



Fullerton Observer photographer Jere Greene presented with highest award from Red Cross.

Jere Greene Honored for Saving Life

Congratulations to Fullerton resident Jere Greene who was honored by the Red Cross 2017 Heroes Luncheon on May 3 held at the Irvine Hotel. He received the Red Cross Lifesaving Medal and a Certificate of Merit signed by President Obama, the highest award issued by the Red Cross. The award has been presented annually since 1911, and signed by fifteen different presidents. Jere's son Michael was present at the ceremony.

Jere came to the aid of a man who was having a heart attack at the Fullerton Community Center in February 2016. As a former Red Cross CPR trainer, Jere took quick action to guide the man to the floor and began chest compressions while city employee Paul Dominguez used his experience as a military medic to operate the Automatic External Defibrillator. The two helped stabilize the man until paramedics arrived. The man was transported to the hospital and survived the event. Both Jere and Paul received Life Saving Awards from the Fullerton Fire Department.

After the event Jere checked with the Public Library and other departments to check that they had defibrillators on hand. As a result those departments became equipped with the life-saving device.

Jere, who has served as a Red Cross CPR instructor in the past, said he was honored by the award but, "I don't think it is a matter of being a hero - but more one of being prepared and confident enough to act. Everybody should take a CPR class."

Earlier in the month Jere was nominated by the Red Cross and received recognition at the 41st annual OneOC Awards and in another event, the Regional Red Cross Recognition luncheon in Riverside he was inducted into the "500 Club" which recognizes a person who has contributed over 500 volunteer hours in a year. He had just over 1,200 hours. That work included a computer listing program he put together to coordinate agencies and their resources that serve the homeless.

Attie Landrum Signs with Hope International

Hope International University held a signing event for all incoming athletes on May 6. Above is Sunny Hills High School Senior OF Attie Landrum pictured with her sister, Abbie, and mom and dad Sarah and Phil.

Attie was one of the signees. She is an outfielder/first baseman for Sunny Hills is currently tied with La Habra for first place in the Freeway League with varsity head coach is Art Jarman at SHHS.

Because of her speed as a right handed batter, Attie's travel ball coach, John Lucero of the Firecrackers told her that she could use that speed to get to first base more often as a left-handed slapper. Within 60 days of lots of practice she was swinging naturally. From there she began taking lessons from Christy Ring, a former lefty slapper from Oklahoma University who fine-tuned the mechanics.

This simple change helped Attie earn her college scholarship and to



play for Coach Dennis Blas and the Royals of HIU. Hope IU is graduating five seniors and have seven incoming freshmen to take their place on the roster, and Attie will take a position in the outfield.

Attie's aim in college is to earn her degree and become an elementary school teacher.



Paulo Jusay Earns Doctorate

As a young boy, Paulo Jusay would accompany his grandfather to a clinic in their small town in the Philippines.

His grandfather was a doctor, and his patients had little or no money. They would often pay for their treatment with items such as bags of rice, which his grandfather gladly accepted. The compassion and concern that his grandfather displayed toward his patients left a lasting impression on Jusay.

"I've always wanted to help people ever since," Jusay says. He credits CSULA with providing the education for him to follow in his grandfather's footsteps.

The 39-year-old Fullerton resident will graduate in May with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice.

His interest in the sciences and passion for helping people led Jusay to earn a certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), which entailed working long hours in a busy hospital emergency room. That experience opened his eyes to different aspects of the medical field and solidified his desire to be an emergency room nurse.

In March, Jusay used that drive to defend his doctoral dissertation titled "Improving First Case Start Efficiency in Interventional Radiology: A Quality Improvement Project." He developed a system at City of Hope Interventional Radiology to reduce the frequency of delays for the first patient of the day. The system reduced delay times, which Jusay describes as a small but important step for improving patient care. He looks forward to building on that success as he embarks on the next chapter in his career.



8-Year-Old Rider Wins National Title: Brig Beck

is a competitive Scooter rider (one of the youngest sponsored riders in the world at 7). He rides at local skate parks in Fullerton, Brea and La Habra as well as parks around the state. He won the National title for beginners 12 and up, competing against kids up to 16 years old - he rode out of his division. See his social media on insta @brigbeck1 and YouTube BrigBeck1.

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