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Photos: Students Run LA hits the streets of La Puente for 10K run on way to LA Marathon in March

SRLA has about 3,000 student runners and 500 volunteer Marathon Leaders.



Jose Navarro celebrates after finishing a 10K run hosted by Students Run LA in La Puente on Sunday, October 24, 2021. (Photo by Drew A. Kelley, Contributing Photographer)



Some 3,000 middle and high school students from Students Run LA on Sunday morning were joined by participants from the La Puente-area community for the SRLA Strength 10K that began in Downtown La Puente.

SRLA is an organization that mentors students through training for the 2022 LA Marathon. It has been around since 1989 after being co-founded by Paul Trapani and Eric Spears.

The event was run in conjunction with the city of La Puente, which also sponsored several student runners participating in the 5K and 10K races.

The 2022 LA Marathon is March 20.

"If you train appropriately and have the right support system, you can do something that no one even would think you could possibly do or even attempt to do," said Trapani, who said the focus of SRLA is to build students' character through mentoring from the organization's 500 volunteers referred to as Marathon Leaders.

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