

## April 2021 Newsletter

### A Season In Review

The 2020 - 21 SRLA season has been a journey like no other. Our runners were faced with uncertainty and seemingly insurmountable challenges, but in the end nearly 2,500 runners crossed the finish line strong. This month we are taking a look back at our season and highlighting the perspectives of our students and leaders.



"[This season] has been tough but it really has helped me mentally get by this year. I am infinitely thankful to the organization and the opportunities that are made available."

*Arturo @ Animo Ralph Bunche*

**Student Survey:** As our season wrapped up last month we asked SRLA students to fill

out a survey and reflect on this season with the program. We heard a wide variety of perspectives on the importance and impact of SRLA this season. Take a look at some of the student comments that stood out:

- "This SRLA season has made me realize my mental and physical strength, no pandemic can bring me down." - Steve @ MSA1 Reseda
- "SRLA has helped me keep a positive mindset. I have learned how to push myself more even when I felt like giving up." - Karina @ Early College Academy LATTC
- "In June of 2020 I began running and struggling and now it is March of 2021 and I love myself. I am proud of myself and I can not wait for the many more marathons I achieve!" - Kayla @ Torres High School
- "Even though this season was like no other I am still happy that we are still able to run either on our own or with our team. This year has made it little more difficult than the regular season but knowing that I've trained in these conditions made me feel like I can accomplish anything." - Andrea @ Mt. Gleason Middle School
- "It has been challenging in a good way. It has made me more responsible in training. It has been a way that I can feel free and I have connected more with my family especially my dad who always is there with me during the races." - Alexandra @ Animo Jackie Robinson

### Covid Impact Report

The Covid-19 pandemic had an immeasurable impact on the lives of SRLA students and leaders this season. Through recent end of season surveys, we have gotten a window into how immense that impact was.

[A recent blog post](#) explores the ways in which Covid-19 affected SRLA runners at every point throughout the 2020 - 21 season.



*"Quería demostrar a cualquier inmigrante que puedes venir y puedes conseguir cualquier cosa que uno quiera."*

Jocelyn Rivas, and SRLA Alumna, is on a journey to become the youngest person, woman & Latina to complete 100 Marathons. Earlier this month the story of her journey to 100 and her life as a Dreamer was featured in the [LA Times](#).

### Opportunity Alert: Scholarships!

Applications for the SRLA and Honda Power of Dreams Scholarships closed April 14th, however many scholarships for the Class of 2021 are still accepting applications. More information is available [here](#).



[#LeadingConEducación Program - April 31st Deadline](#)

[2021 Los Angeles Frontrunners Carl Maravilla Scholarship - May 7th Deadline](#)

[The Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award - May 10th Deadline](#)

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