Friends of San Pasqual Academy "Setting the Community's Foster Youth on a Path of Success"



October 2020

## KEY DATES

	2020/2021
Nov	Thanksgiving Dinner
TBD	Fall Sports Banquet
TBD	Holiday Party
Dec	New Year's Eve Party
Feb	Valentine's Day Party
May	Prom
June	Graduation
All Events are on hold until	
guidelines allow for group events	

## WHAT FRIENDS OF SAN Pasqual Academy has meant to ME?

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your commitment to my educational and career goals. S.

My dream was to always have my own classroom and be an educator to help our future leaders. Your support had helped make this all possible. Thanks for investing in me so I can invest in them. F.

Thank you for opening up your hearts and for seeing the potential in me. You are all much appreciated and loved. M

With the scholarship support I am able to focus on the things than matter most with less financial stress. T.

I graduated with my Master's two week ago and I would not have done it without all your support along the way. It makes me immensely happy to see that all the students from SPA have an amazing group of people who love them and support them. N. **Challenged, Focused & Resilient**...these words describe how the foster teens of San Pasqual Academy have adapted to the COVID 19 world.

They are focused on the virtual learning process and working through the challenges that are incumbent to the current rules for interaction. We have been fortunate to visit the campus (following all the guidelines), delivering the computers, games, puzzles, books, school supplies and clothing that you have generously donated over the past couple of months. During our visits we have seen kids who have adapted to the 'new normal.' We did not hear any complaining or mumbling about how unfair it is to be quarantined at school. This has been a unique learning experience for everyone and the resiliency of the foster teens of the Academy has been noteworthy.

The summer of 2020 was not what anyone expected—and for the foster teens it was particularly difficult. They live on campus. There were no field trips, no events, no sports practices—all the same restrictions that traditional high school students faced nationwide. The exception is that the foster teens have been quarantined 'at school.' Trips away from the campus have been based upon individual needs for doctor visits or other priority meetings. No trips to the grocery store or to visit a friend or small gathering events. But the kids are handling it!

What we have seen, and it is not unique to this year, is a group of foster teens who are thriving in their environment. Kids who are appreciative of the opportunities that San Pasqual Academy affords them—particularly during these difficult times. We asked a number of the students and alumni to give us a quote regarding their experience at the Academy and the impact of you have had on them through Friends of San Pasqual Academy. We want you to learn directly from them what your efforts mean to the foster teens.

We send out a thank you and recognition to those who provided the school supplies, games and so much more, including National Charity League, Patty and Marc Brutten, Sea Biscuit Del Mar Boutique, Robert Zamarripa, AEGIS Funding, Escondido Rotary, Coronado Rotary, Escondido After 5 Rotary, Escondido Sunrise Rotary, Boy & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, See's Candies and so many individuals. Your commitment to the foster teens has been fantastic.

We know that many of you volunteers miss going out to the campus for the holiday party, Shop Till You Drop and athletic events. We and the kids miss you too. We missed seeing you at Teens, Jeans & Dreams or the Concert for a Cause—both events which were canceled. We truly appreciate all your support.

Be safe and please keep the foster teens of San Pasqual Academy and Friends of San Pasqual Academy in your thoughts as we look forward to a more traditional normal in 2021.

In appreciation, From the Board of Directors of Friends of San Pasqual Academy

FRIENDS OF SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NO FUND-RAISING EVENTS & NO SOCIAL GATHERINGS HAS AFFECTED US ALL. Please think of Friends of San Pasqual Academy during your year end giving. Thank You.

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