

May 2020 Newsletter

Running Toward Tomorrow

Good Morning SRLA Family,

You are probably adjusting to a new normal. I hope that you have been able to find some comfort and routine in the face of the latest challenges and changes.

At SRLA we are adjusting to a new normal, too. Our staff is continuing to work from home and our Leaders and students are out of the classroom. Many of them are finding new, creative ways to meet remotely.

Everyday we are surprised by the innovation and dedication of our Leaders during these challenging times. **SRLA Leaders have stepped up by creating virtual running programs, hosting zoom practices, and bringing their groups together at a time when we are physically more distant than ever.**



Celebrating Our Leaders

SRLA honored these amazing teacher Leaders during Teacher Appreciation Week from May 4th to 8th. **We are incredibly thankful for all of our SRLA Leaders who volunteer hundreds of hours every year, training and mentoring SRLA students across LA.**

To show their appreciation, the greater SRLA family was invited to give shout-outs to their favorite SRLA

Leaders. The response was overwhelming. **Shout-outs flooded our submission inbox, which reached capacity before the end of the week!**

The shout-outs were shared with our Leaders directly and on our social media channels, too. **Check out the SRLA blog for some of [our favorites](#).**

On May 6th, SRLA hosted its annual Leader Celebration Dinner - though this

year it also looked a little different on Zoom! Although the event may have been virtual, our supporters helped make the celebration special. Our five Star Award recipients were presented with personalized, engraved awards and all Leaders who RSVP'd were treated to a Grubhub dinner!

SRLA 2020 Star Award Recipients



**Katia Delgado Lopez and
Edgar Lopez**
Fulton College Prep



Luis Coronel
Polytechnic High School



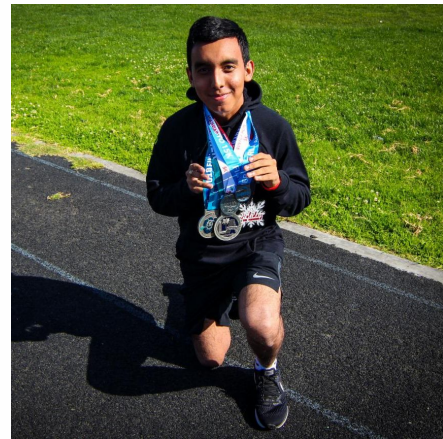
Barb Jepson
John R. Wooden High School



Gabe Sanchez
Bell High School

[Step Up for Seniors Challenge](#)

May also means the school year is coming to a close! For many of our students, this month signals the end of the school year and the beginning of summer break. For our seniors, May traditionally means prom, awards nights, and the countdown to graduation - things that will, again, look very different this year.



To celebrate the SRLA Class of 2020, we are challenging YOU to Step Up for Seniors! Together, our goal is to run 2,020 miles before June 20 in celebration of the Class of 2020. It's FREE to sign up for this challenge but, if you can, we hope that you'll also consider adding a donation to keep SRLA running for the next generation of runners.

Step Up for Seniors!

Looking to the Future - SRLA Scholarship Application

Training for a marathon has taught our students that they are capable of anything. So when times get tough, they keep running towards a brighter future.

Last month, we opened up our scholarship application to all SRLA seniors who completed the 2020 Los Angeles Marathon. SRLA received more than 130 applications. We look forward to reviewing these applications, announcing the scholarship awards, and sharing our seniors' stories over the next several

months.

Thank you for standing with us (or should I say running by our side?) as we move through these challenging times together. Your support ensures we are able to keep students running today and tomorrow. Thank you for being part of our family. We're "*in it for the long run*," and glad you are, too!

Stay safe, healthy, kind, and positive!

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