

## Photos: LA-area students descend on Pomona Fairplex for a big run in the rain



Start of the Open Division during the Holiday Half Marathon at Pomona Fairplex on Sunday Dec. 11, 2022. (Photo by Milka Soko, Contributing Photographer)

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Throngs of middle and high school students and teachers from all over the region braved the rain and ran a half marathon on Sunday morning, Dec. 11, at Fairplex Pomona, part of a massive Students Run LA training program.

You may have seen these youngsters before, running in spots throughout the region as they train in the months leading up to the L.A. Marathon.

Each time, they take on progressively longer distances.

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SRLA students will also be participating in a community service project celebrating the holiday season: Bring Joy with a Toy. Students will be collecting toys that promote fitness and thought for students at a local elementary school. In the past, SRLA students have collect thousands of toys and school supplies items at this event.

The running program has grown over time.

For 33 years, Students Run LA has provided a free youth mentoring, marathon-training program throughout Greater Los Angeles.

Students from nearly 200 schools train alongside their volunteer teachers.

Annually, more than 95% of the students who attempt the Marathon complete the 26.2-mile course. Organizers say that more than 95% of the seniors in SRLA graduate from high school with plans to attend college the following fall, 75% of whom are the first in their families to go to college.

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