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## **Local Students Receive Good Citizen Award**

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From left, back row: Barbara Snyder, chairman, Louise Diracles, chapter regent, Susan McGill, assistant chairman; front row: Caroline Newman (Acalanes High School), Brighid Leach (Campolindo High School), Piper Kruggel (Las Lomas High School) and Vaneet Sandhu (Contra Costa Christian High School). Not pictured, Vanessa Tang, from Miramonte High School. Photo provided

The Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced the 2015 winners of the Good Citizen Award. These remarkable young women have distinguished themselves academically, through leadership, community service, sports and art.

Caroline Newman attends Acalanes High School where she served in student government, earned AP and CSF academic honors and participated in Mock Trial. She played Lacrosse year-round for four years and received both Silver and Gold Awards from Girl Scouts. Campolindo High School student Brihgid Leach was a four-year Varsity runner, winning the Division 3 State Cross Country Championship and named Bay Area Cross Country Runner of the Year. She has participated in choir, Model U.N. and Project Open Hands. Piper Kruggel attends Las Lomas High School where she received the Make Las Lomas a Better School award. Kruggel arrived in the U.S. about five years ago from China, knowing little English and, through hard work, has achieved success in academics as well as serving her community as a volunteer. Vaneet Sabdhu attends Contra Costa Christian High School where she has served in student government, played varsity basketball and varsity

volleyball. She is a life member of CSF and performed in two theater productions. Miramonte High School student Vanessa Tang is an AP scholar with distinction, played varsity volleyball for four years, was founder and president of Miramonte BuildOn and is an active community volunteer. She has done clinical research at the Alta Bates Radiology Department. Tang is also a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

The winners and their families were honored at a luncheon hosted by the Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and given a scholarship check, a pin, a certificate and an American flag that was once flown over the U.S. Capitol.

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