

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!!!

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CHARGERS!!!

**El Toro High School
Charger Pride Recipients
First Semester 2009-2010**

**Jessica Angel
Alexa Barraza
Christina Bauch
Barbara “BJ” Bender
Jose Bernal
Andrew Blankenship
Vanessa Blankenship
Laura Burton
Leslie Carnarius
Kyle Carruthers
Greg Cerda
Amanda Daly
Robert Drew
Bernadette Eishoochehrekosha
Daniel Falk
Alonso Ferreyra
Rebecca Frazier
Mariah Gray
Nate Hasal
Steven Iniguez
Zuri Mach
Juanita Miranda
Erica Ontiveros
Amy Oshiro
Robert Pardee
Aidan Patton
Arturo Pena
Nicole Phillips
Taha Qadeer
Michelle “Pani” Razavi
Bryan Rivers
Lina Russo
Myriam Sevilla
Mackenzie Teskey
Jillian “JD” Thomas
Christopher Trinh
Stephen Villines
Kelsey Weaver**

Jessica Angel

Jessica was a transfer student to El Toro High School as a senior at the beginning of the year. Originally, she was placed in another Spanish class, but then she was moved into my class at the end of the first quarter. By that time my students had already covered a lot of material and completed many assignments. When Jessica transferred into my class, I asked her to make up most of the work and take many of the quizzes and tests she had missed. Despite the demands of all her other classes, she was up for the challenge and exceeded my expectations. Now she is a very successful student in my class. Without a doubt, Jessica truly exemplifies Charger Pride for me. Well done, chica!!

Awarded by Mr. Valdes

Alexa Barraza

I have witnessed growth and maturity in Alexa, both as a student and as a person.

Awarded by Mrs. Lindenblatt

Christina Bauch

Christina is an awesome young lady who has been selfless in her contributions to El Toro High School for the past four years. She has been a positive, visible, and encouraging leader in ASB and athletics as well as serving as co-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the past two years. She is truly the finest example of Charger Pride.

Awarded by Mr. Travers

Barbara “BJ” Bender

Everyday BJ is a pleasure to have in the chemistry classroom. I enjoy her dedication to excellence, eagerness to learn, and willingness to be challenged. She makes teaching fun and epitomizes 'Charger Pride'. Thanks BJ for always doing your best.

Awarded by Mrs. House

Jose Bernal

Jose Bernal is an outstanding student with tremendous humility. Jose will always give his best. He is wonderful at encouraging others; verbally and by example. He goes out of his way to help others and will actually instruct fellow students in order for them to become successful. He is like a second instructor in the class. He has the most wonderful ability to help others to do their best. Jose makes my day and I really enjoy him in class. I can count on him to help at any time and he assists so naturally that I never even need to ask. He sees a need and the task is completed. It is for all these reasons that I award Jose the “Charger Pride” title. Congratulations Jose!

Awarded by Mrs. Ford

Andrew Blankenship

Andrew Blankenship is a student that I am proud to nominate for a Charger Pride award. He is dedicated to his studies and is earning excellent grades. Andrew has worked to overcome significant obstacles in his life. I have seen him grow socially, emotionally, and academically here at El Toro High School. Andrew is very polite, considerate, and good hearted. With his hard work and determination I believe that Andrew will be a big success in life.

Awarded by Mr. Houten

Vanessa Blankenship

Vanessa is a role model amongst her peers. She is a leader and she shows appropriate, positive behavior in the classroom and out on campus. She always completes her work, is willing to help when there's a need, and even offers to help when she has extra time. Vanessa is a wonderful person and I enjoy knowing her and having her in class. She has earned the Charger Pride Award!

Awarded by Mrs. English

Laura Burton

Laura is a student in my English 1 Class. Every day, her smiling face and wonderful attitude brightens up my classroom. Laura always contributes to class discussion, studies very hard to maintain her good grade in English in addition to being a Charger athlete! I appreciate having her as my student.

Awarded by Mrs. Ogle

Leslie Carnarius

Leslie is a senior this year and she is doing an excellent job with her academics. She has made great improvements in her school work and at El Toro. She is a joy to have in class and is always hard working and respectful to the teachers. I know that she will do well in the future and I am very proud of her and what she has accomplished.

Awarded by Mr. McGehee

Kyle Carruthers

My nomination for Charger Pride is Kyle Carruthers. I have had the privilege of working with and observing Kyle for his four years at El Toro High School. He has matured into a very fine young man and has been a positive representative of our school in both his performances in the sports of cross country and track and field, as a student in his academic pursuits, and as a citizen in the Lake Forest and surrounding communities. Kyle was one of my captains for this year's cross country team. His influence and leadership was instrumental in helping our team perform well in our league, in the Orange County championships, CIF and in the state meet. Kyle was chosen as a second team selection to the All County Cross Country team by

the Orange County Register. Kyle has been extremely helpful to me as a student aide in my Earth Science class. He always expresses a cooperative willing attitude which so clearly typifies the spirit of Charger Pride.

Awarded by Mr. Hagin

Greg Cerda

I would like to nominate Greg Cerda for this award. Greg is an outstanding young man who has displayed wonderful qualities. He is respectful, intelligent, responsible, appreciative, and humorous. Greg has a bright future ahead of him and I know he will make the right choices when needed. I appreciate his honesty and straightforwardness. I wish the very best for him and can only imagine all the wonderful experiences he will encounter.

Awarded by Mrs. Fundingsland

Amanda Daly

Amanda Daly is graduating this year. She has only been at El Toro this year. Although seeing how easily she fits in with her fifth period class it seems like she has been a charger for all four years of high school. She fits in because she is friendly, cooperative, and very caring of others. She is attentive to her peers when they are speaking and ready to offer information if needed. Amanda is also friendly, respectful, and attentive to her teacher Mrs. Fundingsland, and myself. We know we can trust her to follow classroom rules - even when others are doing otherwise. She has proven herself to be very reliable and able to follow directions even when the directions are coming from more than one place. She does it well. Amanda is a pleasure to be around in class or out on campus. I will miss seeing her everyday after she graduates – but, I know she will be a blessing to any employer or college professor she participates with.

Awarded by Mrs. Ramer-Amaya

Robert Drew

It is my pleasure to nominate Robert Drew as a candidate for the Charger Pride Award. Robert is a senior here at El Toro. He has completed two seasons on the cross-country team and is scheduled to graduate on time. Robert continues to develop his athletic and academic skills as he prepares to graduate on time this June. He is also involved in auto racing with his family. Robert is a well-rounded, successful Charger of whom we can all be very proud.

Awarded by Mr. Cocchiara

Bernadette Eishoochehrekosha

Bernadette came to El Toro from Iran at the beginning of her junior year. In two years, her English and self-confidence has greatly improved. She attended summer school last summer and will be graduating with her diploma in June. Her education continues as she goes to college next fall.

Awarded by Mrs. Rashoff

Daniel Falk

I have had the pleasuring of knowing and working with senior Daniel Falk for the last three years. As a sophomore in my English class, he stood out as a conscientious student who valued education and worked hard to do his best and actually learn. He went above and beyond on many projects and I was happy that he decided to join the newspaper staff when I recommended him. He has excelled on the newspaper staff and was the top designer last year. He taught himself InDesign, the advanced publishing software, and started creating professional designs in just a couple months. In addition, he's written editorial, columns and op-ed stories, combining writing and design, which is something that few staffers are able to or are willing to do. And when he wanted to improve his column writing, he took the initiative to review the examples to work his way toward being one of the top opinion writers on staff. He naturally took on the role as the Editor in Chief of Design this year and has been one of the top EICs thus far. He worked over the summer to develop an InDesign training program and always considers ways to improve the quality of the production process, staff management and The BULLETin. He gracefully organizes and leads his designers and photographers, and has even bought them dinner and offered to buy the staff In "N" Out with his own money when they meet their deadlines. One thing that makes Daniel stand out from the rest of the students is his intrinsic motivation and desire to learn, do his best and produce a quality newspaper, not to get a good grade, but because it's the right thing to do. His work ethic in school and life makes him a perfect example of a Charge Pride student. He is all-around excellent student and an honor to work with.

Awarded by Mrs. Schaefer

Alonso Ferreyra

Alonso is a great person who always comes ready to participate in P.E., he is the fastest runner in the class, and he is always the first to volunteer when I need help with something. Alonso is an all-around example of Charger spirit!

Awarded by Mrs. Mariotti

Rebecca Frazier

I would like to nominate Rebecca Frazier for the Charger Pride award. Rebecca is an awesome Charger. She has not only helped me out this year but always tries to help other students. Rebecca has always been a strong and loyal person who tries to be the best person that she can possibly be.

Awarded by Mrs. Maguire

Mariah Gray

I wanted to nominate Mariah Gray (12th grade) for her commitment to the choral music department and the drama department throughout all of her high school years. She has been part of drama behind the scenes for all of the plays for the past 4 years, as well as part of the choral music program for 4 years. She is quiet and would never brag about her accomplishments, so she probably doesn't get recognized for her efforts. However, she really deserves a Charger Pride award for making our campus more beautiful with arts and music!

Awarded by Mrs. Klimisch

Nate Hasal

Nate is extremely helpful as a student in Physical Education. He participates in every activity, runs the mile to the best of his ability each week and helps any student when the situation occurs. He also will assist me with equipment on a regular basis. Nate is a pleasure to have in class.

Awarded by Mr. Shoemaker

Steven Iniguez

I feel so honored to have the pleasure to nominate Steven Iniguez for the Charger Pride Award. Steven has the opportunity daily in his position to demonstrate to the public, faculty, and students what it means to have Charger Pride. He is an aide in the reception area at El Toro. Steven shows consideration and kindness to each and every person he comes in contact with. He treats them with respect and is extremely courteous and professional to each person whether it is through our phone system or in person. Steven goes beyond what is expected and what I had ever imagined an office aide to be. He truly deserves this award. He has shown me what it is to have "Charger Pride".

Awarded by Mrs. Hernandez

Zuri Mach

Zuri Mach is a student who embodies greatness. He has raw talent, a great work ethic, very personable, and always has such a great attitude. He is very well rounded and most of all, he is very grateful and giving. Every new project is potentially his new best because of what he puts into it.

Awarded by Mr. Hartl

Juanita Miranda

I would like to nominate Juanita Miranda, a Junior. She displays a positive attitude in her work and in assisting me as an aide. She is always cheerful and I look forward to seeing her graduate from El Toro next year. As part of empowerment she has improved her grades and continues to make great progress.

Awarded by Mr. Lopez

Amy Oshiro

Amy is a second year ASB member, yet she is only a sophomore. She is, by far, one of the hardest working ASB students I have ever had. She is always volunteering when a volunteer is needed, but more importantly she shows initiative by seeing all the little things that need to be done and just takes care of it without being asked. Then the icing on the cake is that she does all of this with a smile on her face, which is a true Charger Pride attitude. Thank you, Amy. You have a very bright future ahead of you!

Awarded by Ms. Scheidler

Erica Ontiveros

Erica is everything our school, society, and country want in a person. She is strong in character and morals, she is compassionate, and she is hard working. Erica is lovely both inside and out and I hope that all of you get to know her. Erica's personality and love of learning will bring her success.

Awarded by Mrs. Carter

Robert Pardee

Robert is a hardworking individual. I have had the pleasure of knowing him for four years; he is a delightful, polite and positive young man. I am so happy to nominate him for Charger Pride.

Awarded by Mrs. Dippel

Aidan Patton

Aidan has been a very hard working and conscientious student for the past four years. He currently has a 3.5 GPA and nearly perfect attendance. He is polite and respectful, and is a pleasure to have in class.

Awarded by Mrs. Stockton

Arturo Pena

Arturo is very hard working and extremely helpful. He is a great addition to our classroom.

Awarded by Mrs. Blossom

Nicole Phillips

Nicole is in my Math Analysis class this year. The course has been very difficult for her. Throughout the course Nicole has been very positive and determined. When I say "positive", I mean that she has not given up or lost heart—she has been discouraged, but has been determined to work hard. Nicole, like all students who struggle through a class, has had the option of taking an easy out of dropping the class to ease her senior year. I even suggested that. But she was determined to remain in the class and do her best. She has been asking for help, getting outside tutoring, and working hard. She has been doing this because she wants to learn the material. So, she made the decision to remain in the class this semester. Nicole is working hard and still struggling. But she has a great attitude and is not giving up. I commend Nicole for her character and perseverance and certainly say she has demonstrated Charger Pride!

Awarded by Mr. Sherreitt

Taha Qadeer

Taha always contributes to class discussions, works hard to maintain good grades. He is super bright and brightens up the classroom with his wit and charisma.

Awarded by Ms. Sapp

Michelle (Pani) Razavi

Michelle (Pani) Razavi is my nominee for Charger Pride. She is a joy to have as a student in my class. Pani brings to class an enthusiasm for learning, a desire not just to earn an 'A', but to understand history. In addition, she always displays a positive, cheerful attitude to class that always serves to brighten my day. It is difficult to imagine a person who would be more enjoyable to have as a student in one's class than Pani. She helps make teaching fun for me.

Awarded by Mr. Skidmore

Bryan Rivers

I would like to nominate Sophomore Bryan Rivers, for the Charger Pride award. He has grown so much over the past two years as a student. He is doing well in all his classes and is on the football team. He has put in a great deal of effort to be successful here at El Toro.

Awarded by Mrs. Clark

Lina Russo

Lina is a dedicated student athlete who displays a positive attitude each day. Her work ethic on the tennis court and in the classroom is to be the model for all college-bound students.

Awarded by Mr. Frith

Myriam Sevilla

I would like to nominate Myriam Sevilla for the Charger Pride Award. Myriam is a wonderful student to have in my third period English class. She always contributes to class discussion with interesting ideas, ones that make the whole class stop and think. If Myriam encounters a stumbling block academically, she tries that much harder to improve. She never gives up! I have seen her grade improve over the course of the semester due to her hard work and dedication to the completion of assignments. I am proud to nominate her for this award.

Awarded by Mrs. McAlister

Mackenzie Teskey

Mackenzie is an awesome young lady who has been selfless in her contributions to El Toro High School for the past four years. She has been a positive, visible, and encouraging leader in ASB and athletics as well as serving as co-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the past two years. She is truly the finest example of Charger Pride.

Awarded by Mr. Travers

Jillian "J.D." Thomas

This dynamic young lady has been an invaluable help in Auto Shop during our remodel. She was my main point person to get the insurmountable task of making the auto lab perform even though it was clear across campus from our classroom. J.D.'s outgoing attitude was contagious among her classmates, and her "can do" mindset is amazing. It is with great admiration I submit her nomination for Charger Pride at El Toro High School.

Awarded by Mr. Moir

J.D. has been a pleasure to have in class for the past two years. She has consistently been a hard worker who is always willing to assist others and in the classwork. Her work in Virtual Enterprise has been outstanding and I know she will be successful in whatever she does in the future.

Awarded by Mrs. McCance

Christopher Trinh

Christopher shows Charger Pride each and every day. He works hard in class, is polite to peers and staff, and has recently started assisting the basketball program. I can see Christopher contributing a great deal to life at El Toro during the next four years.

Awarded by Mrs. Stack

Stephen Villines

Stephen brings the kind of enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to tackle new challenges that make him a standout in my English 1 class and clearly an obvious candidate for a Charger Pride Award. He is especially good about asking questions to clarify his understanding so that he gets concepts firmly planted in his brain. He is willing to take risks with his questions and with his classroom participation. Stephen is helpful with classroom tasks and respectful and polite to all kinds of classmates. He laughs easily and is able to combine learning and having fun. This skill doesn't seem to make coming to school each day a chore for him and it certainly doesn't make teaching Stephen a chore at all. He represents the best of what it means to be a Charger and appears to have a very promising academic, athletic and social career ahead of him.

Awarded by Mr. Archer

Kelsey Weaver

I think you picked me because I am a dedicated and hard worker. I am always trying my best and there is never a time I don't fully apply myself. Whenever I am given a task I make sure that I complete it. Also if I fail at doing something I am not afraid to try again.

Awarded by Mr. Stoll

Nominating Staff

Mr. Archer
Mrs. Blossom
Mrs. Carter
Mrs. Clark
Mr. Cocchiara
Mrs. Dippel
Mrs. English
Mrs. Ford
Mr. Frith
Mrs. Fundingsland
Mr. Hagin
Mr. Hartl
Mrs. Hernandez
Mrs. House
Mr. Houten
Mrs. Klimisch
Mrs. Lindenblatt
Mr. Lopez
Mrs. Maguire
Mrs. Mariotti
Mrs. McAlister
Mrs. McCance
Mr. McGehee
Mr. Moir
Mrs. Ogle
Mrs. Ramer-Amaya
Mrs. Rashoff
Ms. Sapp
Mrs. Schaefer
Ms. Scheidler
Mr. Sherreitt
Mr. Shoemaker
Mr. Skidmore
Mrs. Stack
Mr. Stockton
Mr. Stoll
Mr. Travers
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Mr. Valdez

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