

• Awards Dinner & Celebration

NOVEMBER 17, 2017



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Why IEA?

Every child deserves to learn something new every day.

Yet, this right is out of reach for too many of our gifted young people. Many gifted students go unidentified and underserved in our education system, which is not designed to meet their unique intellectual, creative and personal needs—as learners, and as people.

What does this mean for us? It means that many of our nation's brightest young people are denied the opportunity to meet their intellectual and personal potential. It means that students who could be our future innovators, creators, scientists and leaders are left to flounder. It means our progress is stagnant.

IEA is here to advocate for these children, to provide programs and services that will fuel them intellectually, creatively and personally. We are here to provide them the opportunity to work toward their full potential, to be part of a community that understands and embraces them.

Your assistance is critical to our ability to be there, to provide the tools and support these children so desperately need and, more importantly, deserve.

Our Mission

The Institute for Educational Advancement (IEA) is dedicated to the intellectual, creative and personal growth of our nation's gifted and high-potential youth. Central to the mission of IEA is a commitment to the development of the whole child through engaging educational experiences that promote optimal challenge, mentorship, exploration of ideas, and recognition of personal potential. IEA seeks to connect like-minded individuals and supports a diverse community that creates a sense of belonging and affirmation.

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Evening Program

6:00 pm Reception & Silent Auction

Music provided by IEA Academy students Cadence Dam, Dante Dam & Calvin Zheng

7:30 pm Seated Dinner

Music provided by JBK Jazz Trio

Menu *Poached Pear Salad of Wild Frisee & Baby Spring Mix with Sliced Poached Pears, Candied Walnuts and Stilton Cheese. Served with a Port Wine Spiced Vinaigrette.*

Grilled Atlantic Salmon served with Wild Mushrooms and topped with a Whole Grain Mustard Sauce, or Prime Flat Iron Steak served with a Peppercorn Brandy Sauce, or Butternut Squash Ravioli (vegetarian)

Crème Brulee served with seasonal berries

Additional wine, beer or cocktail tickets may be purchased at the registration/auction check-out table.

8:00 pm Silent Auction Closes

Program Welcome

Dennis Finnerman, Master of Ceremonies

Why IEA?

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones, President, Institute for Educational Advancement

Award Presentations

*Jason & Sandy Roberts, Community Advocate Award
Tony Travouillon, Ph.D., Educator Award*

Student Speaker

Kaitlyn Chen, EXPLORE Alumna and Temple City High School Senior (Introduction by Dr. Amy Catlin-Jairazbhoy, UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music)

"Fund-A-Future" Live Auction

Dennis Finnerman



Speakers



Dennis Finnerman, Master of Ceremonies

After spending 25 years as a telecommunications services corporate executive, Dennis started his own real estate business in 2005. He is one of the premier realtors in Coldwell Banker's top-performing Pasadena office, at which he is also the trainer and mentor for new realtors. One of his great passions is helping his neighbors market and sell their homes to maximize value, allowing his clients to move on to successfully navigate the next chapter of their lives. Dennis grew up on a farm and put himself through college by building mobile homes from the wheels up. Dennis received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University where he also studied finance and marketing at the graduate level. He takes particular pride in giving back to his local community, and supports organizations through philanthropy and volunteering his expertise.



Elizabeth Jones, President, Institute for Educational Advancement

Betsy Jones is the President of the Institute for Educational Advancement, which she co-founded nearly 20 years ago in response to a lack of programs and resources aimed at supporting the emotional, physical and academic needs of gifted children. She is an educator, researcher and administrator of educational programs, having previously served as the Associate Director of The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Betsy holds her master's in special education from the University of Southern California and has completed doctoral work in the field of educational policy and learning theory.

The Newman Family commends this year's honorees for their service to gifted children.



Speakers



Dr. Amy Catlin-Jairazbhoy, Adjunct Professor, UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music

"Professor Amy" is an Adjunct Professor of Ethnomusicology at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Her research, writing, teaching, curatorial activities and multi-media publications often have an applied focus, aimed at community development of minority traditions, especially in diasporic settings. In particular, Amy's research involves the classical and non-classical musics of South and Southeast Asians and Asian-Americans. She has received funding for her numerous research projects across the globe from the NEA, NEH, Fulbright and the American Philosophical Society. Amy studied piano, voice and musicianship at the Peabody Conservatory. She has her master's in music from Yale and Ph.D. from Brown University.

Kaitlyn Chen, EXPLORE Alumna & Temple City High School Senior

With an early and strong passion for film, Kaitlyn aspires to study film and graphic design at University of Southern California. She is well on her way to achieving this goal, with her excellent academic record, abundance of extracurricular and volunteer activities (many served in a leadership capacity), and most recently, after completing an IEA EXPLORE summer externship. In the summer of 2017, Kaitlyn received mentorship from Dr. Amy Catlin-Jairazbhoy of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. This mentorship involved research at "Professor Amy's" Asparsa Media for Intercultural Education, where she learned methods of metadata production concerning field recordings and editing original audiovisual materials in preparation for further research and publication. By the completion of the externship, Kaitlyn and Professor Amy together had worked at the challenging task of editing an hour-long video featuring a capoeira performance. She considers her EXPLORE experience to be life-changing, and is eternally grateful for the continued guidance, mentorship and support from Professor Amy and IEA staff. Kaitlyn is also grateful to the supporters of IEA, who made it possible for her to participate in EXPLORE through a scholarship.

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Honorees



Community Advocate Award Jason & Sandy Roberts

Jason and Sandy Roberts have worked to ensure the needs of highly able learners are met in Pasadena Unified. Initially coaching elementary and middle school students in math, Jason and Sandy launched Math Academy to provide gifted middle and high school students with the skills and insight needed to excel in honors math and science at the most elite universities. Math Academy partners with Pasadena Unified in reaching students starting in 6th grade and offering them sequenced math coursework that culminates in completing Calculus in 8th grade. With a mathematics degree from University of Chicago, Jason has launched technology startups and built high-frequency trading systems. He designed and developed much of Uber's original real-time and global technologies. Sandy has spent the last ten years on nonprofit boards, holding leadership positions with Junior League and Pasadena Educational Foundation. With an economics degree from University of Chicago, she shares her love of math by teaching at the Math Academy and fundraising for the organization.



Educator Award: Tony Travouillon, Ph.D.

Since 2011, Tony has been delighting gifted young minds through his IEA Academy classes. According to one parent of a student in Tony's Astronomy class, "Mr. Tony inspired my child with his passion and knowledge of science and made learning fun." Teaching classes like Physics, Electrical Circuitry and Astronomy, Tony helps students explore the universe and learn how to build electrical circuits. An astrophysicist, he is a System Scientist at Thirty Meter Telescope Observatory, where he conducts experimental research on atmospheric turbulence and its repercussions for astronomy, image degradation, adaptive optics and interferometry. Since receiving his Ph.D. in astrophysics at the University of New South Wales, Tony has remained devoted to sharing his knowledge and experience with others. He holds a Visiting Associate position at Caltech and is an Adjunct Professor at College of the Canyons.

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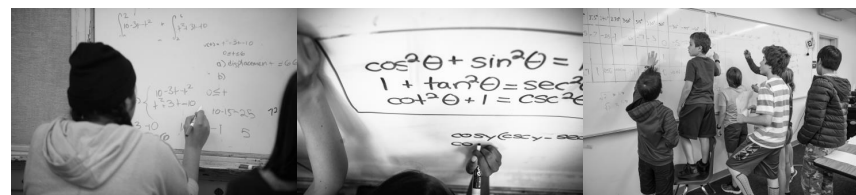


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Each year, IEA serves more and more families in need of financial aid so that their gifted children can access programs that nurture them intellectually, emotionally and socially. Also each year, our free Gifted Support Group meetings increase in frequency and size in order to meet the demand for information and guidance from parents of gifted children.

Donate today to help IEA continue our important efforts in serving gifted children and their families. We believe that every child deserves to learn something new every day, and should have access to a welcoming and safe environment to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially. Help us help children learn and help IEA provide that environment to our gifted community.

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IEA Programs & Services

The Institute for Educational Advancement (IEA) encourages gifted children and their families to pursue their intellectual potential and advocate for their individual needs. Our programs and services provide gifted children, ages 2-18, with access to rigorous intellectual offerings, individualized learning opportunities, qualified mentors and accepting communities they would not otherwise find in traditional school systems.

IEA's four primary programs have been created to nurture the needs of gifted learners at different stages of their intellectual and personal development:

- **Academy** offers a menu of enrichment courses to K-8 students.
- **EXPLORE** matches gifted high school students with professors, business professionals, scientists, lawyers and doctors who mentor participants as they conduct research and work in real career settings.
- The **Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship** awards gifted seventh graders a four-year high school scholarship and personalized counseling and guidance.
- **Yunasa** and **Yunasa West** are summer camps to help gifted youth ages 10 to 15 pursue personal growth and balance.

IEA builds on our programs by providing additional services, including:

- **Professional Development** and **Consulting** to families and educators to guide them in the optimal educational fit for their students, learn about best practices in the identification and teaching of gifted learners and explore methods for evaluating student growth. Free monthly **Gifted Support Group** meetings support these efforts;
- An online catalog of resources in our **Gifted Resource Center**; and
- Our **Public Policy Initiative** brings together national experts to ameliorate the gap in gifted services in our school systems.

IEA's whole-child approach is unique in that our programs and services promote intellectual, physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth. Many gifted learners within the IEA community will go on to contribute to the advancement of society through scientific, entrepreneurial, legal, creative and humanitarian work.

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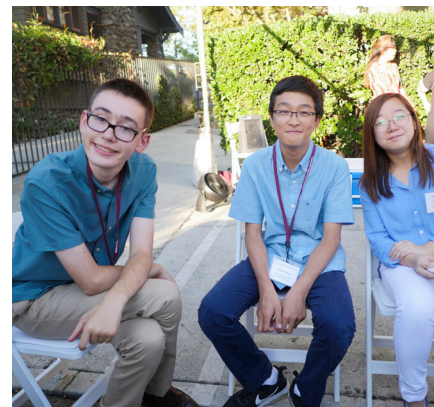
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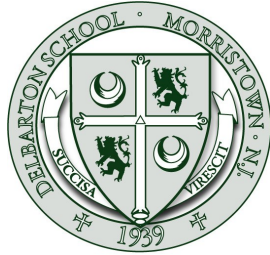
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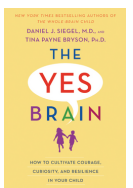


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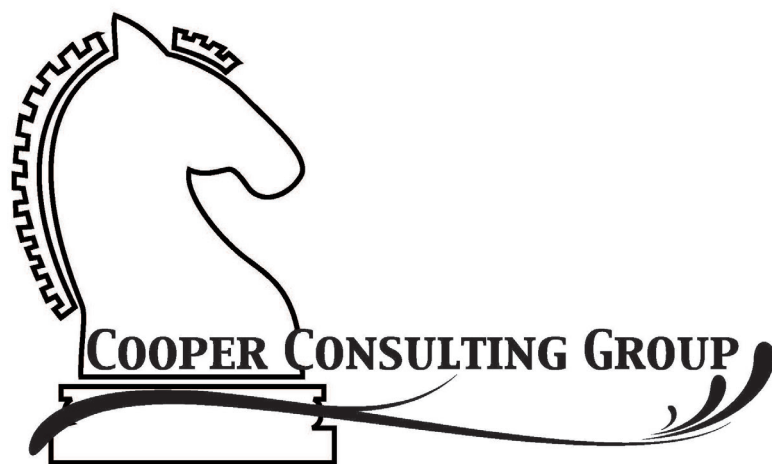
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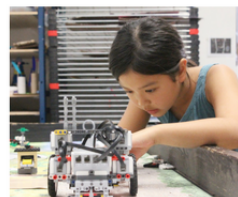


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