

Young American Awards

The Young American Award is given to outstanding young people each year who have demonstrated excellence in academics, character and community service. The award includes a \$500 unrestricted scholarship and plaque.



1. Adam Hack – Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Explorer Post 449

Adam is a senior at Riverside Christian School with a grade point average of 3.9. He has played Baseball, Football and Soccer for his school and won several awards in athletics. Adam has also earned many academic awards and has had perfect school attendance for the last 3 years! Adam joined post 449 in the summer of 2007 and currently holds the rank of Corporal. He attended the 2008 Summer Explorer Academy where he placed 4th in Academics. Adam contributed 65 hours of community service in 2007, 182 hours in 2008 and is on track to contribute more than 220 hours for 2009. After graduating from High School, he plans on attending California Baptist University and majoring in Criminal Justice. His ultimate goal is to become a Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.



2. Amanda McCarthy – Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Explorer Post 449

Amanda Graduated from Tesoro High School with a 3.5 grade point average. She is currently attending Saddleback Valley College and has a 3.0 grade point average. In High School she was on the girls basketball team where she received many awards. She is certified as an EMT. Amanda has donated over 400 hours of community service through the Explorer Program and another 100 hours for various other charitable organizations. She currently holds the rank of Sergeant with post 449 and according to her advisor “consistently leads by example”. Amanda is pursuing a Masters degree in Psychology and strives to become a Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. She also hopes some day to

become an Explorer Advisor so she can give back to the program that has gotten her off to a good start on her career goals.



3. Lex Ogan – Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Explorer Post 449

Lex is currently a senior at Saddleback Valley Christian High School where he has a 3.5 Grade point average. He joined post 449 in December of 2005 and has worked his way up the ranks to Lieutenant. Lex has contributed 596 hours of Community Service through post 449. He recently played an important role in assisting his advisor while on a ride along when she tried to break up a fight and was punched in the face. Before his advisor had time to react, Lex maintained his cool and was on the radio requesting back-up and advising dispatch of all the pertinent information they needed to send help. Lex’s exceptional leadership abilities are utilized by his advisors to prepare for and run meetings, send out emails and make sure the Explorers under him are on time. Lex plans to attend Saddleback Valley College next year then test to become a Deputy Sheriff.



4. Frank Salgado – Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Explorer Post 449

Frank graduated from Rancho Alamitos High School with a 3.0 grade point average. He is currently attending Santa Ana College where he is also maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. He joined post 449 in June of 2005 and has since reached the rank of Lieutenant. Frank demonstrates excellent leadership skills and his advisor states that “the West Division would not run if Frank was not a part of the program.” Since joining the post, he has donated over 1400 hours of community service. In March of this year, Frank was presented with the post 449 Leadership Award. He has also attended many competitions where he has helped his post win many trophies. Frank plans to finish his AA degree at Santa Ana and transfer to a four-year

college to complete his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. His ultimate goal is to become a Deputy Sheriff.