Music on The Green at The Alhambra

A festive mariachi band opened the season May 2 at Music On The Green, the popular outdoor Summer Concert Series hosted by the Alhambra, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra. A public is invited to attend a free fun, family-friendly event for all ages. Enjoy an array of live musical talent and play a round of Jenga or Connect Four in the commons. Ignite the musical talent and play a round of Jenga or Connect Four in the commons. Ignite the musical talent and play a round of Jenga or Connect Four in the commons. Ignite the musical talent and play a round of Jenga or Connect Four in the commons.

Alhambra is hosting its outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Concert schedule:

June 27 Hip hop DJ and Alhambra resident
July 11 Danny Memphis (Elvis impersonator)
July 25 Desmond Bedlow (reggae)
Aug 8 Shea (indie soul vocalist)
Aug 22 Private Cat Radio! (swing)
Sept 5 Alhambra High School Jazz Band

All concerts are held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Graduating Cal State LA student doesn’t let limited vision define him

Ozro Hepworth walked into a local Department of Motor Vehicles on his 32nd birthday for what he thought would be a routine driver’s license renewal. After an eye exam, he left with news that changed his life: He was legally blind.

Mr. Hepworth was diagnosed as having retinitis pigmentosa, a rare eye disease in which degeneration of the retina causes severe visual impairment.

At that moment, Mr. Hepworth realized his physical limitations. But the revelation was a motivator. In the following year, he set himself on a path to pursue higher education and become the best version of himself.

“At (being legally blind) helped me create this inner strength to move forward no matter what,” he said. 37-year-old Alhambra resident graduated from Cal State LA's College of Business and Economics with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems with honors on May 22. He plans to become a high school math teacher.

Going to college wasn’t something Mr. Hepworth learned about while growing up in Panguitch, Utah, a town with a population of about 2,000.

But in the year after his visit to the DMV, Mr. Hepworth, a massage therapist, started noticing the success some of his clients were able to achieve through education.

He then decided to become the in his family to attend college, enrolling in Santa Monica College before transferring to Cal State LA.

Mr. Hepworth experienced some challenges in school due to his limited vision. Unable to drive, he relied on rideshare apps for transportation. Although he sat in front of the class, he couldn’t see what was on the board.

He developed other strengths.

Mr. Hepworth discovered his strengths during his college years.

As an older student, he struggled at first, but with the support of his professors and classmates, he was able to achieve academic success.

Mr. Hepworth received the Best and Brightest Scholarship from the Millennium Momentum Foundation, a scholarship awarded to students pursuing careers that impact the public good. He also fostered a relationship between the Business Honors Association and the Your Turn Intern Expo and Celebrity Fest, an exhibition that connects students with businesses for internship opportunities in the Los Angeles area.

After graduation, Mr. Hepworth joins the Teach for America program, teaching math in an underserved high school in Los Angeles. He hopes to become a teacher who motivates students and their parents to see the possibilities and opportunities in education.

Mr. Hepworth adds advice to future college students: “In addition to striving for your degree, strive to take a new perspective on life.”

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