

YOUTH SERVICES - INTERACT

Building Young Leaders Through Service





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Dr. Daniel Loh is actively building stronger connections between Rotary and the next generation through Interact, service projects, and youth leadership opportunities —helping students turn their ideas into meaningful contributions to their communities.

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Region 3

- Damien Moore (Inglewood)
- Rene Mejia (Bellflower)

Region 4

- Sunnie Kwok (Wilshire)
- Mio Watanabe (Little Tokyo)

Region 5

- Bella Shaar (Mental Health)
- Bernadette Maye Stacey (Burbank)

Region 6

- Thuy Trifunovic (Woodland Hills)
- Joshua Ramsey



WHAT IS INTERACT?

SERVICE. LEADERSHIP. CONNECTION.

Interact brings together students ages 12–18 to serve their schools and communities while developing leadership skills and building connections beyond the classroom.

Reconnecting Students

BRINGING THE YOUTH BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Through service projects, events, and fellowship, Interact gives students opportunities to:



Get involved



Make friends



Serve others



Find their voice



WHAT STUDENTS GAIN

SKILLS THAT LAST BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Leadership

Taking initiative

Networking

Building relationships

Resourcefulness

Finding solutions

Teamwork

Working with
others

Community

Learning to serve

WHAT STUDENTS MAY NEED

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle Schoolers | Ages 12 –14

Extracurricular & Interact Activities

- Time away from digital and social media
- May be required for admission by some private high schools
 - Girl Scout & Boy Scout Service Requirements

Service • Leadership • Community Involvement



WHAT STUDENTS MAY NEED

IN HIGH SCHOOL

For High School:

- Extracurricular Activity Involvement is **IMPORTANT**
- Increase school **ENGAGEMENT**
- Common App and UC applications allow students to showcase their activities, leadership, service, and involvement beyond the classroom
- Development of a personal narrative and personal interest
- Life and Career Skills
- Opportunities for Scholarships
- Social and Networking Skills





common app

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid

Common App

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
1 college(s) require

Activities

Preview

Reporting activities can help colleges better understand your life outside of the classroom. Examples of activities might include:

- Arts or music
- Clubs
- Community engagement
- Family responsibilities ([learn more](#))
- Hobbies
- Sports
- Work or volunteering
- Other experiences that have been meaningful to you

Do you have any activities that you wish to report? *
☒ Yes
☐ No

Clear answer

Please list your activities in the order of their importance to you.

Participation grade levels*

☐ 9
☐ 10
☐ 11
☐ 12
☐ Post-graduate

Timing of participation*

☐ During school year
☐ During school break
☐ All year

Hours spent per week*

Weeks spent per year*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Application status

My account

Sign out

Activities & awards

Add activities & awards



* required

You can enter your activities and awards one at a time. First, select a category from the dropdown menu below. Once you've selected a category, you'll be able to tell us more about the activity or award in the follow-up questions.

Description of categories

Award or honor: We want to know about the awards and honors you've received that mean the most to you.

Educational preparation programs: Any programs or activities that have enriched your academic experiences or helped you prepare for college. [1](#)

Extracurricular activity: These could include hobbies, clubs, sports or anything else you haven't had the chance to tell us about.

Other coursework: These are courses other than those required for UC admission (courses that do not fit in UC's "a-g" subject areas). [1](#)

Volunteering / Community service: These are activities you've donated time and effort to without getting paid.

Work experience: This is for telling us about any paid jobs or paid internships you've had. [1](#)

Activity/Award [1]

Category*

Educational preparation p... [v](#)

What was the program name? *

ATDP (Academic Talent De... [v](#)

> About you

> Campuses & majors

> Academic history

> Test scores

> Activities & awards

Add activities & awards

Review

> Scholarships & programs

> Personal insight

Review & submit

CAMPUS TOUR SERIES

Open to Interactors and Parents



USC COLLEGE TOUR

Interact District 5280 Rotaract District 5280

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS!
Take your first step toward college with an Interact and Rotaract-led campus experience where you can explore, ask questions, and discover what might be right for you.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026 AT 9AM-12PM

VISIT USC WITH INTERACT 5280 AND USC ALUMNI
To register, scan the QR code:



Interact District 5320 Rotaract District 5280 Rotary District 5280

COLLEGE CAMPUS TOUR SERIES 2026

EXPLORE. CONNECT. DISCOVER.

Join Interact 5280 for an opportunity to visit college campuses, explore different college environments, learn about student life, and discover what could be next for you.

Explore different college campuses, learn about college life and opportunities, and connect with fellow Interactors along the way.

USC • UCLA • CSUN • UCI • CHAPMAN • LMU • SMC

OPEN TO INTERACT STUDENTS

Hosted by Interact District 5280
In partnership with participating Rotary & Rotaract clubs

Scan QR code to register:



UCLA COLLEGE TOUR

Interact District 5280 Rotaract District 5280

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS!
Join us for a day at UCLA to explore campus life, learn more about college opportunities, and connect with fellow Rotaractors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 2026 AT 9AM-12PM

VISIT UCLA WITH INTERACT 5280 AND UCLA ALUMNI
To register, scan the QR code:



CHALLENGES

**Students may
have limited
resources**

**Interactors
may not have
a form of
reliable
transportation**

**Need help
finding social
opportunities
and service
projects**

**Mentors may
have limited
resources**

**The need of a
leadership
succession line**

ROTARIANS: CALL TO ACTION

Need HELP with the
Recertification Process for
20 out of 44 Interact
Chapters



Need help in Identifying
Current Youth Advisors
and Interact Club Leaders



Please Support the Youth
Fundraisers and Events



Interact in District 5280

Expanding opportunities for young people to serve and lead.



New Clubs This Year

Chinatown (Mental Health/Wilshire)

HiFi Interact (Filipinotown)

Chapters in the Pipeline

3 Chapters In the Valley

2 Chapters in South Los Angeles

3 Middle School Chapters

STRONGER TOGETHER



Service Without Borders

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS



INDIA

Mental Health +
Yoga



COSTA RICA

Digital Literacy Circle (SP)
Peace Project
Interact Pen Pals



PHILIPPINES

Digital Literacy Circle
Project in Cebuano



MEXICO

Toys for Patients
with Special Needs



Partner in Service

Connecting young people and communities through music.

MUSIC MENDS MINDS

RESTORING THE RHYTHM OF LIFE



MELODIES FOR MEMORIES

USE YOUR MUSIC. SHARE YOUR STORY. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Interact District 5280 is partnering with Music Mends Minds to invite young musicians and singers to use their talents to create meaningful connections through music.

Music Mends Minds uses music to create meaningful connections with individuals living with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological disorders. Your performance can become part of a collection of music created to bring connection, comfort, and meaningful musical experiences to those who need it. Learn more: musicmendsminds.org

THE CHALLENGE

SUBMIT 2-3 MINUTE VIDEO FEATURING:

01 — INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Tell us your name, age, school, and Interact Club.

02 — SHARE YOUR MESSAGE

Share a short message about kindness, music, or connection.

03 — TELL US YOUR SONG

Choose and introduce your 1950s-1960s song and tell us why you chose it.

04 — PERFORM

Sing or play your selected song.

05 — CLOSE WITH KINDNESS

End with a short thank-you then finish with a smile, wave, or bow.

SONG SELECTION:

Choose a song that sparks a memory, joy, or connection.

Students are encouraged to choose from the Music Mends Minds Suggested Song List of familiar, uplifting songs loved across generations.

View the full suggested song list through the submission QR code.

Sing with purpose. Play with heart. Make a difference.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Students ages 12-18 years old

Interactors and students within the age group are welcome to participate.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Performance & Musicality — 3 pts

Skill, timing, and overall performance

Creativity — 2 pts

Originality and interpretation

Confidence & Presentation — 2 pts

Delivery, presence, and engagement

Video Quality — 1 pt

Clear audio and visuals

Message & Impact — 2 pts

Meaningful message, connection, and spirit of service

TOTAL — 10 POINTS

READY TO SHARE YOUR TALENT?

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY



CASH PRIZE

1ST PLACE — \$500

2ND PLACE — \$250

3RD PLACE — \$100

COMPETITION DATES

AUGUST 21 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

September 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

For more info, contact:

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Growing the Movement

SERVICE + SUSTAINABILITY

SUPPORT YOUTH SERVICES ->



FUNDRAISER FOR
District 5280 Youth Programs

AUGUST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



> **When**
Friday, August 28, 2026
Place your order for pickup or delivery on Friday, August 28!

> **Where**
Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
www.pandaexpress.com

> **How**
Online orders only
Apply code **9017615** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Rotary International District 5280

Proceeds will go towards District 5280 Youth Programs for the 2026-2027 year.

Valid for online orders only. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events at any time, if the Virtual Community Fundraising Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. The organization must raise a minimum of \$150 in total event sales pre-tax when purchased with designated code at check-out, in order to receive 28% of all event sales (pre-tax amount). PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards and meals from Panda's School Lunch program do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the Event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandarg.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>

2026 GOALS



Strengthen existing clubs



Grow Interact membership



Establish more clubs across District 5280



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Expanding opportunities for young people to serve and lead.



Rotary
District 5280



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

*Inspire. Connect.
Lead. Serve.*



BACK TO SCHOOL!

NOW IS THE TIME
to get your students to
SIGN UP!

Visit www.ryla5280.org
to access applications and
more information!





The Painted Turtle
a seriousfun camp
founded by paul newman



RYLA 2026 DATES
OCTOBER 16-18, 2026
AT THE PAINTED TURTLE
LAKE HUGHES, CA



WHO CAN ATTEND?
High school students
who want to grow as
leaders, build confidence,
and make a difference!



**AN UNFORGETTABLE
EXPERIENCE**
Leadership workshops,
team challenges, new
friendships, and lifelong
memories!



FOUR C'S OF RYLA
✓ Cooperation
✓ Communication
✓ Creativity
✓ Compassion



**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026!**



FEE
**Students: \$350
per participant**



**PAYMENT DUE
July 15, 2026**
Please mail payments to:
Rotary District 5280
8055 W. Manchester Avenue, Suite 460
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
For credit card payments,
please contact Tori at the District Office.





SPACE IS LIMITED!
If your club has not yet reserved
participants and would still like spots,
please let us know.
Secure your spots today!



RYLA is one of Rotary's premier youth programs,
developing the next generation of leaders!



LEARN. LEAD. SERVE.
Be the change!

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Austin Jaye





THANK YOU

When we invest in our youth,
we invest in the future of our community.

Serve. Lead. Connect.