

El Toro High School Charger Pride Awards

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What are Charger Pride Awards?

Charger Pride Awards acknowledge those students who consistently put forth their best efforts in the classroom and on the campus of El Toro High School - students who demonstrate “Charger Pride”. Each semester the staff and faculty nominate exceptional students to receive this award. Selection is based on a student’s personal qualities and positive attitudes. In making their selections, the staff sought out students who demonstrate character strength, dependability, honesty, maturity, integrity, cooperation, enthusiasm and school spirit. It is an honor to have students such as you attending El Toro High School.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

GO CHARGERS!!!

**El Toro High School
Charger Pride Recipients
March 2009**

Jack Alvarez
Trent Barham
Roxana Bernal
Alex Borges
Evan Briggs
Matthew Crawford
Jarlin Debolt
Jerica Fajardo
Tyler Finona
Jose Pablo Garcia
Erick Kaffka
Amber Koceja
Matt Koehler
Alejandro Leon
Teissy Linares
Ryan Lopes
Austin Marsh
David Martinez
Jordan Mendenhall
Kyle Merriman
Fidel Montoya
Melissa Morales
Michael Moreen
Jenna Nicoll
Nicole Phillips
Tanner Poppitt
Katelyn Reed
Jared Ricard
Trevor Kyle Rubalcava
Haw-Ping Shu
Brent Smillie

Jack Alvarez

Jack Alvarez is an outstanding choice for a Charger Award. His strong character, maturity and work ethic are exemplary. As a sophomore in my World History Class, Jack has maintained an “A” average while participating in football and wrestling at El Toro. He is the epitome of what a “student-athlete” should represent and an outstanding young charger.

Awarded by Mr. Whipple

Trent Barham

Trent Barham is a great nominee for Charger Pride. He is considerate of others, he gets along well with other students (and adults) and speaks well of his school. He has a natural enthusiasm for doing well at school, work, and life-in-general. Trent has a positive attitude no matter what is coming his way. This everyday optimism and willingness to do what he needs to do to achieve his goals has equaled good grades for him and my respect. Trent is also very willing and ready to perform classroom jobs for us and he does his best when he takes on a project. He is truly a pleasure to have in class.

Awarded by Mrs. Ramer-Amaya

Roxana Bernal

It is my pleasure to nominate Roxana Bernal for Charger Pride. While although only in her first year of high school, she has shown a higher degree of responsibility and conscientiousness than the majority of her peers. Her class work is always completed on time, and reflects a desire to do whatever might be the assignment to the best of her abilities. In addition, she is a polite and cooperative individual and is a pleasure to have in class.

Awarded by Mr. Stockton

Alex Borges

The thing about Alex is that he is always smiling, and thus making everyone around him smile. He demonstrates a positive attitude with everything in his life. In the beginning Alex didn't have much experience with art but with his effort he is improving ten fold. He is the kind of student every teacher wishes they had, eager to learn, respectful and a thirst for knowledge.

Awarded by Mr. Hartl

Evan Briggs

I have had the pleasure of working with Evan for four years at ETHS. He is a wonderful young man with a great outlook on life. Evan is a dedicated student and an inspiration to others. I wish him much success in his future!

Awarded by Mrs. Dippel

Matthew Crawford

Matthew is a pleasure to be around. We will miss having him in our classroom. We'll miss his big smiles and hugs, and seeing him ride around campus with Mr. Bode. I wish him the best of luck with his new venture in the future's program.

Awarded by Mrs. Dement

Jarlin Debolt

Jarlin is a very dedicated and hardworking student. She is attentive and respectful towards her teacher and fellow students. Although algebra is a challenging subject for her, she always puts forth her best effort. Her positive attitude and friendliness towards others make her a valuable addition to our classroom.

Awarded by Mrs. Robinson

Jerica Fajardo

If I could make a mold of what a Charger Pride student should be, I would use Jerica Fajardo as the model. What is so impressive about Jerica is her "always positive" attitude. Jerica gives 110% each and every minute. Jerica has one of the nicest personalities of anyone I know. She always seems to be in a good mood, she always takes the time to stop and say "hi", and she's nice to everyone. I had the privilege of working with Jerica in ASB her junior year and was heart broken when she didn't get reelected. Typical Jerica... she turned that defeat into a victory by joining the Film Ed crew/class and doing an outstanding job! What a great example for every Charger!!! El Toro High School is a better place because of Jerica Fajardo; she is truly an exceptional young lady.

Awarded by Ms. Scheidler

Tyler Finona

My nomination for the Charger Pride award is Tyler Finona. Tyler has been a pleasure to get to know this year. He always comes to class with a positive attitude, ready to learn. Tyler is an involved student and is someone who I count on to be an active participant in class discussions and activities. He has been helpful to his fellow students countless times, and is always willing to help me if I need something done. Ty has exhibited many positive character qualities this year is very deserving of this award.

Awarded by Mrs. Amos

Jose Pablo Garcia

Jose is a student that deserves to be recognized for many reasons. Although school is not easy for him and he works 20-30 hours a week outside of school, he works very hard to understand and complete his homework. He is respectful toward his teachers and other students. He also has a good sense of humor making him a joy to have in class. I am thankful that he is in my class because he is such a good example of what you can accomplish with hard work.

Awarded by Mrs. Clark

Erick Kaffka

Erick Kaffka is a fine nominee for Charger Pride. He is an excellent classroom citizen – considerate, polite and dependable – helpful as well. He is maintaining good grades and his attendance is always reliable. Erick is a very creative person with a special artistic ability in Ceramics. (I have seen his wonderful work!) What also impresses me about Erick is the dedication he shows to his friends and fellow chargers. He always speaks well of others and often in complimentary ways. El Toro is a lucky school to have a “Charger” like him who sets a good example of integrity, dependability, maturity, strength of character and school spirit.

Awarded by Mrs. Ramer-Amaya

Amber Koceja

Amber is a senior who takes pride in her schoolwork. Amber has worked extremely hard this year. Her diligent work effort, in every class has earned her this nomination. Amber’s grades have improved and I am confident she will maintain this effort until she graduates. Upon graduation, Amber will be attending Saddleback College. We will truly miss Amber and wish her the best of luck.

Awarded by Mrs. Hutton

Matt Koehler

Matt has been one of the most hard-working students at ETHS! He has taken on tough classes and done very well with them. He has offered to help others whenever he can. He has been in scouts for years and has earned the Eagle Scout Award this year! On top of all of that, Matt has been training as a competitive target-shooter, and is hoping to go to the Olympics for this event! We are all very proud of Matt and his many accomplishments. Keep up the great work!

Awarded by Mrs. Klimisch

Alejandro Leon

The dedication Alejandro puts into every project is used as a standard and usually because of his project other students usually work harder to try and measure up. He is polite, and respectful to each and every student, as well as the teacher. He is an example for all students in every way. In order to finish some of his projects he will work on his project during lunch and after school. I have seen him help other students at times when I am helping other students. The amount of hard work, determination, and perseverance is an inspiration to others.

Awarded by Mr. Hartl

Teissy Linares

I am so pleased to nominate Teissy Linares for a Charger Pride Award. Teissy is one of those people who is genuinely kind and is always willing to help others. You can spot her on campus saying “hi” to students and staff, holding a door if you need a hand and always, always using her words to encourage others. Classmates describe Teissy as “strong, courageous and sweet...a good friend...and, she knows how to have fun!” Finally Teissy is one of the hardest workers I know. She consistently gives her very best in everything she does. Thank you for being such a bright light in our day Teissy.

Awarded by Ms. Marquez

Ryan Lopes

Ryan Lopes is a 12th grade student deserving of recognition at El Toro. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ryan over the past 4 years and I have observed remarkable growth in maturity. Ryan is a young man who is honest, caring, and a good citizen. He is also an active member of the Best Buddies club. Ryan is a great guy, congratulations on your Charger Pride Award.

Awarded by Mrs. Schaefer

Austin Marsh

It is a great pleasure to nominate Austin for this honor. He daily exemplifies the qualities of being dependable, mature and has a quiet strength to him that makes him a valuable asset to me and the class as a whole. He arrives early and helps setup for class each day and stays at the conclusion to assist in putting the equipment in storage. In between he sets the standard for competition and sportsmanship in our elective badminton class. Austin is going to represent El Toro High School in a very positive way in the future and we wish him the absolute best with his lifelong goals.

Awarded by Mr. Johansen

David Martinez

David is an excellent Physical Education student. David participates at a high level in all of the activities and enjoys the competition. He encourages other students and is a great role model for everyone. It is an absolute pleasure to have David Martinez in my class.

Awarded by Mr. Shoemaker

Jordan Mendenhall

Jordan exhibits what is needed to pursue a career in fine arts. He is dedicated, skilled, and has a passion for what he does. He balances his art between sports, other classes and a demanding social life. When I, Mr. Hartl assign a project, Jordan doesn't forget about it when he leaves the classroom but he develops his idea and gives the project the time it deserves.

Awarded by Mr. Hartl

Kyle Merriman

Kyle has been a key part of this year's Virtual Enterprise Company as the VP of Sales. He has stepped up and taken over the responsibility of creating and completing our catalog and organizing our sales and marketing departments. He often puts in extra time to ensure that the work needed for our company is completed by our deadlines. All of the other students look to him as a leader and know he can always be depended on. His intelligence and personable personality also earned him the honor of being February's Employee of the Month for Fitness Revolution. If there is anything that needs to be done well and in a timely manner I know that Kyle can do it. He has been very successful in class and will continue to be in whatever he does in the future.

Awarded by Mrs. McCance

Fidel Montoya

Fidel Montoya is an outstanding student and citizen. He exhibits the great qualities of empathy, initiative, integrity, respect, and responsibility daily. He has achieved perfect attendance this year. Fidel always gives his best and is a superb role model. He is a quiet leader, leading by example. You can count on Fidel to do the right thing – always. His ability to help me with our EL student population is greatly appreciated and I have learned so much from him. It is for all these reasons that I award Fidel the “Charger Pride” title. Congratulations Fidel!

Awarded by Mrs. Ford

Melissa Morales

Melissa has been such a pleasure to have in class these last four years. She is so caring and sensitive towards others. She has matured greatly. I wish her the best in her future.

Awarded by Ms. Traino

Michael Moreen

Michael is the kind of student who has the curiosity and vigor, which helps him succeed at anything he puts his mind to. I have seen tremendous growth in Michael since the beginning of the year and I am happy to nominate such an outstanding student. Michael has a respect for all the other students in the class and is well received by them. He has a gifted mind and it is seen in his projects.

Awarded by Mr. Hartl

Jenna Nicoll

It is with great pleasure that I have chosen Jenna Nicoll to be a recipient of the Charger Pride Award. Jenna is one of the sweetest, most helpful students that I have had the opportunity to have in my class. I have had the privilege to coach her in Track and Field and now have her as a student aide. She has a contagious smile, is always positive and upbeat and keeps me on my toes as my student aide. Jenna is a hardworking young lady that has served her school well over the last 4 years as a key member of our Cross Country and Track teams. She has a true servant’s heart and is always willing to help those in need. She is highly motivated and is perceptive in recognizing needs and the needs of others.

Awarded by Mr. Hagin

Nicole Phillips

Nicole has been a shining star in my 4th period Algebra 2 class because of her genuine concern for others and unbelievable work ethic. Always smiling, Nicole is a great asset to our classroom environment and strives to understand the algebraic concepts. Nicole is a great student and more importantly, a fantastic person.

Awarded by Mr. Haley

Tanner Poppitt

Sporting enough hair for four or five people, Tanner Poppitt sports several times that in Charger Pride. From the day he walked into the classroom, Tanner has never failed to show unwavering bravery in his willingness to learn and contribute. Because Tanner is a man of many talents (proficient with a guitar and a chef's knife), his desire to learn only grows as he is presented with new information and new challenges. As he learns new skills, he is especially good about clarifying directions and making sure he is on the right track--certainly the sign of someone to whom many proficiencies in life will be granted. He generally has an insight to share during class discussion, but unlike some, he doesn't have to be the first to share it. Of course, when others are shy, Tanner steps up with a comment to get the ball rolling. Tanner is admired by classmates because he does not hesitate to make his position clear while showing respect to other points of view. And the ultimate mark of Charger Pride? Helpfulness. Need an errand run? Tanner's on it. Need some desks put back in place after class? Tanner is there. Each of these admirable qualities and others not mentioned here truly make it a pleasure for me to commend Tanner Poppitt in his recognition as an excellent example of Charger Pride.

Awarded by Mr. Archer

Katelyn C. Reed

Katelyn exemplifies Charger Pride every day in class. I appreciate her positive attitude and constant hard work in my Spanish 1 class. Katelyn tries very hard to learn the new material and always submits quality assignments, tests and projects. She goes beyond what I ask of my students and attempts to use Spanish in creative ways. Katelyn pushes herself to excel, and I must say that I am very impressed with her progress in Spanish. In addition, she is one of the most polite and respectful young ladies I have had the pleasure to teach in my 21+ years in education. Thank you, Katelyn, for all your hard work and great attitude. I always look forward to seeing your smile because you brighten up everyone's day. Congratulations on your Charger Pride Award. You certainly deserve it, and I'm very proud of your achievement!

Awarded by Mr. Valdes

Jared Ricard

Jared is very responsible and dependable. He comes into the office and immediately starts working. He knows what he has to do and does it. He doesn't have to be told every time. He willingly helps others and is a very good worker. It was a joy having him this year. **Awarded by Mrs. Olin**

Trevor Kyle Rubalcava

Trevor is an outstanding student. He has matured and has become an advocate of his academics. During the past year, Trevor has made wonderful decisions which have shown his commitment not only to himself but to everyone who wants his success. I am very proud of Trevor and always knew he has what it takes. **Awarded by Mrs. Fundingsland**

Haw-Ping Shu

Haw-Ping has nearly completed all requirements necessary to obtain his diploma in June. Haw-Ping's progress over the past 3 ½ years has been significant due to his earnest desire to be constructive and knowledgeable. He continually strives to make friends and fit in among his peers.

Awarded by Mr. Cocchiara

Brent Smillie

Brent is a very kind, honest, and caring towards his peers and teachers. His sense of humor is phenomenal! I can't imagine ETHS without him. We'll all wish him the best.

Awarded by Mrs. Poeppel

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Nominating Staff

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