



**ROTARY CLUB OF SCOTTSDALE
RECOGNIZES
OUTSTANDING YOUTH
2014**

The Scottsdale Rotary Club has honored and recognized several of Scottsdale's outstanding high school students in 2014. Rotary is pleased to provide educational programs that complement the outstanding in-class education students receive at area high schools and to provide recognition to some of the very best and most deserving of the City's high school students. The students which have been selected for special recognition include the following:

Scholarship Winners:

Each year the Rotary Club of Scottsdale solicits nominees from counselors at the high schools for its Scholarship Program. The nominees are interviewed by Rotarians and winners are selected in several categories.

Nicholas Erickson, Chaparral H.S won the Bob and Louise McCall Visual Arts Scholarship of \$10,000

Michael Ring won the prestigious Norval O. Tyler Scholarship.

Michael Ring, Saguaro H.S won the Rotary Performing Arts Scholarship of \$6000. (\$3000 for two years)

Xavier Richmond, Senior at Chaparral H.S. received the Rotary Athletics Scholarship of \$6000 (\$3000 for two years.)

Karlene McCauly, Arcadia H.S. received the Rotary Business Scholarship of \$6000 (\$3000 for two years)

Tal Eitan, Chaparral H.S. won the Rotary Science and Technology Scholarship of \$6000 (\$3000 for two years).

Chase Andrews, Saguaro H.S. won the Rotary Vocational Technical Scholarship of \$6000 (\$3000 for two years).

Youth Salute Winners:

This unique Rotary youth program recognizes high school juniors who are determined by their school counselors to have great leadership potential. This year some 82 high school juniors were nominated. Winners are selected based upon interviews and their impromptu presentation. Each receive a scholarship for a trip to St. Louis, Mo., to participate in the Town Meeting on Tomorrow, a leadership conference sponsored by Washington University and the National Council on Youth Leadership. Youth Salute is a joint project between the Rotary Clubs of Scottsdale and of Scottsdale Air Park.

Mehak Mohan junior at Desert Mountain High School

Jack Shipka junior at Desert Mountain High School

Naveen Dasari junior at Desert Mountain High School

David Adelberg junior at Desert Mountain High School

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

The Rotary Clubs in Arizona cooperate in the conduct of a youth leadership experience and award program. It is held at Salvation Army Camp Ponderosa near Heber, Arizona in April each year. Juniors and sophomores who participate will be able to implement their leadership skills in their high school clubs, especially their school Interact Clubs. The SUSD students who participated included:

Essi Pelttari Rotary Exchange Student from Finland

Mathilde Haahr, Rotary Exchange Student from Denmark

Gabe Murray,

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange has been judged the best high school exchange program. It is operated as a community program, with all the adult participants serving as volunteers, no paid staff. Counselors are Rotarians. Rotarians interview and select local host families. Because of this, it is also the least expensive of the youth exchange programs. This program has lifelong impact on the student and prepares them to be a “global citizen”.

Lynn Mishark, from Desert Mountain High School is in **Finland** for this school year.

Wyatt Miller, from Chaparral High School is in **Italy** for this school year.

Alexis Wolf, from Desert Mountain High School is in **Denmark** for this school year

Essi Pelttari is our Exchange Student from **Finland** attending Desert Mountain High School this year.

Mathilde Haahr is our Exchange Student from **Denmark** attending Chaparral High School this year.

Lili Donnenwirth from Arcadia High School is going to **Germany** for the 2014-2015 school year.

Valentina Cristi from **Chile** will be our inbound student attending Coronado High School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Interact Clubs

Interact is Rotary’s service club for young people ages 14-18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. Members are students who are interested in making the world a better place. With more than 250,000 Interactors in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is a worldwide phenomenon! Interact clubs carry out at least two community service projects each year, including one that furthers international understanding and goodwill. It is an excellent leadership development program. SUSD has three active Interact Clubs:

Coronado – Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Scottsdale. This is the newest of the four clubs in SUSD. The club officers for 2013-2014 are:

President: **Sami Mooney**

Vice President: **Savannah Thalmeier**

Secretary: **Christina Luu**,

Treasurer: **Heidi Rodriguez**,

Publicist: **Asan Anakulov**

ICC Rep: **Angelica Ramon**,

Arcadia –Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Phoenix Camelback

Chaparral—Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Scottsdale Airpark

Desert Mountain High School—Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fountain Hills

Youth Career Mentoring

This is a new youth program offered by Scottsdale Rotary Club. Students may apply to spend one hour interviewing a professional in the student’s Dream Profession. The students will be able to seek guidance and advice on the career opportunities, education required, what it takes to get a job and personal insights on the student’s Dream Profession. This year two students participated:

Samhita Vedula senior at Desert Mountain High School seeking a career in Pediatric Neurology

Jessica Babani senior at Pinnacle High School seeking a career in Engineering