

Community Service Association Newsletter

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Message from the CSA Board of Directors

This month's newsletter highlights The Links, Incorporated, a charitable organization which promotes youth services, education, and the arts among other goals.

As we kick off our annual membership campaign this month we thank CSA members for your support of San Diego county charitable organizations. For more information about CSA, please call Mary Bartholomew, membership coordinator at (619) 465-2210 or visit our website at www.sandi.net/csa.

Profile of The Links, Incorporated

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation established in 1946 and dedicated to leadership, education and service. Its membership consists of over 12,000 professional women of color nationwide.

Since 1987, The San Diego Chapter has been committed to the goal of equal access to a college education through the implementation of our signature project, The Achiever Program. In response to dire college enrollment and graduation rates among African American males, The Achiever Program was designed as a recognition and enrichment program for African American male high school seniors. By focusing on college preparedness, leadership development, and cultural awareness, the goal is to ensure that young African American males have the tools and skill set necessary to succeed in college and beyond, and to be prepared to ultimately assume roles as leaders in their communities.

Each year, the San Diego Unified School District and other San Diego county districts recommend candidates who have distinguished themselves in academics, the creative or performing arts, athletics, and/or community service. The young men who are selected are paired with

a mentor from the community, and participate in a comprehensive six-month program with activities including college application and financial aid workshops, business and social etiquette workshops, financial literacy workshops, motivational workshops, life skills training such as CPR, cultural and social events, and community service activities. The program also provides scholarships and, in recent years, a laptop computer upon successful completion and with proof of enrollment in a college or university. The Achievers are presented to the community at a recognition and scholarship luncheon, the annual "Affair of Honor."



The San Diego Links are extremely grateful for community support, and are particularly appreciative of the assistance which they have received from the Community Service Association and from San Diego Unified School District administrators over the years.

For information regarding the Achiever Program please contact the San Diego Chapter of The Links, Incorporated at sdlinksachievers2014@gmail.com.

CSA Mission Statement

The Community Service Association of San Diego Unified School District is a nonprofit association organized to solicit contributions from district employees for recognized charitable agencies in San Diego County which support the arts, education, health, and human services.