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Dear Guests,

As the Chair of the Glendale Youth Alliance Board, I am pleased to welcome you to our 22nd Annual Employees of Tomorrow Luncheon & Award Ceremony. Your attendance at this event and support of our mission enables GYA to improve the lives of at-risk youth and provide guidance and life skills necessary to succeed in the workforce.

We have had an exciting year serving the youth of our community as well as memorable fundraising events which included The Roast of our Glendale City Manager & our third Art Exhibition. A sincere thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters who have contributed to this year's luncheon. You inspire us to dream and reach beyond our limitations.

Please follow us on Facebook and stay connected to GYA!

Sincerely,

Dr. Vahe Peroomian, Chair  
Glendale Youth Alliance

# Glendale Youth Alliance 2014–2015 Program Report

## Summer Youth Employment Program

Brush Clearance Program provides the youngest and unskilled youth ages 14-16 a first time job experience. The Participants in this program received 20 hours of life skills and pre-employment training and 100 hours of paid work experience. The Brush Clearance Program provides the youngest and unskilled youth ages 14-16 a first time job experience. On closely supervised teams, they spend six weeks removing overgrown brush on over 30 parcels of City-owned land, augmenting the City's Vegetation Management Program and reducing the risk of fire on the City's hillside. Youth who already possess some basic job skills are placed in jobs in the community such as the local hospitals, nonprofit organizations, libraries, schools, and public agencies.

Summer Employment Program/sGoal	Program Actual/Hired	
County Summer Program Phase II & III	130 Youth Participants	149 Youth Participants
County Year-Round Phase IV	30 Youth Participants	32 Youth Participants
	<b>Total 160</b>	<b>Total 181</b>

*\*Additional 105 youth served in Phase I (April to June 2014-Last FY)*

## Glendale Youth Employment Partnership – GYEP

In this program, supervised teams of youth ages 14 to 18 perform hillside brush clearance on private properties for a fee. Youth can also be hired to perform other general labor tasks. GYEP is a self sustaining program which means jobs conducted by the youth generate the revenue that pays for their wages and program costs.

## Glendale's Resource for Employment and Training – GREAT

Youth with a proven work ethic and previous job experience are placed in career exploration jobs. Their wages are paid by the business that hires them. The funding for this program is provided by the employer. After every pay period the employer is billed the hours the employee has worked. The goal of the program is to provide youth opportunities and enough experience to obtain salaried positions within the City of Glendale or outside organizations.

GYEP and GREAT	Program/s Goal	Program Actual/Hired
Program 2014-2015	75 Youth Participants	82 Youth Participants

## Training, Employment and Mentoring Program – TEAM

The TEAM program is designed for high school seniors. Participants gain leadership experience and learn to meet workplace expectations to prepare for the real world. Youth gain the skills and experience needed to obtain permanent employment and/or continue post-secondary education. Funding is provided by Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Program Year	Program Goal	Program Actual
PY 2014-2015	71 Youth Participants	75 Youth Participants

## Youth Employment Incentive Program (EIP)

The EIP serves Older Youth ages 18-21. Youth are placed primarily in private businesses to gain the skills and experience needed to climb the career ladder within a company. The program pays for the initial training hours as an incentive for the employer to hire the youth. Youth also partake in pre-employment training provided by GYA and a certificated Hospitality Training Program through LACC. Funding for this program is provided by Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Program Year	Program Goal	Program Actual
PY 2014-2015	51 Youth Participants	56 Youth Participants

# Mistress of Ceremonies



**Danielle Sadd**  
(Actress, Singer, Comic, Writer)

Danielle earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, training in New York and Los Angeles. She's a bi-coastal talent, and has been a featured vocalist at Upright Cabaret and Show at Barre, as well as various cabaret clubs in Los Angeles and New York. Her theatrical credits include: *Les Misérables*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Seussical the Musical*, and *Winnie the Pooh: The Musical* (Nat'l Tour). She's been apart of several musical workshops and master classes and has performed with Sam Harris, Christopher Titus, Tracie Thoms, Diana DeGarmo, Ace Young, Ty Taylor, Our Lady J, and Barrett Foa amongst others. She's been a featured comic at The Comedy Store, The Improv, The Ice House and Flappers. She has recorded back-up vocals and voice over work for many artists and industries. Her film credits include: *Now or Never*, *Sing!*, and *Helen, A Great Old Broad*. Danielle has been a headliner with the Glendale Pops Orchestra, and currently is a lead singer and the Director of Operations/Partner at JP Hunten Music, a full service Entertainment Company. In addition, Danielle has written, directed and produced her own award winning comedy/cabaret "*Stumbling Along!*". "*Stumbling Along!*" has enjoyed numerous sell-out runs and is a proud WINNER of the Hollywood Fringe Festivals "ENCORE! Producers' Award".

# Glendale Youth Alliance: 2015 Awardees

## Community Partnership Award

*Apryle Brodie, Path Ventures*



Apryle Brodie received a bachelor's in music at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She also received a second bachelor's in sociology (Honors) at California State University, Northridge, and is currently completing a master's in public administration leadership and management at California State University, Northridge.

Apryle entered the social services field as an overnight, residential counselor in 2010. She spent a year working at St. Anne's, helping young girls, ages 12 to 17, tackle the issues of parenting and pregnancy. Determined to expand her work experience, Apryle decided to leave St. Annes for a case manager position at Children of the Night, a human trafficking shelter in Van Nuys, CA. For the next two years, she provided extensive case management for youth ages 11 to 17 caught in the web of child prostitution.

In 2013, Apryle joined PATH Ventures, where she was the sole case manager for the Glendale TAY transitional housing program. The program served young adults ages 18 to 24 and provided housing options in the City of Glendale. While employed at PATH Ventures, Apryle worked extensively with the Glendale Youth Alliance, and additional local agencies and shelters to support her clients' integration into the Glendale community. Whether she was given an employment referral or a housing referral, Apryle's goal was to connect her clients to as many resources as possible. Her commitment to making sure her clients met their goals was a priority. Recently, Apryle was promoted to Administration as a Quality Assurance Manager. She will oversee multiple programs to ensure that clients are receiving excellent services. Her motto is "Do everything at 100% and there will be no regrets".

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## Glendale Youth Alliance: 2015 Awardees

### Corporate Partnership Award

*Scott Drolet, Senior Vice President–Operations  
Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park*



Scott was born in San Diego and raised in Thousand Oaks, California. He began his career as an expeditor in the purchasing department of a heavy-equipment manufacturing firm. Enjoying the challenges associated with the procurement field, Scott assumed positions of increasing responsibility, becoming the purchasing manager for Memorex Corporation, Litton Industries, and Arrow Electronics, before joining Forest Lawn as Purchasing Manager in 1996. In 1999, Scott was promoted to Vice President–Cypress, followed by a transfer to Glendale in 2000 to act in the same capacity. He was promoted to Senior Vice President–Operations in 2007, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the six memorial-parks and eight mortuaries, the Forest Lawn Information Office, and the Shops & Buildings facility crews. He holds cemetery salesperson, cemetery manager, crematory manager, and funeral director licenses with the State of California. Scott is past chair of the board for the Crescenta Valley – Glendale chapter of the American Red Cross, past chair for the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Los Angeles Premiere Orchestra and an active board member of the Glendale Chapter of the Salvation Army. He is also active in the Cemetery and Mortuary Association of California, where he serves as chair of the State Program Committee. Scott has a twenty year-old son, Jake, and lives in Simi Valley.

For the past three years, Mr. Drolet and Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park have sponsored numerous fundraising events and were instrumental in supporting the GYA Art Exhibit fundraiser by allowing the use of the Hall of The Crucifixion-Resurrection which houses the largest painting in the western hemisphere.

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## Employer of the Year Award

*Natasha Middleton*

*Media City Dance*



Natasha Middleton, has been the artistic director of MEDIA CITY DANCE in Burbank since 2000, where the art of Classical Russian Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz and Acrobatics for ages 3 to professional. For the past 7 years, Miss Natasha has hired students from the Glendale Youth Alliance to successfully help her run her studio. ([mediacitydance.com](http://mediacitydance.com))

Miss Middleton has an extensive career in the arts. She was born into a ballet legacy. Her father, Andrei Tremaine, danced with the famous Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. She traveled much of the world studying many forms of cultural dancing, art design, contemporary and classical theatre. Miss Middleton began choreographing professionally on Broadway for Jazz artist Chick Corea and went on the World Tour with Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock. She has choreographed in the feature film "Love Hurts" with Carrie Anne-Moss and Richard E. Grant. Such television shows as "Hearts Afire" with Billy Bob Thornton and John Ritter. Natasha also set a series of summer productions at the John Anson Ford Theatre with "Axis Mundi," "Dance in the USA" and "The British Beat." Her work placed as one of the Top 10 Dance Performances in California by the Beverly Hills Outlook. In 2012, Natasha Middleton formed the nonprofit organization, Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre. This professional dance company is now in residence at the El Portal Theatre in the NoHo district. Her next performance with them is "La Pasión de España" with selections from the ballets "Carmen" & "Don Quixote" on September 12th 8:00PM and September 13 -3:00PM. ([pacificballetdancetheatre.com](http://pacificballetdancetheatre.com))

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# Glendale Youth Alliance: 2015 Awardees

## Friend of Youth Award

*Daniel Hardgrove*  
*Public Works*



Daniel Hardgrove understands the value and rewards of youth employment from his own experience as a teenager serving his hometown as part of a seasonal employment program for local youth; similar to the Glendale Youth Alliance. Later, upon completing graduate school, he continued his service with the community as an Intern, which ultimately led to a full time career path in public administration.

Today, Dan is the City of Glendale's Deputy Director Public Works. He has worked for the City for 15 years, and oversees two of Public Work's largest Divisions, Maintenance Services and Integrated Waste Management.

The Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Division has hosted young people regularly from the GREAT program for its multi-family bin service, bulky items and seasonal support for the annual holiday tree pick up. In addition, Dan has orchestrated a trainee program, where candidates from GREAT are brought on board and given a wide spectrum of training in one or more of Maintenance Service's Street and Field operations. The objective of this program has been to expose Glendale's young people to Public Works and the many facets of how the department serves the community, and to prepare them for full-time promotional opportunities within the Division's trades.

In the past three years, 21 GREAT participants have been sponsored in these programs, 8 former GYA staff members have been successful in earning permanent positions, while 9 others remain actively involved working within various operations in the Divisions. Due to the collaboration between GYA and IWM, the GREAT program was launched in 2003. IWM was the first worksite and is the longest existing contract for the GREAT Program, hence serving over 100 youth to date.

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# Glendale Youth Alliance: 2015 Awardees

## Legacy Award

*Art Resendez*



**A**rt Resendez has over 25 years of commercial banking experience. Art was born in Los Angeles and received his Bachelor of Science in Economics at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester, California. In 1980, Art joined and received his formal bank training at First Interstate Bank of California. Art spent the next 17 years of his career lending to small and mid-sized business clients in both southern and northern California, until the First Interstate Bank's acquisition by Wells Fargo in 1996.

That same year, Art joined the international banking community, sharpening his knowledge of international banking. Art remained in the Los Angeles downtown core, but returned to mainstream business banking, moving to Mellon 1st Business Bank for 4 years. US Bank bought Mellon 1st Business Bank in 2008, prompting Art's move to Community Bank, headquartered in Pasadena, where he served as First Vice President and Regional Business Center Manager in their Glendale operation for nearly 5 years. Art Resendez is currently the Senior Vice President and Northridge Branch Manager at Wilshire State bank.

Art has served on the board and advisory committees of several community organizations for many years. Art has been a Director of the Glendale Youth Alliance Board since 2007 and has served as Treasurer for the past seven years. Art is also active with Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corporation (PCR), serving as a small business loan committee member.

Art has been instrumental in developing the GYA Audit Committee & establishing the Investment Account for the Board of Directors. His expertise and guidance in developing the policies and internal controls for the financials of the organization has been invaluable and his leadership has set a strong foundation for the organization to provide jobs, training and resources to meet the human needs of the youth of our community.

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**ADAM B. SCHIFF**

Member of Congress  
California's 28th District

August 26, 2015



Glendale Youth Alliance  
1255 S. Central Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91204

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my best wishes as you gather for the Glendale Youth Alliance's "Employees of Tomorrow" annual luncheon.

For over 22 years, the Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) has provided employment services and occupational training for our at-risk and low-income youth. The purpose of GYA is to prepare our children for a prosperous future by building a strong foundation of basic job skills that will underscore values of civic responsibility and lead our youth to live active and productive lives within our community. To date, GYA has helped over 7,500 young women and men with productive and rewarding employment.

It is also my privilege to acknowledge this year's honorees: Community Partnership Award recipient Apryle Brodie/Path Ventures, Corporate Partnership Award recipient Scott Drolet/Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Employer of the Year honoree Natasha Middleton/Media City Dance, Friend of Youth Award recipient Daniel Hardgrove/Public Works, and Legacy Award honoree Art Resendez.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success, and thank you for all your good work!

Sincerely,

**ADAM B. SCHIFF**  
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,



It is with great pleasure that I offer my warmest greetings to Glendale Youth Alliance's Annual "Employees of Tomorrow" luncheon. This is a joyous occasion, and I am pleased to be included in your celebration.

I join you in recognizing the tremendous contributions of this year's honorees. Congratulations to Apryle Brodie, Scott Drolet, Natasha Middleton, Daniel Hardrove, and Art Resendez. Their compassion and dedication are exemplified by their continual support of the Glendale Youth Alliance and their ability to empower our community's youth.

Since 1993, Glendale Youth Alliance Inc. has served as an integral resource for empowering and enhancing the lives of our community's at-risk youth. Through its various programs and expansive network of community and business partners, GYA provides unique experiences and opportunities for thousands of young individuals. I am honored to represent such an outstanding employment organization in the State Legislature.

I am pleased to recognize Glendale Youth Alliance and its incredible impact on the lives of the youth and young adults of our community. Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Liu".

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the joyous occasion of the Annual "Employees of Tomorrow" luncheon and award ceremony. I would like to extend my congratulations to the founders and partners of the Glendale Youth Alliance and all of this year's award recipients. These individuals exemplify the values of the Glendale Youth Alliance and demonstrate that working together, we can build a brighter future for young people in our community.

Businesses and educational leaders of Glendale established GYA in 1993 to provide jobs and employment preparedness training for Glendale's low-income youth ages 14-21. GYA is a youth employment organization that targets at risk youth and channels their energy into positive activities in their community through gainful employment. Since its incorporation GYA has served over 7,500 youth.

I salute the work of the Glendale Youth Alliance and its positive impact upon the lives of young people. I wish you every success in the year to come and thank you for continuing to make a positive and lasting difference in our community. If there is anything that I can do to help the people you generously serve, please do not hesitate to contact my district office at (818) 558-3043.

Very truly yours,

*Mike Gatto*

Mike Gatto  
Assemblyman, 43rd District



# Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
MAYOR



August 26, 2015

Dear Guests:

Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Glendale Youth Alliance Awards Ceremony.

The accomplishments of the Glendale Youth Alliance in preparing Glendale's youth for their future career goals are most impressive. I commend your organization for its dedication to providing this valuable assistance to the community.

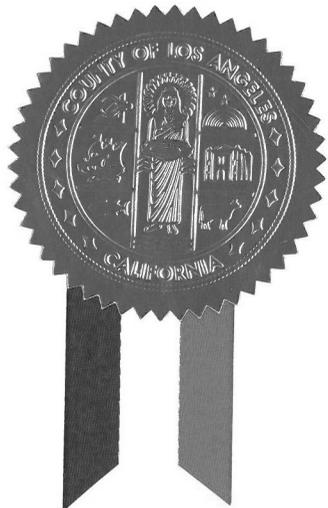
Congratulations to today's honorees.

Best wished for an enjoyable afternoon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Antonovich".

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
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August 26, 2015

Greetings,

It is with great honor that I recognize the Glendale Youth Alliance for another successful year of positively impacting Glendale's youth. This incredible program has given the young people of our community the opportunity to gain work experience, build character, and most importantly, respect, not only for others, but for themselves.

As our youth gain work and life skills through GYA, they also become diligent and valuable members of the workforce. GYA has continued to provide mentorship and work to their members since 1993, and I am proud to recognize their distinguished program.

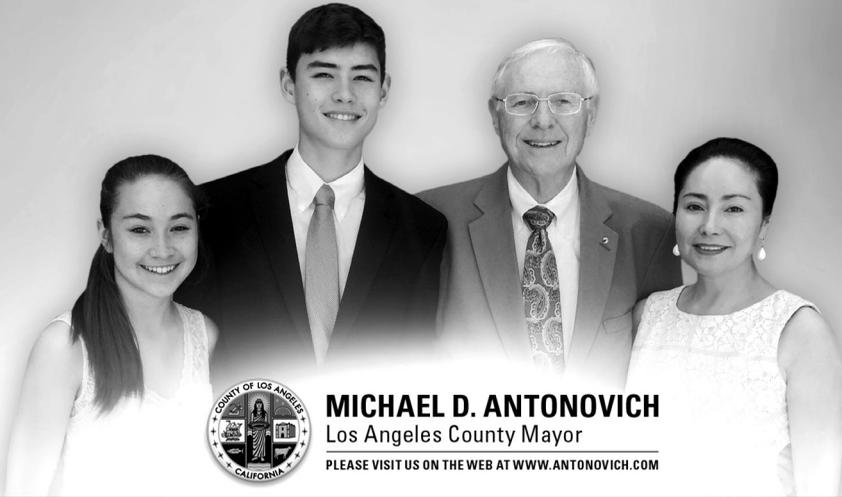
It is my privilege to congratulate the honorees that will be attending the "Employees for Tomorrow" luncheon. This honor is well-deserved recognition for your hard work and dedication. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Ara Najarian  
Mayor



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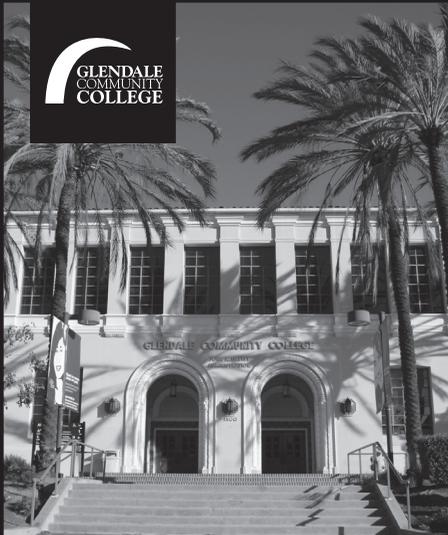
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Since 2002, Glendale Youth Alliance, in partnership with local community businesses and agencies, has granted 94 scholarships to graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing higher education; of which, 35 were sponsored by the **Southern California Gas Company**.

*Thank you for "Energizing Our Future."*

## Anahit Sahinyan



Anahit graduated from Clark Magnet High School last June and will be attending Woodbury University in the fall to major in Business Management. Her goal is to become a successful entrepreneur so she can support her family and community. She plans to further her education by attaining a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

## Melkon Melkonian



Melkon graduated from Glendale High School in 2015, and will be attending Glendale Community College this fall. From a young age, Melkon always loved math which led him to his career choice of Engineering. He recently completed the placement exam at GCC and was placed in Calculus. Upon completing his general education courses at GCC, he plans to transfer to a University pursuing a Master's Degree in Engineering.

## Anita Petrosyan



Anita graduated from Clark Magnet High School and will be attending Glendale Community College this fall. She plans to continue her education at UCLA and transition to UC Berkeley of Optometry for medical school, eventually becoming an optometrist. Anita believes this is the career that best suits her as an individual and hopes to accomplish greater things in the field of Optometry.