

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

EKANSH AGRAWAL

NOMINATOR: KIM HALKET



Ekansh is an impressive and gifted person who strives to always exceed his best no matter what he pursues. Academically, he is a diligent and driven student who has taken the most rigorous and demanding courses we offer, as well as community college classes to enhance his education. Ekansh can only be described as a tenacious and industrious student, driven by his intellectual curiosity and passion for learning. As a member of our PLTW Engineering and Design Academy, Ekansh has thrived in the hands-on, project-based classes where he has masterfully developed his skills in engineering and computer science.

Ekansh effortlessly applies the knowledge he learns in the classroom to his engineering clubs, personal research projects, internships, and jobs. His accomplishments and abilities are on par with a college graduate, and his tenacity and dedication far exceed most adults I know. I believe that there is nothing Ekansh cannot accomplish when he puts his mind to it. Ekansh is one of the most self-aware, mature, and truly insightful young men in our senior class. He is so much more than an intelligent and gifted scholar. He has the ability to see people and situations as they genuinely are, and then takes the time to process and decipher what that means to him. He is a natural born leader who has the trust and respect of his peers and our staff because of his achievements both in and out of the classroom. As a board member and president of the California Scholarship Federation, a state-wide academic honors and community service club, I have watched Ekansh effectively lead groups from five to seven hundred of his peers, clearly recognizing and respecting peoples' opinions and values, especially if they differ from his. He is always innovative, flexible, supportive, and open to new ideas to improve the status of the club. He takes his responsibilities as president very seriously and devotes hundreds of hours collaborating with the other board members to offer innovative community service projects for our members. Ekansh has made our application process completely electronic for our new and improved website and has discovered new opportunities for our members by working with other service clubs on campus. He has also taught us how to promote activities through social media and has developed an online chart for students to monitor their service hours. The CSF motto is, "Scholarship with Service," and there is no one more than Ekansh who embodies our message. His shoes will be very hard to fill in our organization after he graduates, and he will be genuinely missed by all of us. Ekansh is a person who will truly change the world and make it a better place. His intelligence, determination, and strength of character assures me of that. He will be a positive and dynamic agent of change in the future. I give him my very highest recommendation.