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Acalanes DAR awards scholarships to local middle and high school students

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From left: Regent Mary Carrillo, American History winners Sophia Zarhouni, Atlee Hamilton, Benjamin Serrano, Good Citizen winner Shannen Swartz, co-chair Sarah Gorham, Good Citizen winners Caitly Ellis, and Jack Ficken, and co-chair Susan Bourne. Photo provided

Bentley School, Shannen Swartz from Contra Costa Christian School, and Caitlyn Ellis from Las Lomas who read their essays.

The Acalanes Chapter Members are delighted to reward these remarkable students, and we wish them well as they continue on their life's journey. They are our future!

The Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored three middle school students for their submissions to this year's DAR American History Essay contest, and four senior high students selected by their schools as this year's DAR Good Citizen winners. A High Tea and Award Ceremony was held Feb. 4, hosted by Chapter Members who set the tables with their personal china and served delicious home-made tea sandwiches, cookies, fruit, and other sweets.

All seven students were recognized and provided with scholarships and certificates. Additionally, the American History winners were awarded monetary awards, gift cards and personalized reusable chalkboards decorated with flags.

The senior high students were awarded a U.S. flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol in their honor.

The American History essay winners were Benjamin Serrano in first place, Atlee Hamilton placing second, and Sophia Zarhouni placing third. All three read their winning essays to the group.

Campolindo High School's Good Citizen, Katherine Pflieger, was the Acalanes Chapter's essay winner. The other Good Citizen winners were Jack Ficken from

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