlsbad. "Adequate sleep helps restore your ener-

gy, boost your mood, lower your blood pressure and produce hormones that help build muscle, repair cells and tissue, fight infection and control appetite."

Remember that if you sleep better, you'll feel better. Untreated insomnia can lead to significant health issues, including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and issues with memory.

8 bedtime tips for better rest

Talk to your doctor if you're regularly having trouble sleeping. Sometimes, all it takes is making some simple changes to your lifestyle and daily habits to halt those sleepless nights and help your body get the rest you need

1. Limit caffeine

Caffeine is a stimulant and can stay in your system for up to eight hours. Limit yourself to one caffeinated drink early in the day.



Difficulty falling or staying asleep can lead to health problems.

2. Avoid alcohol and nicotine

Alcohol can disrupt your sleep at night. Avoid alcohol for at least four hours before going to sleep and limit the amount you consume. The more a person drinks before bed, the stronger the disruption of sleep during the night.

Nicotine is a stimulant that can also interfere with your sleep.

3. Get regular exercise

"Not being active enough during the day can make it harder for you to sleep at night, regular exercise can help you sleep better," says Dr. Pham.

Aim to finish your workout about three to four hours before you go to bed, or you may feel too alert to doze off.

4. Eat light at night

Eating a heavy or spicy meal too close to bedtime can cause discomfort from indigestion and make it hard to drift off to sleep.

Have dinner earlier in the evening. "If you are still hungry before bedtime, make your choice mindfully and meaningfully," Dr. Pham says. "Consider whole food options or

foods that are rich in fiber, protein, vitamins, minerals, and/or healthy fats such as vegetables and hummus or berries and yogurt."

5. Stick to a consistent sleep schedule

Try to go to bed and get up at the same time every day. While it might be tempting to sleep in on the weekends, this can throw off the body's natural clock, making it more difficult to get to sleep later in the night.

6. Keep it quiet

Noises such as nearby traffic, dogs barking, or a dripping faucet can chip away at your rest. If there are noises you can't avoid during the night, try earplugs, a fan or a white-noise machine.

7. Turn off your phone

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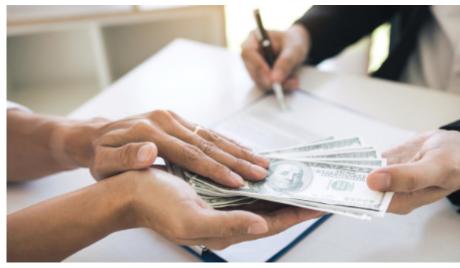
"Turn off all your devices about an hour before bedtime," says Dr. Pham. "If you do choose to use technology during that hour, keep it 14 inches from your face and dim the brightness to reduce the blue light and promote the natural melatonin release."

8. Relax

Try not to stress or worry about tomorrow's problem before bedtime. During the last hour before bedtime, start winding down and engage in an activity that is relaxing. Try a warm bath, meditating, listening to music or reading.

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University Advancement VP embraces opportunity to help students

Jessica Berger wasn't due to start her new job as Cal State San Marcos' vice president of University Advancement for two more months when she visited campus for commencement last May.



The fact that Berger wasn't officially working for CSUSM yet was irrelevant. Like the majority of CSUSM students, Berger is a first-generation college graduate, so the opportunity to see so many students experiencina the same joy she did was one that she wasn't going to

"I had between goosebumps and tears as I saw the expressions of the graduates, and I know what that feeling is like that you've made it," Berger said. "I've always had this mantra that goals have no limit. And just to see how far those students have come, to hear their stories, and then to see their families and the impact that moment has on their families is really special."

Berger officially joined the CSUSM family on July 12 after previously serving as the assistant vice president for development in the Office of College Advancement at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont. She is looking forward to helping more CSUSM students reach commencement day in her role with University Advancement and as the executive director of the CSUSM Foundation,



Jessica Berger began her tenure as the vice president of University Advancement in July. Photo by Andrew Reed

which supports the university's mission by cultivating and promoting charitable investment in the university and encouraging a culture of philanthropy.

"From Jessica's very first visit to campus, she has embraced and connected with our mission of student success, and she truly bleeds Cougar blue," said Steve Wagner, chair of the Foundation Board and the co-founder and president of Stone Brewing Co. "I have personally been very impressed with the energy and focus she brings to the challenges of her role. I've been thrilled to see her at numerous events in the community, meeting people and starting the important work of building relationships."

An Ohio native, Berger moved to California after earning a master's degree in social work and began working for the MACHAO Orphanage Foundation, which provides assistance to orphans in Kenya. That led to a position with Polytechnic School in Pasadena to help with a \$93 million campaign. It was also her introduction to educational fundraising.

"Education has always been the most important thing in my life," Berger said. "My parents didn't have the opportunity to attend college, but I knew that it was my ticket to do anything and the key to open any doors for the future."

CSUSM successfully completed its first comprehensive fundraising campaign at the end of 2018, and Berger and her team are already in the planning stages of the university's next campaign. She is looking forward to helping CSUSM continue progress toward being a national leader in social mobility and student success.

As the university rolls out its new strategic plan, Berger and her team will be building an action plan focused on community partnerships and fundraising priorities that will impact the campus and region for decades.

"I hit the jackpot with a University Advancement team that is talented, committed and collaborative," Berger said. "It's been exciting to dive right in and explore areas that we can thoughtfully build and grow in order to be successful and as we strategize the work that will need to take place for the next campaign.

"Every single person at CSUSM is here for our students, to ensure their success. It has been really inspiring that every community constituent I've met with has, unsolicited, shared that they're here because of our students and our important mission."



Film Guild begins with the endless imagination, inquiry, and ingenuity of the student in mind.



Students enjoy extensive lessons including having industry experts such as film directors, USC film students, TV producers, and camera technicians share their expertise and inspirations during their careers.

EUSD students diversify their learning through film

Launched in 2015, Encinitas Unified School District's Film Guild was designed to capture the imaginations and passion

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of our K-6th grade students through film. By creating a Career Technical program that rivals high school film classes, 4th through 6th-grade students learn and engage in camera work, scriptwriting, production, and storyboarding to build career-ready skills. Students ac-

cepted into the Film Guild program attend weekly meetings and work toward creating thought-provoking, inspiring films that cover subject matters appropriate for both school and community distribution.

Film Guild begins with the endless imagination, inquiry, and ingenuity of the student in mind! We want to advance student voice and student empowerment. Film creation provides a powerful voice to the student, and the Guild provides the empowerment to be heard in a way that is meaningful and impactful. One Film Guild mother wrote, "Sienna can't stop gushing about how happy she is. You turned a spark of the imagination into a creative and therapeutic outlet that empowered Sienna and hopefully other girls."

Over the past seven years, Film Guild enrollment has increased to over 350 participants representing each of our 9 EUSD schools. A student who is first accepted into the Film Guild program carries the title of "Apprentice". These students use this first year to learn and develop their film and cinematography skills. Students who have met the requirements and have at least a year of Film Guild participation and instruction are considered "Film Guild Masters." Students eniov extensive lessons including having industry experts such as film directors, USC film students, TV producers, and camera technicians share their expertise and inspirations during their careers.

EUSD's Film Guild has achieved multiple areas of success including regional and state award winning recognition, advancing many initiatives such as civic engagement and environmental stewardship. EUSD's Film Guild has won the highest percentage of awards for student films three years in a row at the regional Innovate Video In Education (IVIE) Festival. At the state competition, the California Student Media Festival, Film Guild students have won top awards for seven years in a row. In addition to these

external film festivals, each year we hold an EUSD Film Guild Awards night that rivals the Academy Awards, but perhaps the telling examples of success are the many past Film Guild students who come back to share their outstanding accomplishments such as being paid to create films in high school and acceptances to USC Film School.

The structure of the Film Guild is purposeful. As students engage in real-world passions, having opportunities to interact and connect in authentic ways is essential. Students who apply aspire to enhance their learning and abilities in cinematography. It is an honorary, professional film society dedicated to highlighting the unique perspectives and passions of our 4th-6th grade students.

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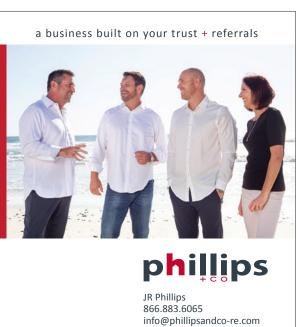
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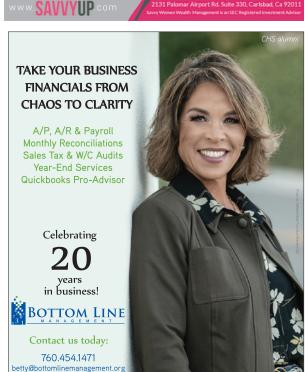
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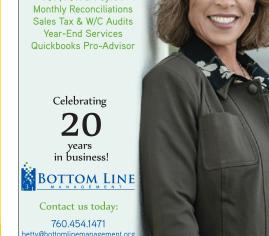
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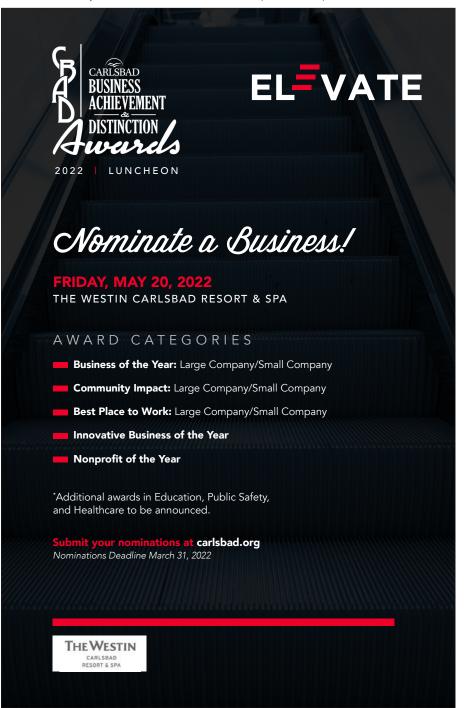
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Arlene Oyagi, **Women in Education**

Arlene Ovagi knew since she was in middle school that she wanted to be a teacher. And she has been in education here

in the Carlsbad area now for over 22 years. At La Costa Heights Elementary School in Carlsbad, she has taught 6th grade, 3rd grade and 2nd grade. In 2021, Arlene was honored at our CBAD Awards as our Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Arlene's passion for education begins and ends in relationships. She shared, "I love the relationships I have with the students, staff and families at LCH. I get to be with great people, big and small, each day. I look forward to making connections with my students, which is the best foundation for learning in my opinion." The pandemic certainly brought plenty of challenges to all our dedicated teachers. One silver lining that Arlene has experienced is the "strong emphasis on social-emotional learning and mental health" that has resulted from all the virtual learning challenges. Angelica Lopez, the Assistant Superintendent in **Encinitas Union School District**, share this about

Arlene, "One of Arlene's greatest strengths is her ability to understand and empathize with others. Her communication and compassion are beacons that guide all of us in or work and in our relationships with others. In the classroom, Ms. Oyagi carries these same characteristics and qualities. She knows her students' strengths and areas of growth individually. Her students each know how much share cares about them as individuals. She is an advocate for every child."

When she isn't in the classroom, you may find Arlene out doing stand-up paddle boarding, dabbling in pickleball, brushing up on her golf game or practicing her new hobby, crocheting.



Cindy Anderson, **Women in Public Safety**

Cindy Anderson has had public service in her blood since an early age. Cindy started her career as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps

and served locally at Camp Pendleton. While there, she was awarded a scholarship which paid for her master's degree. And as part of her degree, Cindy was required to complete an internship. She chose the Carlsbad Police Department, which soon led to

her being hired as a part-time investigative assistant. Not long later, she applied for the Crime Analyst position when the opportunity arose. Now, fifteen years later, she is supervising the Crime Analysis Unit as a Senior Management Analyst.

Cindy's unit identifies crime trends in the city and connects them to related crimes in the region. They also assist detectives in identifying criminals and their associates, and provide patrol with information on where crimes are happening in the city, which suspects they should be aware of, and any relevant intelligence information that they should know while policing the city. They often work outside of normal hours to assist with active cases, whether it is to identify a suspect, find victims for stolen property, connect cases that are within or outside of their jurisdiction, or provide information on where to find suspects, as these crimes often occur in the middle of the night and on weekends.

The thing Cindy loves most about her job is making a difference. She shared, "I love making a difference, knowing that because I remembered important details about a case or a suspect, I was able to make a connection that helped solve a case. I love the relationships I've established in the community as well as in law enforcement in doing this job. I also love that every day is different, but it is always interesting."

Cindy loves all things Carlsbad. But when she is not working, she is making her biggest impact by raising her three sons. So if you are out and about in Carlsbad, you might see her with their recently adopted retired police K-9 at a robotics event, lacrosse tournament or Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition.



Mary Backer, Women in **Nonprofit Leadership**

Mary Backer worked in the publishing industry out of college until one of her daughters was born with special needs. After focus-

ing her energy on raising her family for 20 years, Mary started **Beacons, Inc**. with other moms of adults with disabilities who wanted to create lifelong learning opportunities for their adult children in north county. In 2018 Beacons outgrew their kitchen table and in 2021 they moved into a 4,000 sf office space. Beacons works with adult individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID/DD), a traditionally overlooked population. Statistics show 85% of individuals with ID/DD have been unemployed in San Diego County. Mary currently serves as the President of Beacons and loves seeing the difference their programs make every day in lives of the community they serve. Mary shared, "Seeing their self-advocacy and hard work pay off is very meaningful to me. I feel like I learn something new every day. Our clients constantly teach all of us working at Beacons different ways to approach things in order to optimize learning and experiences."

Beacons offers three programs for their clients: PathFinder, Navigator and Club Beacon. All are aimed at helping their ID/DD clients gain employment. This rewarding work is not without its challenges. Mary stated that, "One of the highest priorities in the State of California under its 'Employment First' policy is to help individuals with cognitive disabilities find gainful employment and yet very few employers have offered to work with us to make that happen." Mary works tirelessly to help employers see the opportunity available in working with their clientele. She commented that, "The state's paid internship program makes a 3rd party the employer of record and that 3rd party pays the wages, workers comp and insurance. We need employers to recognize that in exchange for giving a worker's access to their site for training, they can have additional employees available to them at no out-ofpocket cost."

In addition to advocating tirelessly for special needs adults, Mary loves coastal living in Carlsbad, is a huge college football fan, and now (since Covid) is part of the homemade sourdough bread craze.



Kristina Ray, **Women in Civic Service**

Kristina Ray is the Communications and **Engagement Director for** the City of Carlsbad. And although Carlsbad

is Tina's home town, her journey to work for the city was anything but direct. Tina started her professional career by working for two former White House press secretaries in Washington, D.C. That experience was every bit as crazy as you might imagine it being if you regularly watch CNN, Fox News or any other major news outlet. Some people enjoy that experience, but for Tina, she shared that "it cured me of my desire to work in politics." She did spend some time working as a communication consultant to local, state and federal public agencies, but eventually, all road led her back to Carlsbad.

As the Communications and Engagement Director, Tina loves that in her role she gets to work with all city departments. She feels that she serves as a translator of sorts, trying to demystify government processes and jargon so everything the city does is transparent. What Tina really loves about her job is that, "I get to see up close how things work, but I also have a global view of the city as a whole. It makes me really proud to see the caliber of professionals - most of whom are behind the scenes - who work every day to make Carlsbad great. It takes so many different parts moving together to create this wonderful experience we get to have being in Carlsbad"

Tina does not consider herself a patient person, which sometimes can be a challenge in government work as the speed of change can be slow due to the complexity of rules that are in place to protect the public. Despite that, she relishes the opportunity to raise awareness of all the different programs and services that are available to our residents and businesses.

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professionals who make the process simpler for his clients. He is the Director of the Senior Division of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties and currently serves on the boards of two local non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of seniors. He was featured in the first issue of Local Leaders, a new magazine focused on Carlsbad's local business leaders, for his dedication to serving seniors. Bryan also created a reality TV show that presents the myriad of issues seniors face and the solutions



available. Bryan is also a Certified Trust and Probate Specialist. Bryan was born in Los Angeles and attended college at the University of California San Diego. When he is DRE #01397835.

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