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Scholarships

Inspire Foundation Scholarships

INSPIRED BY SCIENCE:	AVA HOUGLAND
INSPIRED BY THE ARTS:	JADE WALLIN
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:	ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE
PURSUIT OF PASSION:	ZANDER RENZI
STEVEN TADEO MEMORIAL:	MARGARET KNAPPEN

Chico Community Scholarship Association

CCSA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

AARISH ADAMS KAYA HUI LAUREN BAINBRIDGE
SIERRA ROBINSON ANDRES CORONEL
RAEGHAN GIBSON

AAUW CHICO:	ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE
TATREAU FAMILY:	MARGARET KNAPPEN
OMEGA NU:	NATALIE HAYES
TED HUBERT MEMORIAL:	NATALIE HAYES
BELUAH REBEKAH LODGE #60:	JADE WALLIN
JOSEPHINE ARNOLD MEMORIAL:	SKYLER DEMONTIGNY
THE FOOR FOUNDATION:	DONOVAN BONEA
VALERIE LYNN PAYNE MEMORIAL:	IVY SMITH

◆ Essence of Inspire ◆

Becky Brown

KAYA HUI

The Essence of Inspire is a \$1000 Foundation scholarship that we give each year to a graduating senior who has contributed significantly to the cultivation of a positive learning environment. This award recognizes a young person who has been kind and positive with their peers and who takes learning seriously. Here are some things teachers had to say about the winning candidate:

- They are kind to everyone. They essentially planned, implemented, and ran nearly all ASB events, rallies, dress up days, and social media for the last two years.
- They are a great human.
- They are a wonderful representation of "Take Space, Make Space" and Inspire overall. They're engaged and a leader in multiple spaces. They definitely elevate discussions and make students feel welcome. They have strived to attain to high expectations and exemplify an attitude of community responsibility.
- Their quiet and calm demeanor is a beautiful reflection of their inner creativity. Their willingness to take risks and explore new perspectives through their imagination is truly admirable. It is no surprise that they are a top achieving student, as their dedication and talent shines brightly in everything they do.
- ...It is "Leadership", "Service", and "Basic Human Empathy" where their talents and hard work truly shine. They are a star on campus when it comes to volunteerism. They have a "knack" for knowing who needs help and how they might help, of being the person who says, in their quiet, unassuming way, "I can do that," and then following through on their promise to arrive, at the right place and time, ready to contribute their hard work and abilities to the common good in a manner that says, without having to say it, "I am here for you." This is our Essence of Inspire, always, a person you can count on to "be there"...

World Languages

Antonio Isern & Beth Reid

Outstanding Achievement in Spanish **ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE**

Zella's passion for the Spanish language and Hispanic culture shines brightly everyday she steps inside the classroom. Zella's presence in class elevates the level of communication, fostering an engaging learning environment for all. Her attention to detail ensures that no aspect of language or culture is ever overlooked. Achieving a perfect score of 5 on the AP Spanish Culture and Languages exam her junior year is a testament to her mastery of the language, knowledge of the culture and commitment to her own personal goals. Zella has had the opportunity to travel to a number of Spanish speaking countries such as Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico, and despite her extensive travels at such a young age, Zella continues to be curious about the language and its culture and plans to continue her Spanish studies in college. Beyond her academic achievements, Zella's kindness and humility make her an incredibly likable individual, radiating warmth and making her a pleasure to be around. This outstanding achievement award is not just a recognition of her accomplishments, but a celebration of her remarkable character and the positive impact she brings to every interaction both in and out of the classroom. Zella, congratulations, enhorabuena!

Excellence in Spanish **ANDRES CORONEL**

Academic Excellence

State Seal of Biliteracy

DONOVAN BONEA	YAMIL NASSIF-SANCHEZ
AARISH ADAMS	SKYLER DEMONTIGNY
CHRIS ESCALANTE	BENNETT WINTRUP
ANDRES CORONEL	MARGARET KNAPPEN
ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE	
IRENE CONTRERAS-MOCTEZUMA	

Golden State Seal Merit

AARISH ADAMS	BENNETT WINTRUP
ELWIN BASSETT	LAUREN BAINBRIDGE
PARKER BENNETT	DIEGO BENDEZU-VALIM
INDIGO BUCKLEY	DONOVAN BONEA
ANDRES CORONEL	ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE
JAMES DANTONA	AUTUMN CZECHOWSKI
TYLA DUARTE	SKYLER DEMONTIGNY
RAEGHAN GIBSON	AUDREY FIERRO
NATALIE HAYES	BRAYDEN HAYES
MARGARET KNAPPEN	KAYA HUI
RIZZARIO MONTARANO	LILY MASSA
SOLOMON PERILLO	NAOMI MUTEBI
JADE WALLIN	ZANDER RENZI

Rotary Scholarships

Chico Rotary Outstanding Citizenship Award

AARISH ADAMS

LILY MASSA

Where does one even begin when mentioning the accolades of Aarish Adams? Over his four years at Inspire, he has always been polite, humble, eager to learn, and willing to make mistakes. Not many people, nonetheless high school students, can navigate high school in such a mature and respectable manner. Aarish can observe things from multiple perspectives and consider the potential issues with each choice. This has helped him be a successful student and an incredibly successful human who will go out into the world and make it a better place for the rest of us. His ability to lead others and communicate effectively has helped countless school clubs and projects find success and purpose, and he brings that same drive when volunteering in our local community. Aarish will make a lasting impact on his future college campus and community

Lily Massa is a student who could easily be considered a “quiet dignitary” of Inspire. She is a student who works tirelessly to ensure our school has a welcoming community of students that provides an exciting and enriching experience for everyone. Lily works behind the scenes-figuratively and literally-using organizational and managerial skills to ensure that events and productions have a lasting impact on our community. We do not doubt that she will be able to leave a huge impact on her future college campus, and any community in which she is involved. She is hardworking, dedicated, thoughtful, and kind. She represents what it is to be an outstanding citizen both in school and out; she is someone who can balance her responsibilities with the needs of those around her.

**ROTARY
HOUSTON:**

**INDIGO BUCKLEY
DESTINY BURTON**

**ROTARY
MONTGOMERY:**

RAEGHAN GIBSON

Vocal Music

Olivia Cerullo

Outstanding Achievement in Vocal Music

It is my pleasure to give the Outstanding Vocal Music award to 2 students this year, James Dantona and Mammoth Jongsamran. This award is given to students who have shown phenomenal work in the area of vocal performance during their time at Inspire.

JAMES DANTONA

James has been a part of my choir class the past 4 years, that's a lot of singing! James brings extensive musical knowledge to our class and is a trusted leader in the tenor section. On top of his musical knowledge and lovely tenor voice, James also brings our class joy, laughter, appropriate sarcasm and the best stories. While I will miss having James directly in front of me during classes and concerts to check in with and have elite comical conversations with, I am so excited to see what amazing things you accomplish next. Keep singing and congratulations!

MAMMOTH JONGSAMRAN

Mammoth came to us this year as an exchange student from Thailand and quickly became a part of our musical family. Mammoth immersed themselves in every vocal opportunity he could and performed at several Inspire concerts, showcases, community events and our spring musical. He was also a member of the advanced quartet at Inspire where he brought vocal strength and musical knowledge- he even led rehearsals when I was out sick. Mammoth's vocal talent, his profound love for others as well as a positive and open mind will provide him with a solid foundation to accomplish any goal. Congratulations!!

Excellence in Vocal Music

RAEGHAN GIBSON

Theatre Performance

Sarah Shoemaker

Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Performance

MAMMOTH JONGSAMRAN

Mammoth has shown outstanding work and leadership in the area of Theatre Performance. He was a student in the Acting Class and a member of Theatre Club this year. He led the class by example with his focus on acting technique and the rehearsal process. Mammoth represented Theatre Performance at the BCOE 8th Grade Career Day, attended the Lenaea High School Theatre Festival, and played an ensemble role in Inspire's full scale musical, Anything Goes. This semester he co-directed a scene and performed two featured roles in the Acting Class production of Almost, Maine. Through his participation in the Theatre Performance at Inspire, Mammoth has become eligible for induction into the International Thespian Society, the only honor society for high school theatre students. He only joined our Inspire community this year, but he has made a lasting impact on the Theatre Performance Program!



Excellence in Theatre Performance

PARKER BENNETT CAITLYN JOHNSTON

JADE WALLIN MAYA RICHMAN

Inspire Departmental Awards

Art

Linnea Smith

Outstanding Achievement in Art

ANDRES CORONEL

Introducing the winner of the Outstanding Art Award, the one and only Andres, the master of hilarity, craftsmanship, and epic storytelling! Prepare to be swept away by his incredible artwork that seamlessly blends comedy, impeccable details, and a touch of magic. Andreas is a visual wizard, conjuring up captivating stories with simple imagery and cartoons that leave us in stitches and begging for more. But Andreas isn't just a genius artist; he's also a servant of laughter with a heart as big as his sense of humor. He goes above and beyond, always ready to lend a helping hand and sprinkle some joy into every task. His kindness and generosity are legendary, and his art never fails to put a smile on our faces. So, here's to Andreas, the maestro of mirth, the ruler of ridiculousness, and the champion of charm. We applaud you, Andreas, for bringing laughter and delight to our lives through your exceptional talent and boundless imagination. Congratulations on this well-deserved award, and may your artistic journey continue to be filled with endless joy and Lego-inspired wonders!

Excellence in Art

AMBERLEIGH ROGERS

ABBY BUTLER

AUTUMN CZECHOWSKI

LAUREN BAINBRIDGE

IVY SMITH

IVI MIRON CAPLAN

Ceramics

Linnea Smith

Outstanding Achievement in Ceramics

KAYA HUI

Introducing the winner of the Most Outstanding Award in Ceramics: Kaya Hui, the pottery sensation with a heart of clay! Kaya's boundless creativity knows no limits as she fearlessly takes risks and transforms her artwork into mesmerizing masterpieces. From enchanting themes in light to breathtaking designs, Kaya has the remarkable ability to turn ordinary clay into extraordinary creations that leave us all in awe. Not only is Kaya a gifted artist, but she also embodies kindness and responsibility. She spreads joy with every brushstroke and every spin of her wheel, bringing smiles to her fellow students and sharing her art with the world. Congratulations, Kaya, on this well-deserved award. Your talent, generosity, and entrepreneurial spirit are an inspiration to us all. Keep shining and may your artistic journey continue to bring beauty and joy to everyone around you!

Excellence in Ceramics

AMBERLEIGH ROGERS

IVI MIRON CAPLAN

LILY MASSA

TYLA DUARTE

IVY SMITH

Technical Theatre

Jarrah Myles

Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theatre

PARKER BENNETT

"Technical Theatre is an art. A science. An effort you give your heart to."
- Unknown

Parker is currently the President of the Inspire Production Team. This year Parker played the leading role of Elizabeth Bennett in our production of *Pride & Prejudice* and was the publicity director for the production on social media. Her brilliant performance and ability to connect both on stage and through media lead to a sold out run of the show. Her exceptional work led me to ask her to Assistant Direct and Produce our full-scale spring musical, *Anything Goes*, this spring. Parker also wore many additional hats for this production: Lead Scenic Artist, Lead Hair and Makeup Supervisor backstage for the entire run, and Lead PR Coordinator. Parker is both an artist and a manager and gets the importance of the show being a business. Prior to this year Parker did an incredible job with the PR and the Front of House for *Mamma Mia* and she performed beautifully in the ensembles of both *Mamma Mia* and *Grand Hotel*. While excelling at the big events, Parker also ensures our smaller community events shine. She has Assistant Stage Managed both *Dancing with the Inspire Stars* and the *Inspire Graduation*. As a well-spoken and caring young adult, Parker was asked to create social media posts and speak for Inspire at the Chico Unified School District Board meetings. She created engaging content and rallied both her peers and community to speak up for Inspire. These stills made her a strong leader for our tech students and helped our program grow and thrive. Parker can design anything you want on Canva and she put those skills to the test at our formal tea service for *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She also can teach with a smile – she has a great in person tutorial on how to keep the Production Team Table clean and organized.

AUDREY FIERRO

"Nobody notices what I do, until I don't do it."

– Unknown (but all stage managers)

As valued member of our school's Production Team and our only Technical Theatre major graduating this year Audrey has led by example. She began her journey as part of the makeup and hair crew for our outside production on *Alice in Wonderland* and has since completed *Stagecraft*, *Theatre Design*, and *Theatre Production* courses with top marks, excellent designs, and detailed projects that are above and beyond that of her peers. Day-to-day she keeps our Production Team drive organized, watches out for the team, and makes sure people bring snacks to our weekly Tuesday lunch meetings. Audrey is one of our top Stage Managers and a true get it done and done right team leader jumping in whenever and wherever we need more hands. This fall she stage managed Inspire's play *Pride & Prejudice* and served as the choreographer for the production. She was the liaison with a young guest director, green crew, and large cast. Her successful leadership during a sold-out run was unwavering. Audrey takes time to develop her craft and has learned to work well under pressure. She has worked on nearly all school productions and events throughout high school in various roles from scenic artist to stage crew. Without her, these productions would not have been the great successes they became.

Excellence in Technical Theatre

MARGARET KNAPPEN

MAMMOTH JONGSAMRAN

Social Science

Marysol de la Torre-Escobedo, Evita North, & Cesar Mojica

Outstanding Achievement in Social Science

NAOMI MUTEBI

Naomi Mutebi has distinguished herself in the Social Science field. Throughout AP U.S. History, Economics and AP Government and Politics, she has consistently demonstrated a keen interest in mastering the learning. She does this with a calm, yet admirable curiosity (and you can see it deeply in her eyes when she is thinking!). Naomi holds herself to a high standard. Perhaps most outstanding about Naomi is her commitment and perseverance to do the best that she can in all assessments. As she pursues studies in a technology field, we trust her excellence in the social sciences will support her as an impassioned advocate for underserved communities in our world. We know she will break glass ceilings to lead the path for future generations. We deeply value Naomi's passion for education, her intellectual promise, and her deep commitment in all she does. We wish her the best as she pursues her bright future.

Excellence in Social Science

ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE

MARGARET KNAPPEN

Summa Cum Laude in Ethnic Studies

LIA SHANNON

We have added a new award this year - Summa Cum Laude in Ethnic Studies. There is no one more deserving of this award than Lia Shannon. Lia has successfully taken our Ethnic Studies course for all four of her Inspire years. She has been on the journey with us from our online Zoom year in 2020 to the full development of the course today. Lia is thoughtful, inclusive, and takes the time to understand the whole story, especially the narratives of individuals and groups who have been ignored or misunderstood. She has always been a stand out class community member in the pursuit of justice for all. We appreciate Lia's commitment, passion for the course and topics we've studied, and know that she'll be a changemaker and an ally.

Digital Media Arts

Erin Hall

Outstanding Achievement in Digital Media Arts

ANDRES CORONEL

Andres Coronel... It is with great pleasure that we recognize Andres for his outstanding achievements in video, animation and digital art at Inspire. Throughout my two decades of teaching, I've encountered countless students, but none quite like Andres. With an unparalleled blend of goofiness and artistic talent, Andres has left an indelible mark on our school community. His antics, from impromptu finger gun shootouts, to building shaking Hulk impersonations, he never failed to entertain and uplift those around him. Yet amidst the laughter, Andres displayed a profound dedication to his craft. As a filmmaker, his storytelling prowess and innovative approach to filmmaking were a joy to witness. His skills in digital illustration and animation showcased a remarkable understanding of character design, world-building, and visual storytelling elements. His Buff Hopkins Animation and impersonation will be forever etched in the annals of Inspire history. In addition to his creativity, Andres assumed leadership roles as co-president of our video club, where he demonstrated exceptional organizational skills and a commitment to excellence. His contributions were instrumental in the success of various projects, including our annual video showcase and the Silver Medal-winning film at the 2024 SkillsUSA State Championships. As a teacher and mentor, it has been a privilege to watch Andres grow and evolve. His enthusiasm, talent, and leadership have enriched our learning environment, and his absence will surely be felt. Andres, we are immensely proud of your accomplishments, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You will be greatly missed!

Excellence in Digital Media Arts

CORINN RICHMAN

IVI MIRON CAPLAN

NOAH FERGUSON

AMBER ROGERS

ZENO BEUTENMUELLER

Cinema & Video Production

Erin Hall

Outstanding Achievement in Cinema & Video Production

ZANDER RENZI

Zander Renzi... This award is in recognition of your extraordinary dedication and exceptional talent in the realm of cinema and video production. Throughout your time at Inspire, you have been a tireless force behind the camera, demonstrating a rare blend of technical prowess, creative vision, and unwavering commitment. From the intricate details of production to the meticulous craft of post-production, you have embraced every aspect of filmmaking with passion and precision. Whether wielding a tripod, slider, gimbal, camera, or light stand, your mastery of the tools of the trade has been nothing short of impressive. As a leader in your media classes and as co-president of Hawks Nest Studios Video Club, you have left a lasting mark on our filmmaking community. You have played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of filmmaking at our school. Your innovative ideas and steadfast dedication have propelled video club to create some amazing films and inspired your peers along the way. Your generosity in sharing your knowledge and expertise as a teacher's aide exemplifies your commitment to fostering a collaborative and supportive learning environment. Your willingness to mentor and support your fellow students speaks volumes about your character and dedication. Your contributions to Inspire's success in the SkillsUSA program, particularly in bringing home the Gold medal in the Digital Cinema Production contest, highlight your ability to excel in competitive arenas. Your innate ability to bring people together, motivate, and inspire them is truly commendable. Zander, your presence in Video Club, the SkillsUSA program, the classroom, and on the set will be deeply missed. We are immensely proud of your achievements and grateful for your hard work and dedication. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Excellence in Cinema & Video Production

SOLOMON PERILLO LUCAS FANKHAUSER

QUINN ANDERSON YAMIL NASSIF-SANCHEZ

Science

Malina Olson & Justin Peek

Outstanding Achievement in Science

ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE

To us, an outstanding scientist embodies a unique blend of curiosity, creativity, and rigor in their pursuit of knowledge and understanding. They inspire others through their innovative thinking, collaborative spirit, and dedication to advancing the frontiers of human knowledge for the betterment of society. On behalf of our science department it is my pleasure to award Zella Carmichael-Price with the Outstanding Achievement in Science Award.

As an outstanding, scientifically minded student, Zella is courageous, willing to challenge existing paradigms, embrace uncertainty, and not afraid to take risks. She is genuinely curious - possessing an almost childlike wonder that drives them to constantly push the boundaries of what is known and explore the realms of the unknown. Her creativity knows no bounds, offering her a unique perspective that allows her to see beyond the surface of data and experiments, and envision new hypotheses and innovative approaches. She's diligent - whether it's organizing spreadsheets, crafting presentations, or planning events, Zella's meticulous attention to detail ensures that every aspect is flawlessly executed. She's persistent, resilient in the face of setbacks, seeing them not as failures but as stepping stones towards new insights and intellectual growth. Zella is Collaborative, she enjoys engaging in dynamic exchanges of ideas with peers from different backgrounds and with different perspectives. And, beneath all of these qualities and her brilliance lies a humility that grounds her, reminding her of the vastness of what remains unknown and the limits of our understanding.

Zella's impact extends beyond the classroom as well. As co-president of our Environmental club Zella has consistently brought new ideas, and unparalleled advancement of our goals. Zella planned and organized a camping trip to the coast, and is currently presiding over a major project that ventures to give every student at Inspire an opportunity to check out a bicycle in an effort to reduce our campus wide greenhouse gas emissions.

Zella as the outstanding human is kind and poised and a playful spirit that effortlessly weaves wit and charm into almost any interaction. With an open mind and genuine joy, they embrace each opportunity as a chance to grow, learn, and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. Zella, we hope this recognition serves as testament to your extraordinary achievements and a reminder of the immense impact you have made at Inspire in the STEM field. We wish you the best as you continue your learning journey at either Berkley - as the magnets called you, or UCLA.

Excellence in Science

AARISH ADAMS

JAMES DANTONA

MARGARET KNAPPEN

Performing Arts

Jarrah Myles, Jim White, Sarah Shoemaker, & Olivia Cerullo

Outstanding Achievement in the Performing Arts

**RAEGHAN GIBSON &
PARKER BENNETT**

“Creativity takes courage, but behind every performer is a beginner who fell in love with expression, storytelling, & being set free.”

- Unknown

A leading lady on and off stage. “Directable” and a pleasure to work with in all settings. In classes ... consistent, reliable, prepared, creative, detailed, eager to grow and have new experiences in their craft... talented! Sometimes silly, fun, entertaining (lots of laughs), always inclusive, kind, polite, loyal, ready to learn, helpful, can create beautifully blended harmonies, has great dance moves, and is encouraging. Involved in our community, across Inspire, and in all our performing arts classes and programs. However, there is not just one person these accolades describe, it is a dynamic duo and pair of best friends, Raeghan and Parker.

Dance

Jarrah Myles & Sarah Shoemaker

Outstanding Achievement in Dance

AUDREY FIERRO

“When you dance, it is not about getting to a certain place on the floor. It’s enjoying each step along the way.” - Wayne Dyer

Audrey is an outstanding leader in our Inspire Dance Company; willing to take on extra and participate in all our events on campus, in showcases, and in the community. Audrey is a gifted choreographer creating works people love to dance in and give their all to. For her dance major capstone project, she created all the ballroom scenes for *Pride & Prejudice* this fall and made even the most beginning dancers look skilled. She did research on the style and crafted numbers to fit the stage, scene, and the vision of the director. Audrey does all styles of dance and has been active in her outside dance company since the age of five. She also has worked backstage on many other dance events such as *A Very Chico Nutcracker*. Audrey has graced the stage with her dance ability in all our musicals: *Phantom of the Opera*, *Grand Hotel*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Angel #3 Charity* with lines in *Anything Goes*. Audrey has learned all aspects of dance from costuming to lighting for the stage to teaching and performing with her peers. She has also been active and a leader with our CI Dance Team jumping in whenever needed to run rehearsals.

MARGARET KNAPPEN

“Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.” ~ Martha Graham

Margaret will always be my little tumbling mouse...this is how I first remember her in *A Very Chico Nutcracker*. Now she is a power house dancer, choreographer, and leader across all realms. An outstanding choreographer lending her skills time and again to our showcases and events and creating an awesome dance for *Mamma Mia*. Margaret is a contemporary artist, but can do all genres and loves all aspects of a production. Margaret has graced the stage with her dance ability in all our musicals: *Phantom of the Opera*, *Grand Hotel*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Angel #6 Virtue* with lines in *Anything Goes*. She has been a great mentor for the new dancers and represents our Inspire Dance Company with integrity and style both on and off campus. She also took our first senior solo to competition representing Inspire this spring, “*Velvet Underground*” a dance to Fleetwood Mac. Grounded is a word I would use to describe both her dance style and her personality. She is smooth and intense.

Thank you both for your time, energy, and effort... DANCE ON!

Excellence in Dance

**RAEGHAN GIBSON MARVIN STELLE
ZENO BEUTENMUELLER STEPHEN WHITLOCK
LIA SHANNON**

Engineering

Malina Olson & Justin Peek

Outstanding Achievement in Engineering AARISH ADAMS

To us, the student who earns the Outstanding in Engineering Award is somebody nothing short of extraordinary. An outstanding engineer is characterized by a multifaceted skill set and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Their problem-solving approach is marked by creativity, critical thinking, and a willingness to explore unconventional solutions.

On behalf of our engineering department it is my pleasure to award Aarish Adams with the Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Award.

Exceptional engineers excel not only in technical proficiency but also in effective communication, collaboration, and leadership. Aarish's passion for design, building and problem-solving has resulted in commendable progress toward a remarkable STEM Capstone project that could have an enduring impact on a vast number of mothers to be. Time and time again, when faced with tight deadlines or unexpected challenges, Aarish, with a calm and poised demeanor, led his team towards solutions with grace and clarity.

Aarish has an unwavering commitment to learning which has served as a guiding light for his peers, fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement. Beyond possessing a deep understanding of technical concepts, he demonstrates a remarkable ability to innovate and adapt to diverse challenges.

Aarish has also made a lasting impact in our Environmental Club. The project that I spoke about earlier - that attempts to give every student at Inspire an opportunity to check out a bicycle in an effort to reduce campus wide greenhouse gas emissions - was created by Aarish and his group members last year for his final biology project. Future Inspire students will continue to benefit from his groundbreaking work on this project for years to come. We wish you the best as you continue your learning journey at UC Davis.

Excellence in Engineering

NAOMI MUTEBI

NATALIE HAYES

DIEGO BENDEZU-VALIM

Musical Theatre

Olivia Cerullo

Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theatre RAEGHAN GIBSON

The Outstanding in Musical Theater award is given to someone who not only shines as a performer, but someone who understands the importance of study and practice that theater demands, and possesses a passion for the art. This year it is my pleasure to give this award to Raeghan Gibson. I first met Raeghan when she was in junior high after she joined a production of Newsies that I was working on. Right away I knew she was going to be a powerhouse in the theater community. A couple years later, in 2020, we both started our first year at Inspire, on Zoom... and since then I have had the absolute joy of watching her grow in her craft. Raeghan expands her musical and theatrical knowledge by taking classes such as Musical Theater Performance, Dance and Pop Band. Raeghan has also been a member of Inspires advanced quartet, One Voice, for 2 years, this year serving as president. Raeghan's talent is prominent- if you've had the chance to see her in an Inspire concert, showcase, as Sophie in Mamma Mia or most recently as Hope Harcourt in Anything Goes, you know how brightly she shines on stage. However, it is not her performances and talent alone that earned Raeghan this award. The elements that make her work OUTSTANDING begin with her ability to immerse herself fully into her art. Raeghan shows up to class and rehearsals ready to work, learn and lead- she goes above and beyond to learn new techniques and improve, all while keeping a positive, inclusive and professional attitude. These traits coupled with her immense talent will take her far as she begins her journey in Musical Theater at Cal Berkeley this fall!! Raeghan, it has been an honor to watch you grow. You have all the tools you need and you're on your way. I can not wait to see what you accomplish next. Congratulations!

Excellence in Musical Theatre

JUNIE PAUL

MARVIN STELLE

MAYA RICHMAN

JADE WALLIN

Mathematics

Danielle Reynolds & Felicia Tenuta

Outstanding Achievement in Math

KAYA HUI

There are several qualities that make for an outstanding student in a math class, or arguably any class. Being willing to take risks, the ability to communicate to peers your reasoning in a way that makes sense to them, knowing that when you make a mistake, especially a public one, that it's okay and actually moves discussion and learning forward.

One of the things that Miss Tenuta and I always saw in this student was how they internally engaged with the concepts before communicating that thinking to others. Because you could SEE IT ON HER FACE! We still don't know what wheels were turning in her head but we consistently knew something cool was going to come out of it.

This year we recognize Kaya Hui for her Outstanding performance in Mathematics. Kaya exemplifies a math class norm that we have at Inspire -- math is about thinking deeply and creatively and making sense of the concepts, skills, and connections. Though reluctant to draw attention to herself, Kaya demonstrated mastery of mathematics in every course she took at Inspire. She is meticulous in her work and unrelenting in her pursuit of understanding. Kaya is the deepest of thinkers and most diligent of workers, creating the most impressive success. Truly Outstanding.

Excellence in Mathematics

AARISH ADAMS GREYSON SENEKA

YAMIL NASSIF-SANCHEZ

ZELLA CARMICHAEL-PRICE

English

Theron Hopkins, Danielle Astengo, & Brooklyn Kelley

Outstanding Achievement in English

LAUREN BAINBRIDGE

Within the walls of Inspire High, Lauren is a beacon of inspiration, her passion for literature igniting flames of creativity. This year, she rightfully earns the "Outstanding Achievement" award in English. Lauren doesn't just excel; she transforms every opportunity into a canvas for her ingenuity. Her work is a symphony of originality, illuminating paths for her peers to follow. In the classroom, Lauren's essays and creative fiction are not just words on paper; they are masterpieces, inspiring her classmates to see beyond the pages. As the recipient of this award, Lauren is celebrated as the epitome of academic excellence and creative innovation.



Excellence in English

AARISH ADAMS

JAMES DANTONA

Instrumental Music

Jim White

Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music DONOVAN BONEA

From the beginning of his experience at Inspire right up to the final concert, Donovan's musical skill has been evident in every performance, whether he is playing his violin or shredding on his guitar. His command of both instruments is impressive, along with his skill at reading and interpreting music. Donovan's dedication to his craft is clear, a person can't perform at his level without having spent many hours practicing and listening. There is always some level of natural talent in musicians but talent is limited if not accompanied by practice. Despite his modest demeanor, Donovan's musical leadership and strong artistic voice are unmistakable. His commitment to excellence, coupled with his kindness and courtesy, make him a valuable asset to any musical ensemble. Donovan played in several of our school musical productions including Mama Mia! And Anything Goes. While Donovan may not pursue music as a career, his talent and contribution to the world of music will surely be celebrated and respected for years to come. For his overall musicianship and contribution to the Instrumental Music program at Inspire, I am giving Donovan the Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music Award.

Excellence in Instrumental Music

**DANNY FARMER
INDIGO BUCKLEY
JAMES DANTONA**

Leadership

Brittney Hawkins

Outstanding Achievement in Leadership KAYA HUI

Our school culture is built around acceptance and empathy, Kaya has significantly shaped that expectation, as she is the definition and model of what kindness and grace looks like in a human being. Kaya is dedicated to the quality and care of her work, dedicating countless hours outside of school to provide a positive experience for others and she also works with the wellbeing of others in mind by showing gentleness and compassion towards her peers & projects. Kaya is creative, humble, and compassionate about creating a sense of caring & belonging in her community. She is an excellent communicator, and speaks up for those who don't have a strong voice. Kaya exudes leadership in every sense of the word.

Excellence in Leadership

**STEPHEN WHITLOCK
LILY MASSA**

**JUPITER LECKBEE
ABBI CORSO**