

# Assisteens

An Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Irvine



## Important Announcements:

- The Annual Dinner is on May 29th, so make sure to mark your calendars and RSVP.
- Make sure to submit your membership renewal forms so that you get to participate in another fun year of serving the community!
- There will be a beach clean-up at the end of May so watch for signups!
- Make sure to submit all your hours for this year by May 22nd!
- Reimbursement forms are due by May 14th!

12th Grade Assisteens had their Senior Recognition event on April 11th at Strawberry Farms Golf Club to celebrate their dedicated years of community service through Assisteens!

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## Letter From the Coordinator

"Unbelievable! What Assisteens have accomplished this year through shut-downs and a pandemic is amazing! As I read over the annual reports of the committee chairmen, it makes me so proud to be the Assisteens Coordinator.

This year brought in 14 new members, with more joining for 2021- 21 after last month's Meet & Greet attended by 35 interested teens. There were informative, self-improvement speakers for two of our General Meetings and others presented during class meetings. Our zoom meetings were well attended, and our philanthropy events booked up immediately with volunteer sign-ups. The Senior Class was able to have a beautiful in-person Recognition celebration at Strawberry Farms Golf Club.

The most impressive is how Assisteens continued to serve the community even though many places were closed to our volunteering. We just found other ways to help out those philanthropies. Operation School Bell received 700 masks hand-made by Assisteens, and school supplies and hygiene kits for 650 children. For food challenged IVC students, Assisteens donated \$3000 in Albertson's gift cards. Since we could not make breakfast at Ronald McDonald House, the residents were given Target gift cards, See's Candy, and 80 gift bags were delivered to cheer those families. Assisteens' seamstresses sewed 35 baby layettes for Kaiser Permanente Hospital and would have made more if Covid hadn't restricted that. Three deliveries were made to Sunridge Assisted Living facility with cards, wreaths, masks, and goodie bags. Warm Hugs held 3 events to put together 240 towel sets for Human Options. Two new philanthropies were started to bring a little joy to the burgeoning number of clients at Human Options; Krafts 4 Kids put together 50 spring craft kits for moms and kids to do together, and the Self-Care Kit committee held two events creating 80 goodie bags for the women to indulge themselves a bit. And in this year of layoffs and uncertainty, Help the Homeless held 4 events making 55-75 essentials/goodie bags at each event to benefit HomeAid OC. Assisteens also held successful food drives, beach cleanups & recycling, a clothing and toys drive, as well as donating to Families Forward with Thanksgiving Baskets and Adopt a Family. Whew! That's a lot of service!

Of course, to do all of that, Assisteens volunteered over 2000 hours, with parents' 800 hours help, and the most successful See's Candy Fundraiser ever brought in \$7,374 to allow this wonderful group to help so many. Quite a year! Thank you all for your hard work and service to the community!"

**-Ms. Campbell,  
Assisteens Coordinator**

# Letter from the Chairman

"Hey Assisteens, happy May!

Thank you so much to each and every one of you for continuing to have so much drive and enthusiasm for all of our philanthropies, even through such a unique year. I know that it's easy to lose track of time and motivation when everything is online, but we all worked through it with an unmatched passion, even starting two new philanthropies and sewing hundreds of masks for those in need. It was so nice to see everyone last month at our last general meeting of the year, and I hope to see everyone again at the annual banquet! Make sure to RSVP at this link: <http://evite.me/ckKXfDXwmK>

See you soon!"

**-Tara Nguyen,  
Assisteens Chairman**

## V.C. New Members

"These are the last VC New Members updates of this fiscal year!

1. **Hours:** We have 1,806 hours for Assisteens and 769 hours for parents! Members who have not submitted any hours this year have been contacted by email. Please make sure to submit your hours through this form: <https://forms.gle/u2pwEeA3GUVW6hAeA> by May 22nd at the latest.
2. Thanks to everyone I got to work with this year, including the Hours, New Member Training, and Big Buddy/Little Buddy chairmen, and the 8th-grade class. It was a pleasure working with you, and I'm looking forward to next year!"

**-Sana Hamid,  
V.C.New Members**

submit all  
hours by May  
22!!



# V.C. Philanthropy

"We had so many philanthropy events this month and I'm very happy that the Assisteens were able to volunteer so much. Our final Help the Homeless event was on Saturday, April 24th and they made 55 toiletry kits with soap, lotion, toothbrushes, and more! They recently dropped the kits off at HomeAid OC. The IVC food pantry bought another 50 e-gift cards, each worth \$20 for the IVC students. Thank you so much to all of the Assisteens that participated this past month and the past year! Our philanthropies were able to thrive despite covid and any other difficulties we faced."

**-Anna Lieggi,  
V.C. Philanthropy**

"There will be an event on May 8th for Self Care so make sure to sign up for it! There will also be a beach cleanup at the end of May so stay tuned for sign-ups coming."

**-Luna Schaffer,  
Assistant V.C. Philanthropy**



## Past Events



Assisteens collected a lot of trash at the Beach Cleanup at Corona Del Mar in April



Assisteens assembled gift bags for HomeAid OC at the Help the Homeless event

# Senior Recognition Photos





# Senior Recognition



**Kaitlin Blam**  
Northwood HS  
University of Pennsylvania

**Lara Gursoy**  
Northwood HS  
UC Berkeley

**Krista Lao**  
Woodbridge HS  
UCI

**Katelynn Pi**  
Northwood HS  
UCLA

**Kara Chu**  
Northwood  
UCLA

**Erin Halle**  
Northwood HS  
Transfer to UCI

**Tara Nguyen**  
HS University HS  
UC Davis

**Ritika Ramnani**  
Northwood HS  
UCI

**Haley Don**  
Portola HS  
UCI

**Abby Hopper**  
Portola HS  
Vanderbilt University

**Jayna Patel**  
Woodbridge HS  
UCSB

**Bri Walsh**  
Northwood HS  
CS Fullerton

**Lauren Shiihara**  
Portola HS  
Transfer to University of Hawaii

# Membership

"Hello and Happy May! Though our year is coming to a close, we still have one big event coming up this month: The Annual Meeting! Check out the link attached for all the info. [bit.ly/35ujB3R](https://bit.ly/35ujB3R)

As VC Membership, I oversee the Annual Meeting, Historian, Hospitality, Self-Improvement, Social, and Sunshine. I have had a blast learning more about Assisteens and am ecstatic to be passing this role on to Sana Hamid. I'll see you at the virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 29!"

**-Katelynn Pi,  
V.C. Membership**

"Hi Assisteens, thank you to everyone who has participated in our fundraisers this year! Everything you've done is benefiting our philanthropies so we can continue to run them smoothly. All your work is greatly appreciated!"

**-Avlyn Singer,  
V.C. Fundraising**

# Letter From the Editor

**Thank you to everyone who contributed!**

Ms. Campbell  
Tara Nguyen  
Luna Schaffer  
Anna Lieggi  
Avlyn Singer  
Katelynn Pi  
Sana Hamid

Hi Assisteens! I'm Ria Kundu, and I loved being the 2020-2021 Assisteens Newsletter Editor. Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of the newsletter and the other newsletters, I really appreciate it! I hope you and your families stay healthy and safe, and I look forward to seeing you all at events and meetings next year! Good luck on any of your finals or exams and I hope you have a great summer! :)