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Carolina Castillejos is a graduating senior at Rose City High School. She is currently the Vice President of the Student Leadership Board. She has also volunteered with the No Boundaries Art Night Exhibition and LEARNS, a Pasadena Unified after-school program. Carolina's hobbies include drawing, writing poems, reading and making music playlists. Carolina will attend Pasadena City College majoring in law public policy and society to become a private criminal investigator.

Trinity Dela Cruz is a senior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. Her school involvement includes being a drum major of the Mighty Eagle Marching Band and various club participation such as the Asian Club, Black Student Union, Armenian Club and Student Environmental Awareness Club. Trinity also served as a member of the 2024 Rose Court. Additionally, she is a part of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus and National Honor Society, a secretary of the Filipino Club, an Altadena Community Church member, a singer in the Jazz Band, and a flutist in multiple bands at Marshall. Her hobbies include crocheting, embroidery, singing and listening to crime podcasts. Trinity will attend the University of California, Los Angeles as a music performance major (classical voice), with the goal of becoming a professional musician and/or choir director with involvement in session singing for film industry soundtracks.

Lauren Gray is a graduating senior at John Muir High School. She is the president for the graduating class of 2024, alumni commissioner for the Associated Student Body, member of the Pasadena Unified School District think tank, student advisor for League of Women Voters, pre college scholar for UCLA Vice-Provost initiative, youth ambassador for the city of Pasadena, student ambassador for John Muir High School, intern for Altadena Town Council, activities commissioner for Black Student Union and cheer captain of John Muir Prep Squad. Lauren is also a Pasadena Community College Dual Enrollment student ambassador, Pasadena Wolves POP Warner Cheer Organization youth trainer and John Muir Leaders of Change ambassador. Some of her hobbies include gardening, pottery, dancing and sewing. Lauren is still deciding on college with the choice of University of California, Los Angeles or Berkeley majoring in public policy with a minor in legal studies and education. She hopes to pursue education policy and create policy and curriculum changes, promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

Andrea Ibarra is a graduating senior at Pasadena High School. She is a member of the Law and Public Service Academy, president of Puente Club, president of SHIELD Club, juror of Teen Court, youth ambassador for the city of Pasadena, an advocate of Planned Parenthood of Pasadena and a peer advocate for San Gabriel Valley. Andrea's hobbies include reading, listening to podcasts and music, painting and sewing. As a first-gen student who is bilingual in English and Spanish, she plans to attend college and later law school to develop a career supporting immigrant families as an immigration lawyer. Andrea would also like to work in the non-profit sector to advocate for immigration rights during her undergraduate years as a sociology and pre-law student.

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Eloheem Mahone is a graduating senior from John Muir High School. On campus, he is a member of the Black Student Union and Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development, editor for the high school newspaper, *The Blaze*, district representative for Pasadena Unified School District's think tank, College Access Plan, co-captain of the John Muir High School varsity baseball team and a student representative for Leadership of Change. Some of his hobbies include coding, anime, software development, graphic design, watching movies and cooking. Eloheem plans to attend Loyola Marymount University with major in Psychology or Business Finance. He has the career goal to be a pitcher for Major League Baseball, and later a career focus in sports psychology.

Jasmine Sov is a graduating senior at Pasadena High School. She is the founder and president of the Creative Writing Club, editor and writer for the Pasadena Chronicle: PHS School Newspaper, a lead actor in past school musicals and the social spirit manager for the PHS Band and Orchestra Club. She is involved in the community as president of the Teen Advisory Board, book review analyst for Pasadena Public Library Youth Services, board member and 1st round judge for the Omega Sci-Fi Project, annual newsletter intern for the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, intern for A Noise Within Theatre, Chamber singer and Apprentice Choir mentor at the Los Angeles Children's Chorus and a volunteer with the Sierra Madre Playhouse. In 2022, Jasmine was named a 2022 California Arts Scholar and was also awarded the Governor's Medallion, the highest distinction in California for artistically talented students. Some of her hobbies include reading, creative writing, baking scones, taking walks, and doing yoga. Jasmine will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles as a double major in Cognitive Science and English. Her plans include pursuing user experience design and wants to keep writing fiction and someday be able to write for a living.

Worthy Teems is a senior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. She is the house manager for the school musical, secretary of Proud and Empowered, past intern at Color Me Mine, finalist for Posse, volunteer at Kids Space, volunteer at the Armory Center and volunteer leader at her church. She was also previously involved as part of the junior varsity volleyball and dance teams. Her hobbies include photography, visual art, design, production, history, crafting, advocacy, songwriting and traveling. Worthy will be attending Belmont University and is interested in studying studio art with the goal of becoming a production designer or an art director.

Alique Tufenkjian is a senior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. At Marshall, she is ASB vice president, NHS vice president, president of Photography Club, president of Armenian Club and treasurer of GirlsBuild LA Club. Alique has also served as a Tournament of Roses student ambassador and is a Gold Awardee of the Girl Scouts. She is also a part of the varsity girls golf team, being named MVP and previously awarded the Scholar Student Athlete award. Her hobbies include ballet, musical theatre, reading, hiking and golfing with friends. Alique is also a published author/photographer of "Girls to Girl, Unfiltered," a book about teenage girls' negative body image due to influences of social media. She has also co-directed and produced "Limitless: A Documentary About Women in STEM," which was awarded the Best Documentary at the YellowHammer Film Festival. Alique will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles in the fall as a Human Biology and Society major with plans of pursuing a master's degree and a doctoral degree to pursue a career in cinematography, biology or cognitive science research.