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## Poway Unified Schools Earn No Place for Hate® Designation for 2019-20 Year by ADL San Diego

(San Diego, CA) – Anti-Defamation League San Diego (ADL-SD) recently announced that 21 schools in the Poway Unified School District earned a No Place for Hate® designation for the 2019-20 school year. A total of 76 K-12 schools in San Diego County received designations, the largest number ADL-SD has awarded to local schools in 30 years.

Despite county-wide emergency school closures in response to the global COVID-19 health crisis, schools have committed to completing the year-long program via distance learning, ADL-SD reports.

PUSD Student Board Member and Rancho Bernardo High School graduating senior Mariana Akins urged schools to continue their commitments to fighting hate.

“During these times of great tension and disconnect, it’s so important for students to learn a variety of perspectives so we can come together. It’s harder to hate something you understand, and once students understand, it will be easier for them to love people for who they are. No Place for Hate® teaches students these essential lessons,” Mariana said in a statement.

The PUSD schools honored with re-designation are:



*(Above) Superintendent Phelps and the Student Advisory Council (SSAC). (Bottom left) Garden Road Elementary School’s No Place for Hate student leadership. (Bottom right) The entrance to SSAC’s Conference at RBHS.*

Bernardo Heights Middle	Del Norte High	Mesa Verde Middle	Shoal Creek Elementary
Black Mountain Middle	Design39 Campus	Oak Valley Middle	Sundance Elementary
Canyon View Elementary	Los Penasquitos Elementary	Park Village Elementary	Sunset Hills Elementary
Chaparral Elementary	Meadowbrook Middle	Poway High	Twin Peaks Middle
Deer Canyon Elementary	Mt. Carmel High	Rancho Bernardo High	Valley Elementary
			Westview High

Before emergency school closures went into effect on March 16, 2020, PUSD Superintendent Marian Kim Phelps' Student Advisory Council hosted the first-ever No Place for Hate® conference at Rancho Bernardo High School. The event successfully concentrated the anti-hate efforts of student leaders district-wide, and provided a collaborative space where they could bolster their inclusion efforts on each of their campuses. Watch the highlight video here: <https://youtu.be/6ROMfIRSbh0>

According to a statement from ADL-SD, registration for the 2020-2021 No Place for Hate® school year has opened for existing schools to recommit for next school year and new schools to begin this critical work with ADL San Diego. Registration information can be found [here](#).

### **About the Anti-Defamation League and No Place for Hate**

No Place for Hate® is an organizing framework and ADL partnership program for K-12 schools committed to creating sustainable change that leads to improved school climate. Participating schools incorporate ADL's anti-bias and anti-bullying resources with their existing programming to form one powerful message that all students have a place to belong. ADL is a leading anti-hate organization founded in 1913, in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry. Its mission is to protect the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.

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