

## Arts and crafts vendors wanted for Christmas boutique

St. Thomas More Church, Alhambra, is seeking arts and crafts vendors for its Christmas boutique, which will take place 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11.

To reserve a table space and for more information, contact Lucia at the rectory: 626-284-8333, Ext.141.

## Come join the **ALHAMBRA FIREFIGHTERS** for



**SPARK OF  
LOVE  
TOY DRIVE**  
SoCAL FIREFIGHTERS  
MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**

**November 6 - December 19**

The Alhambra Firefighters Association will again join ABC7, firefighters throughout Southern California, the City of Alhambra, and the YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley in the "Spark of Love" toy drive to collect toys for distribution to needy children for the holidays.

All donated toys will be distributed to needy children and families through the YMCA. Make a huge difference in a child's life by donating an unwrapped toy or piece of sporting equipment and delivering that item to one of the following sites:

- Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First St., weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley, 401 Corto St.
- Alhambra Fire Department, Station 71, 301 N. First St.
- Alhambra Fire Department, Station 72, 1215 S. Sixth St.
- Alhambra Fire Department, Station 73, 2200 W. Main St.

## Cal State LA biochemistry major receives CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

*Alhambra resident plans to develop a mentoring program in Guam for students interested in a STEM career*

When she was growing up in Guam, Janielle Cuala's favorite subject was science. But her family didn't consider that an appropriate field for a woman, so she set out to earn a degree in nursing.

But her passion for science and research proved so strong that she changed her field of study, even though that meant she would have to pay her own way through college.

Ms. Cuala is now a biochemistry major at Cal State LA and one of 23 students statewide to receive the 2018 California State University (CSU) Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, the CSU's highest recognition of student achievement and scholarship.

"It's really exciting," Ms. Cuala, an Alhambra resident, said. "Receiving this scholarship will help me focus on school and research rather than worrying about financial issues. I am proud to represent minorities, women, and people from Guam trying to pursue a career in the STEM fields."

Ms. Cuala was honored for her superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and significant personal accomplishments during the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in September. She was awarded \$6,000 and named a SoCalGas Scholar.



*Janielle Cuala is a biochemistry major at Cal State LA and one of 23 students statewide to receive the 2018 California State University (CSU) Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, the CSU's highest recognition of student achievement and scholarship. (Photo credit: J. Emilio Flores/Cal State LA)*

"Ms. Cuala is an incredibly focused and determined student," said Cal State LA President William A. Covino. "Upon completing her Ph.D., she plans to return to Guam and help others pursue careers in science. I am certain Ms. Cuala will make contributions that will reflect well on the California State University."



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