



# August Newsletter

Hello!

**School is back in session!** Students are finally back in the classroom, connecting with their school community and learning in person. With the start of the new academic year, we are reflecting on why SRLA matters this school year and planning for a season that will keep our students, leaders, and supporters healthy, active, and connected.

To kick off the season, 200+ leaders from 170 groups attended our **Annual Leader Conference**. We were thrilled to be able to host the conference in-person at the Glendale Hilton and see our leaders face-to-face for the first time in over a year. The conference included [presentations from the Orthopaedic Institute for Children, The Civics Center, and an LAUSD Mental Health Specialist](#). Though we were all fully masked, we had lots of fun catching up with each other and even gave away a few raffle prizes, too.



During the conference, some **Leaders Shared Their Perspectives** on the upcoming school year. Many were excited to begin running again in person, others were anxious to help their students face-to-face, but all were excited to be together again and begin building those lifelong bonds that make SRLA so special.

You can join us in building our community for students who need it most. Support SRLA students with a donation during our [Back to](#)

## [School Match!](#)

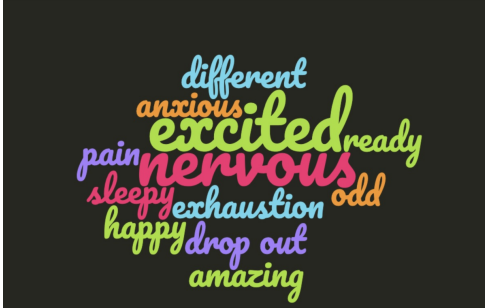
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As we prepared to start the semester, our students also reflected on what **Returning To The Classroom** means to them. When asked for one word to describe how they were feeling about going back to school, most students said excited or nervous. A combination that we are all familiar with as the world once again cautiously "opens up."

The importance of keeping SRLA running has never been more apparent. That's why we've been hard at work this summer making adjustments and planning ahead for an ever-changing world. We are eagerly awaiting our return to in-person events at the

**Homeboy 5K on October 2nd.** If you are interested in running alongside students at this event, you can register [here](#) and use the code SRLA2021 for 15% off.

As we move through these strange times, I continue to be amazed by the tireless dedication of our leaders, staff, and volunteers. It's incredible to see how it all comes together as we work to support each other as one team, one family. Looking forward to a great season ahead!



Best Regards,  
Marsha Charney  
Executive Director  
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A blue banner with white text. On the left is the Homeboy Industries logo, which consists of the word 'HOMEBOY' in a stylized font inside a white-bordered shape, with 'INDUSTRIES' written below it. To the right of the logo is '5K' in a large, bold font, followed by 'RUN' and 'WALK' stacked vertically in a smaller font. At the bottom of the banner, the text 'OCTOBER 2, 2021 | HOMEBOY5K.ORG' is displayed in white.