

PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY ALUMNI Newsletter

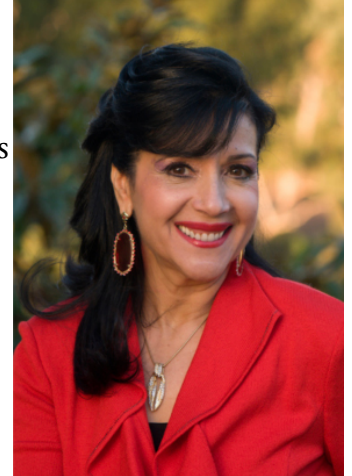


President's Message

Thomas Morley's song "Now is the Month of Maying" (1595) paints a lovely scene in May. The first two verses transport us to a Spring time that is filled with music, friendships and harmony:

*Now is the month of Maying,
When merry lads are playing, fa la
Each with his bonny
Lass A'Dancing on the grass. Fa la.*

*The Spring, clad all in gladness,
Doth Laugh at Winter's sadness, fa la.
And to the bagpipe's sound
The nymphs tread out the ground. Fa la.*



Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff

For us in Southern California, we can certainly enjoy such beautiful weather, scenery and outdoor activities. One can say, even April was furnished with such serenity and beauty as well. Our chapter focused on the Scholarship auditions that drew the largest number of applicants. The committee narrowed the eligible list to 26 and the day started at 9:30am and ended closer 3:00pm. Seventeen received monetary scholarship with four top winners:

1st place: *Moises Lopez*, baritone (El Camino), 2nd place: *Eric Calderon*, alto saxophone (CSUDH), 3rd place: *Daniel Chavez*, flute (CSULB), 4th place: *Karol Espinoza*, soprano (CSULB) Judges chose to give out many smaller awards as incentives as well. A complete list of awardees and the scholarship naming (as proposed by *David Champion*), is attached below.

A shout out to the judges who served at a feverish pace: *Lorna Katz*, *Alexis Ramirez*, *LaVerne M McCoy* and *Jose Torres*. It was also a joy for me to serve as the welcoming representative & hear, through the closed doors, all the talented auditionees. *Janelle Catbagan* sent a follow-up email informing each winner & thanking the others who auditioned.

At our April board meeting, it was decided that our Virtual General April Meeting will be moved to Sunday May 3rd, @4:00pm. Our resident composer, *Lorna Katz*, soon to complete her doctorate from UCRiverside, will feature her compositions. Please consult the flyer below with the zoom link attached & I look forward to seeing you all this coming Sunday. Let us celebrate this month of Maying with Music, Friendship & Harmony.

Musically,
Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff
President

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

MOISES LOPEZ LOPEZ	BASS- BARITONE	\$1,250	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
ERIC CALDERON	ALTO SAXOPHONE	\$1,000	DAVID WITHERSPOON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DANIEL CHAVEZ	FLUTE	\$750	PEARL KIM AWARD
KAROL ESPINOZA	SOPRANO	\$500	RUTH CUCCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ABBY ROSEBERRY	MEZZO- SOPRANO	\$500	DARLENE VLASEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
NATALIA COLVIN	SOPRANO	\$500	BARBARA HAMMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SAMUEL PRICE	PIANO	\$500	EUNEE YEE PIANO SCHOLARSHIP
HANNA STELTER	FLUTE	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
ISAIAH WILLIAMS	TENOR	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
ARTURO ANDRADE	TROMBONE	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
MARTHA MOYA	SOPRANO	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
ITZEL PEREZ	SOPRANO	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
ELIZABETH (ELLIE) WOODARD	SOPRANO	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
IVAN VALLECILLOS	PIANO	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
MOISES HERNANDEZ	GUITAR	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
JACOB HANDZLIK	FLUTE	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP
COURTNEY SHIN	MEZZO- SOPRANO	\$200	PATRONS SCHOLARSHIP

SERV Deadline

Do not forget that the deadline
for all SERV hours is on June 1st!
Please log all of your hours as soon
as you can.

Mu Phi Epsilon
Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni

Virtual General Meeting

Appreciating Music of the Future

Sunday, May 3 at 4pm

[Zoom Link](#)



*Featuring compositions
by Lorna Katz*

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Upcoming Dates

Sunday, May 3rd @4pm

Virtual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th

Virtual Board Meeting

Monday, June 1st

SERV Report Deadline

SERV Hours

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SATURDAY

JUNE 13, 2026

7 PM

JAMES ARMSTRONG THEATRE

3330 CIVIC CENTER DR.,
TORRANCE, CA 90503



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GAMMA SIGMA CHAPTER

Chapter Recital

Saturday, May 2, 2026
7:30pm

Marvin Laser Recital Hall
(LCH A103)

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