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Jameel Franco is a senior at John Muir High School. He is involved in the Altadena Rotary, Mentoring and Partnership for Youth Development and the College Access Plan. He also volunteers with Interwoven Church. Jameel has served as a senior counselor for the Teen Leadership Camp and as a flag holder for the Latino Heritage Parade and the Black History Parade. His hobbies include fishing, singing, weightlifting, animal care, reading, fashion and leadership. Jameel plans to attend UC Davis and major in animal science. His goals include shadowing veterinarians during the summer, becoming a veterinarian at a nonprofit that works with unhoused pets and stray animals and owning a ranch to raise rescued and neglected animals.

Gael Lemus is a graduating senior at John Muir High School. He is currently involved with the Associated Student Body and Club Water Polo, and serves as a Splash Ball coach at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. He has also served as a Tournament of Roses Student Ambassador, an intern at the Armory Center for the Arts and a member of the varsity track team. His hobbies include creating art in various media, skateboarding, playing soccer, biking and working out. Gael plans to attend UC San Diego as a cinematic arts major, play water polo at the collegiate level and pursue a career in the movie industry in the props or wardrobe departments.

Leila Nafarrete is a graduating senior at CIS Academy (Center for Independent Study). She is currently an Eagle Scout candidate and serves as the senior patrol leader of BSA Troop 360. She is also the vice president of administration for Crew 288. Leila is a Los Angeles County Fire Department Explorer and a member of the Health Occupations Students of America. She volunteers with the Pasadena Public Library and serves on the Teen Advisory Board. Additionally, she has been a part of the Blair High Pep Squad and the Marshall Fundamental Competitive Cheer team. Her hobbies include backpacking, hiking, art, outdoor activities and playing cards. Leila plans to attend UC San Diego as a public health major and aims to work as a physician in international disaster relief.

Tehilah Favour Ofumbi is a senior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. She serves as the Black Student Union president, and vice president and co-founder of the Model United Nations. She is also a member of the Associated Student Body and the National Honor Society. Tehilah is part of Marshall's varsity girls tennis team, which recently won the Mission Valley League Championship and the CIF Southern Section Division 5 Championship. Her hobbies include reading, exploring Pinterest and watching TV shows. Tehilah plans to attend UCLA as a public health major and aspires to attend medical school to become a family medicine doctor.

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Fletcher Paddock is a graduating senior at John Muir High School. He is a member of the College Access Plan, the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Mentorship program. Fletcher is also a three-year captain and catcher for the Muir varsity baseball team. He previously worked as a lifeguard at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and earned the Triple Crown award for completing all three Boy Scout high-adventure camps across the United States. His hobbies include baseball, cooking, working out, hiking, backpacking and woodworking. Fletcher plans to attend Saddleback Community College as an engineering major, focusing on aerospace or mechanical engineering while playing baseball. He hopes to transfer to a Division I school and aspires to play baseball at the highest level while pursuing a career in aerospace.

Andrew Pimentel is a graduating senior at Pasadena High School. He is currently a college champion with the College Access Plan and volunteers to help his peers with college-related topics such as applications and essays. Andrew has also participated in Upward Bound, a program that provides fundamental support to participants in preparing for college entrance. His hobbies include music and travel. Andrew plans to attend UC Riverside as a music major and hopes to pursue a career as a music producer.

Alyssa Yepez is a senior at Pasadena High School (PHS). She is a student in the Creative Arts and Design Academy and serves as the team manager for the baseball team. Alyssa also works in guest services at the Rose Bowl Stadium and participates in the Student for Summer Enrichment program with Partnership for Success. She has previously served as a Tournament of Roses Student Ambassador, interned at The Armory and tutored freshmen at PHS. Alyssa is the club soccer captain for Renegades Football Club and was also the captain of the PHS girls varsity soccer team. Her hobbies include watching movies, playing and watching sports, spending time with friends and creating art. Alyssa plans to attend UCLA and major in civil engineering to become a structural engineer.

Keilah Yu is a senior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. Her current school and community activities include serving as the Associated Student Body vice president, a Pasadena Unified School District Think Tank member, a City of Pasadena Youth Ambassador and the Key Club service coordinator. She also volunteers at Huntington Hospital. Keilah is the co-captain of the Marshall dance team and is a member of the varsity girls golf and swim teams. Her hobbies include dancing hula, teaching youth karate, crocheting and scrapbooking. Keilah hopes to attend UC Berkeley and study cognitive science. Keilah plans to pursue medical research through diverse societal, biological and technological lenses.