

Kiwanis Presents 2026 Hope of America Awards
to
Elementary and Middle School Students

During May, the Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Tierrasanta presented Hope of America Awards (HOA) to Elementary and Middle School students in Tierrasanta, Murphy Canyon and surrounding areas who were selected by school faculty members and administrators. The award honors and encourages students who have demonstrated academic accomplishments, leadership and good ethical and moral character- all traits of individuals and leaders who have sustained our democratic way of life and helped guarantee the future of the United States of America. Kiwanis members present the awards at school assemblies. The award includes an award letter, award certificate and a certificate featuring the American's Creed. The following are the award recipients for 2026:

Doris Miller Elementary School

Avery Garland

Tyler Hunter

Anthony Taylor

Euclid Elementary School

Benedict Castro

Anne Starry Vixama

Jean Farb Middle School

Luke Arnold

Emily Stanley

Gaspar de Portola Middle School

Cheops (CJ) Dieujuste

Alexandria Gibson

Joy Bright Hancock Elementary School

Emma Lyman

Amari Roman

Kumeyaay Elementary School

Reza Brown

Ryder Gutstein

William Howard Taft Middle School

Lucy Elizabeth Balla

Bruce Nemteanu

Tierrasanta Elementary School

Evaly Monroe

Natalie Veilleux

Vista Grande Elementary School

Kiyoharu Hoshi

Everest Onkham



Kiwanis Lt. Governor Jan Whitacre presents Miller Elementary School Hope of America Awards to (L to R): Avery Garland, Tyler Hunter and Anthony Taylor



Tierrasanta Kiwanis President Norm Ryan presents Hancock Elementary School Hope of America Awards to Emma Lyman (L) and Amari Roman (R)



Kiwanian Dave West (R) presents Euclid Elementary School Hope of America Awards to (L to R): Benedict Castro and Anne Starry Vixama with Principal Jose Valdez (L)



Kiwanian Sheila Weiner (L) and Principal Jamey Jaramillo (R) present De Portola Middle School Hope of America Awards to (L to R): Alexandria Gibson and Cheops (CJ) Dieujuste



Kiwanian Sheila Weiner presents Kumeyaay Elementary School Hope of America Awards to Reza Brown (L) and Ryder Gutstein (R)



Kiwanian Cathy Chesire presents Tierrasanta Elementary School Hope of America Awards to Natalie Veilleux (L) and Evaly Monroe (R)



Kiwanian Thom Van Benthuisen presents Vista Grande Elementary School Hope of America Awards to Everest Onkham



Kiwanian Thom Van Benthuisen presents Vista Grande Elementary School Hope of America Awards to Kiyoharu Hoshi



**Kiwanian Mike George presents Taft Middle School
Hope of America Awards to
(L to R): Bruce Nemteanu and Lucy Elizabeth Balla**

[No photos are provided if recipients were not present or if photos were not taken]