JUNE IS GRADUATION MONTH!

CLASS OF 2020

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ACCESS SENIORS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK!!

Angela G.

Angela joined Access in 2014 and is president of the high school robotics team.

Outside of school, she is a Teen Leader at the Jewish Family Service where she focuses on helping with migrants and refugee resettlement.

She loves working with kids; she’s led Girls in STEAM Conferences, mentoring programs, and robotics competitions.

Through Access, she has also volunteered to feed the homeless population and other communities facing food insecurity.

Access has taught her to be open minded, caring, and strong willed.

She plans on using those characteristics as a freshman at CSU San Marcos.
where she’ll be studying political science with a focus on global studies.

Her ultimate goal is to work for the U.S Department of State.

Demmie D.

Demmie likes to stay active physically and socially. She has been a part of Access Youth Academy since she was in 8th grade.

Demmie is a part of Model United Nations, Drama, and National Honor Society.

When she isn't attending club meetings and planning events, she spends most of her time playing volleyball with her family. She enjoys volunteering at Father Joe's Village serving food to the homeless citizens of San Diego.

Access Youth Academy taught her that she gains more by giving back to her community. She is fully committed to UC Riverside, and on her way to becoming a pediatrician.

She is grateful for every opportunity that is given to her and will continue to make her loved ones proud.

Diana M.

Diana is a part of her school’s FIRST Robotics team working as their lead programmer. She is also part of the Rho Kappa National Honor Society.

Her previous activities before Access Youth Academy were more artistically oriented when she participated in ice skating and ballet dancing.

Today, she hopes to express that side of herself again, adding singing to her list of endeavors.

One of her favorite places to volunteer is at The Hunger Project in downtown San Diego. At the Hunger Project, she enjoys transporting food for their disabled patrons.
Diana will be attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in the fall of 2020, pursuing a degree in biology and/or sociology. Afterward, she plans to either move back to San Diego or stay on the East Coast to pursue a Ph.D.

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**Emely R.**

Emely has officially been part of Access since the 7th grade. However, as the third generation in the program, she believes to have been part of the family earlier than that.

Over the years, she has learned that education is power, and it is something that can never be taken away. Due to learning this early on, Emely indulges her self in school activities like being part of three national honor societies, including one that she founded herself.

Community involvement is something very important to her as well.

Her favorite way to give back to the community is through working with students who have recently immigrated to San Diego from a different country.

Emely will continue her academic endeavors at UC San Diego where she will major in Business Psychology with the ultimate goal of working in a nonprofit organization similar to Access.

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**Gicel A.**

Gicel Abraham is a part of her school's robotics team, Team 812: The Midnight Mechanics, for the past 3 years. The club has inspired her to become a Mechanical Engineer at UC Davis.

She also participates in Model United Nations where she created and hosted her school's first MUN Conference for those in her county as well as those in other parts of the world.

Gicel is part of a mentorship program that empowers Latinas to go to college and be who they want to be without any barriers to hold them back.
Gicel enjoys volunteering with Father Joe's Hunger Project, distributing food and clothing to those in need in San Diego. Through Access, she has learned that she should never give up on what she believes in whether it be during a squash match or in relation to her own ideals.

**Kevin N.**

Kevin Nguyen is a member of the squash team at Access Youth Academy and a mechanic on the Robotics team.

He does not have a specific favorite volunteer activity but loves to work with his friends on events such as December Nights.

An important thing that he learned from Access is the importance of a supportive family.

Going into the next stages of life, he will continue to seek to surround himself with supportive people.

Kevin plans to attend **UC San Diego** and major in Computer Science at the Jacobs School of Engineering. He hopes to find success academically and in the professional world as a software engineer.

**Quang V.**

Quang has been an Access student since 2015, and has been a committed member of the Access family ever since.

While he loves to play squash for fun, he also enjoys watching and playing other sports such as basketball and badminton.

In addition to squash, other clubs he belongs to include Robotics, Model United Nations, Interact Club, and National Honor Society.

In school, he is determined to succeed academically. Access Youth Academy gave Quang many opportunities that made this possible.

Quang plans to attend **UC Berkeley** this fall, majoring in Computer Science. He hopes that after his college journey, he will continue working in the STEM field in the Bay Area.
Rahel C.

Rahel is a member of Rho Kappa NHHS, the Fashion Club, Student Government, and she plays Squash.

She has volunteered at organizations such as the ACLU, The Hunger Project, and she tutors at Preuss High School.

Access taught Rahel that a strong team is important to success.

Rahel plans to attend UC San Diego in the Fall to study Political Science. She plans to pursue a career in Law.

Richard M.

Richard is a senior at the Preuss School UC San Diego. He is the Vice-President for the robotics team, and a dedicated squash player.

He has won several squash tournaments and was able to reach the rank of 103 for BU-19 in the US.

As for his future, he is college-bound to UC San Diego where he will study to be a Mechanical Engineer.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

WE'VE BROKEN GROUND!
Construction is on-track and slated for completion June 2021!  
We will keep you updated!

Visit the website to see a beautifully produced architectural rendering video of the new facility.