



ALF Awards Hillgren Scholarship to Two LCHS Graduates

Assistance League of Flintridge has selected the two 2019 recipients of its Mary Ellen Hillgren Scholarship. The scholarships were announced at the recent La Cañada High School Senior awards night.

Adena DiPaolo will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall. In her own words Adena says, "My entire life I've loved to be an active member of my community in all areas: sports, academics, philanthropy, and leadership." Adena was captain of the varsity cross country team, varsity track, and JV soccer. She excelled in academics and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honors Society. Adena volunteered at a number of organizations in the community including Door of Hope and Special Olympics. She earned her Girl Scout Silver and Bronze awards and was president of Fundraising for Teens for the Advancement of Children's Hospital.

Henry Vaughn will attend Loyola Marymount University in the fall. Henry states that "expanding my horizons was made easier with the discipline and self-confidence instilled in me by the Boy Scouts and my school's marching band." Henry earned the Eagle Award in Scouting and played the trumpet in the band, earning the Director's award the past three years. He has performed in more than five LCHS productions and has received the Best Actor award. Henry regularly wrote, directed, filmed, and edited films and other videos as an Assemblies Commissioner and has won the Best Director and Best Film/Audience Choice awards in the LCHS 64-hour Film Festival

Every year ALF awards scholarships to La Cañada High School seniors who will be attending a four year college or university in the fall. A committee of ALF members reviews the applications and selects the recipients based on excellence in academics, character, extracurricular activities and community service. This year, the committee included Mary Mieding (Chairman), Molly Brockmeyer, Cynthia Ringel, and Jean Silliman.

The Mary Ellen Hillgren Memorial Scholarship, administered by ALF, was established in 1995 in memory of and tribute to a prominent and dedicated member of the La Cañada Flintridge community. Hillgren believed in the public education system and she wished to encourage the accomplishments of students. She was president of ALF and was twice president of National Assistance League.

The names of the recipients are engraved on a perpetual plaque that is displayed in the trophy case at the high school. For more information about Assistance League of Flintridge, visit ALFlintridge.org, or call (818)790-1328.