

Please Join Us in Congratulating 100 Club SYC Scholarship Winners



**Arianna H.
Nia T.
Teigen J.**

One of the goals of The 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties is to help guide and mentor young men and women and support them in their efforts to become good citizens who value education and civic responsibility. Our goal is to help them to reach their potential and encourage a life of public service.

In 2020, The 100 Club of Solano & Yolo Counties gave scholarship funds in the amount of \$3,500 to two local students, as well as donated \$1,500 to the Yolo County Retired Peace Officers Association's scholarship program.

This year, 100 Club SYC awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to three deserving, local students. Please join us in congratulating our awardees! Read more about our winners below.



Arianna H. is highly involved in her community and is a talented graphic designer. She has served her community through Police Activities League (PAL) Teen Leadership/REACH/AWARE Coalition as a Public Relations Officer and Graphic Designer and was awarded 'Rookie of the Year' through this program. She is also very active in Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) and, through the organization, received a California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition in 2020. As the youngest member of the APAPA organizing team, Arianna used her graphic design skills to create short informational videos and posters to promote participation in both English and Spanish-speaking communities, partnered with local organizations such as Tri-City NAACP, Solano Economic Development Corporation, and the Hispanic Chamber. These are only a few examples of Arianna's involvement and the awards she has earned for her work in our community. Arianna is inspired by her mother and her graphics design teacher, Ms. Fitchorn, and will attending Sacramento State University. Congratulations, Arianna! Thank you for all you do, and best of luck to you on this next leg of your academic journey!



Nia T. has high ambitions and has always been a very hard worker, as well as an excellent student. Despite dedicating time to being a team player through her extracurricular activities as a member of her swimming and her water polo teams, as

well as working at a part-time job, Nia has taken primarily AP classes throughout her schooling and has still managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA-- very impressive! Nia has also participated in other groups and activities such as College Club, Future Medical Professional Club, Link Crew, and worked as a tutor to help other students who needed some help. One of Nia's respected teachers shares three words to describe Nia: "respect, thoughtfulness, and dedication." Nia aspires to have a successful career as a dermatologist; we are confident she will get there and are honored to do our small part through this scholarship. Congratulations, Nia! We are very proud to award you with this scholarship, and we wish you the very best of luck on each and every one of your future endeavors!



Teigen J. has wonderful aspirations for public service through the medical field and is particularly focused on women and children's emergency health in resource-limited environments. Teigen is a current college student at an esteemed University in Louisiana with an excellent Public Health program and was selected to be part of Freshman Health Equity Fellowship, in which students learn about public health issues in the area and identify ways to alleviate health inequities there. She is also involved with campus community events and teams that serve to prevent sexual violence on campus and to aid survivors. As a high school student, Teigen was awarded with the highest honor, the Pledge Award, which is given to students who embody all of the skills her distinguished PBL high school embraces, such as critical thinking and collaboration. Teigen also has been a long-time volunteer with Team Dixon, a program that pairs youth volunteers with special needs children to enjoy new activities together. Teigen has recently gone abroad for a period with a program called Gap Medics as an intern in the Dominican Republic, where she assisted at two different hospitals in two different wards-- emergency medicine and also obstetrics. Congratulations, Teigen! We are very honored to award you this scholarship to help you continue to make this world a better place!



Michael N. is a graduate of Woodland Christian School, and will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno. He was awarded a \$2,000 Yolo County Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Scholarship by the Yolo Retired Peace Officer Association sponsored by the 100 Club SYC.

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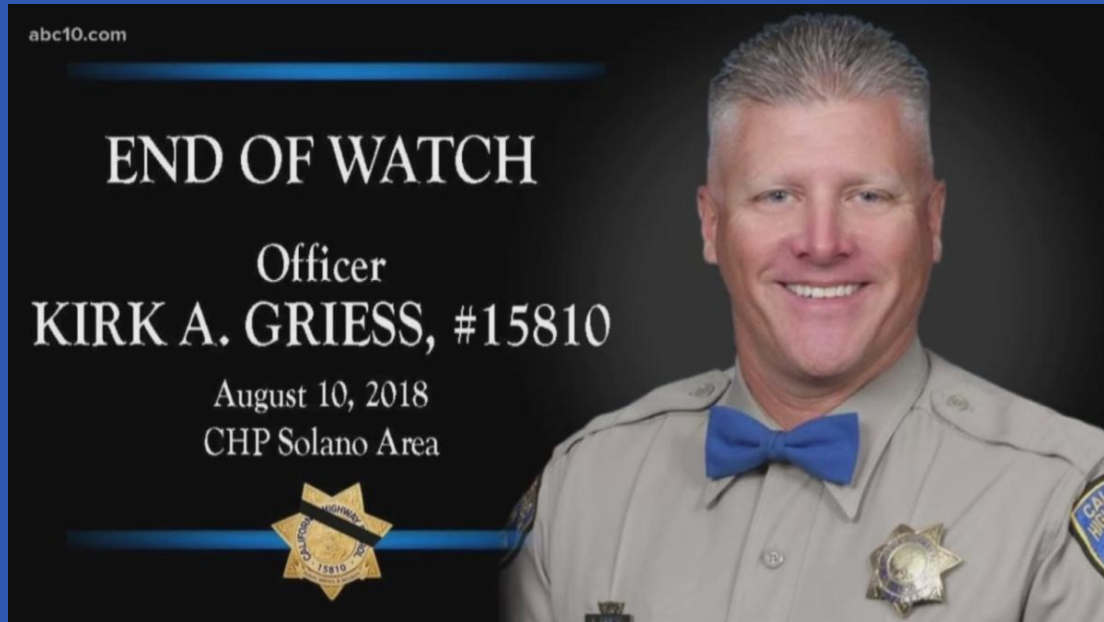


SERGEANT VIRGIL L. THOMAS
Richmond Police Department
End of Watch: August 20, 2020

Sgt. Thomas passed from complications due to Covid-19 contracted while working as a essential worker, a peace officer. Sgt. Thomas was a long-time board member of the Richmond Police Officers Association and the President of the RPOA in 2015. Sgt.

Thomas served Richmond residents for over 24 years with the Richmond Police Department. Before coming to Richmond, Sgt. Thomas started his career as a police officer in the Albany and Novato Police Departments. In his long career with

Richmond, Sgt. Thomas held assignments in the Neighborhood Services Team, Training Officer Program, and School Resource Unit at Kennedy High School. During his time as a School Resource Officer, he mentored and guided under-served Richmond youth and was like a father figure to many. He also coached youth baseball and softball. At the beginning of this year he returned to the School Resource Unit as the unit supervisor where continued to embrace the youth.



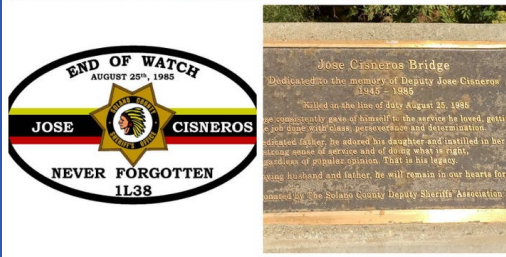
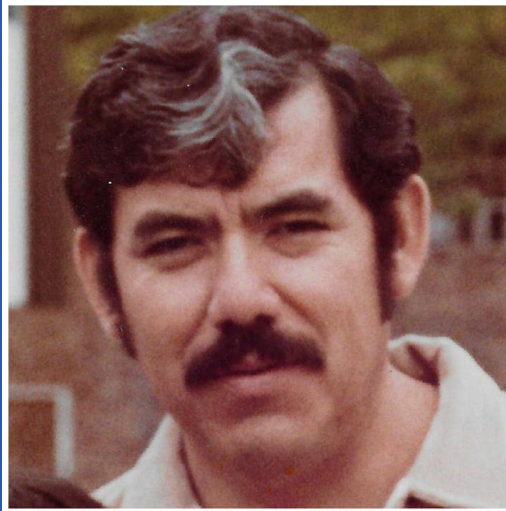
OFFICER KIRK A. GRIESS
California Highway Patrol
End of Watch: August 10, 2018

Kirk Griess died Friday, August 10, after being struck by a pickup while the officer was conducting a roadside stop at the westbound Manuel Campos/North Texas Street offramp.

Shortly after 9 a.m., Griess, a former U.S. Marine, pulled over a Saturn SUV. For unknown reasons a white Chevrolet pickup truck veered toward them, colliding with Griess and the Saturn.

Kirk entered the CHP Academy on January 25, 1999. As a member of Cadet Training Class 1-99 he began his 19 years of service with the California Highway Patrol. After graduation he went to the Oakland area where he earned the nickname Hollywood. After a transfer to Contra Costa in 2001 Kirk landed in Solano in 2002. He entered motor school the same year. Kirk loved riding his bike and spent 16 years doing so in Solano.

Kirk was an incredible man. As a husband, father, son, friend, coworker, coach, mentor- he crushed every goal he set out to do. His extraordinary kind demeanor and his infectious smile made him easy to approach and talk with. He had a heart for service and it showed in the returned love his community has for him. Everyone enjoyed his easygoing nature and his knack for always looking for the positive in others.



DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSE CISNEROS

Solano County Sheriff's Office

End of Watch: August 25, 1985

Deputy Sheriff Jose Cisneros was shot and killed while investigating a van without license plates parked off a rural county road. He was en route to back up another officer on a van littering call. He saw the van parked, backed up, on a farmer's access road off Cherry Glen Road and radioed that he was out at the van.

As Deputy Cisneros got out of his patrol car a male suspect ran to the front of the van armed with a shotgun and tried to order Deputy Cisneros to drop his weapon. Deputy Cisneros saw that a second suspect had started the van and told the first suspect that his partner was going to run him over. While the first suspect looked back at the van, Deputy Cisneros tried to back up to his vehicle, but before he reached it the first suspect shot him, killing him instantly.

Because other officers were in the area, Deputy Cisneros' body was found almost immediately. A pursuit ensued on Cherry Glen Road with the suspects shooting out the tire of a California Highway Patrol officer's vehicle. After more agencies and the California Highway Patrol helicopter became involved in the pursuit the suspects realized there was no escape, pulled into an orchard and surrendered.

The van had been taken at gunpoint earlier in the day in San Pablo, California, but the dispatch center did not have that information. It is likely that because the notice had been issued during shift change for the dispatch center, it was not heard.

The shooting suspect was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life imprisonment. The man committed suicide in 1997 while at Folsom Prison.

Deputy Cisneros had served with the Solano County Sheriff's Department for 14 years. He was survived by his wife, daughter, and brother.



STAFF SGT. JOHN E. MCCULLUM
PVT. EDWARD GOINS
PVT. EMILE G. BENDER, JR.
CPL. DOYLE HANSTED
PFC. WILLIAM R. VETTER
Travis Air Base Fire Department
Last Alarm: August 5, 1950

On August 5, 1950, the worst disaster in the history of Travis Air Base occurred-- a crash of the Boeing B-29 "Superfortress" in which Brig. General Robert Travis was traveling. Approximately 20 minutes after the crash and fuel fire, the highly explosive filler in the aircraft's bomb casing ignited, resulting in a blast that was clearly heard 30 miles away in Vallejo. The bomb explosion killed five base firefighters, Pvt. Emile Bender, Jr., Pvt. Edward Goins, Cpl. Doyle Hansted, Staff Sgt. John McCollum, and Pfc. William Vetter.

Patrolman IVAN CASSELMAN

California
 Highway Patrol

End of Watch:
August 24, 1935

Cause:
Motorcycle Accident



PATROLMAN IVAN CASSELMAN
California Highway Patrol
End of Watch: August 24, 1935

Officer Ivan Casselman was killed when his patrol motorcycle crashed into the back of a truck near Davis in Yolo County. Witnesses said Casselman was thrown fifteen feet off the roadway after striking the rear of a truck he was attempting to pass. The 33-year-old patrolman died hours later from his injuries.

Officer Casselman was a seven-year member of the Yolo County Squad.

The California Highway Patrol was formed in 1929; Officer Casselman was the 20th

Memorial from Yolo County Retired Peace Officer Association



JOE L. PROOST
Dixon Fire Department
Last Alarm: August 17, 1920



E.D.L. BRYANT
THOMAS L. JOHNSTON
Benicia Fire Department
Last Alarm: August 5, 1863

On August 5, a fire burned the S.C. Hastings home in Benicia, in which two firemen were killed, E.D.L. Bryant and T.G. Johnston.

*The above Memorials, unless otherwise noted, from 100 Club SYC
Law Enforcement Heroes and Firefighter Heroes pages*



100 Club of Solano and Yolo Counties Community News



CHP Officer Kirk "Hollywood" Griess Highway Dedication



Part of southbound Interstate 505 in Vacaville is now dedicated with a sign to fallen California Highway Patrol Officer Kirk A. Griess.

Thursday, July 22, 170 CHP officers, Solano County Sheriff's

deputies, police officers, friends and family all came together at Valley Church in Vacaville.

“We try to make some sense of what is, in the end, something completely senseless, a life lost because of the negligent act of one,” said CHP Captain Steve West. “Where would we be without people like Kirk?”

Three years after Griess was killed along the side of westbound Interstate 80, CHP Officer Dave Harvey and others remembered their friend and colleague as the outgoing, motivated man they came to love and respect.

“Today we are going to be dedicating a portion of Interstate 505 to Officer Kirk Griess,” Harvey said. “When I heard the news of Officer Griess’s death it was devastating news, it was devastating to me and my family and all of my coworkers... Officer Griess really cared about his community and would make any sacrifice he had to for the community.”

Members of local organizations who helped organize this freeway dedication ceremony also attended to show the utmost respect for Griess’ wife and children.

“Keri and Cole and Katie... they all have made a significant sacrifice, and we’re here to support them and we want them to know that we care about them,” said Ron Turner, president of the 100 Club of Solano.

Rather than it being a sad and solemn day, Thursday’s ceremony was more about celebrating and honoring Griess’ life, as well as his family.

As those who knew Griess best stood proudly underneath a new sign dedicated in his name, the hope is to drive a message into the minds and hearts of commuters everywhere:

“Driving while distracted is just as dangerous as driving while impaired, so we really try to push the message to the public to stay off your phone while driving in your vehicle and focus on driving,” Harvey said.

“For myself and my family, our hope is that with this memorial sign, it will not bring sadness, but instead a smile to everyone who drives by,” said Kirk Griess’ wife, Keri Griess. “That they remember the amazing man we all knew.”

Article from [Fox 40 News](#)



Fiesta Days September 2nd

**Andrews Park
614 E Monte Vista Avenue
Vacaville, CA 95688**

Fiesta Days has been a family-friendly event from its start in 1957, and that tradition still holds true. Even very little ones can find pint-sized rides in the kids' area, while the taller and braver among the town's youth can take a whirl on the Gravitron or the Zipper, a favorite among adventurous high-schoolers! Throughout the day, you'll find carnival fun, including vendors in the park and ice cream trucks lined up along Monte Vista Ave., ready and waiting with traditional carnival fare and icy treats. Then, as the sun goes down, the park becomes a blaze of color and light as the rides and music continue into the night.

Come Visit 100 Club SYC at the Beer Garden!

[Schedule and Details](#)



National Night Out

Info. and details from [National Association of Town Watch \(NATW\)](#)

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense

of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

377 cities in California participated this year, including many of our communities and first responder agencies in Yolo and Solano Counties, in partnership with several neighborhood watch programs, local non-profits, and community partners.

Participating cities included:

Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun, Vacaville, Vallejo, West Sacramento, & Woodland

Check out these snapshots from your local agency Facebook pages!







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Community Uplift

Extending A Hand



Join [Cleanup Solano](https://www.cleanupsolano.org) as California Coastal Cleanup Day returns Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9am-12pm. The largest volunteer effort in California, Coastal Cleanup Day is our day to give back to the parks, rivers, and creeks that make Solano County such a wonderful place to live.

Learn more and participate here:
cleanupsolano.org/home/coastal-cleanup-day



Solano Community College Fire Academy Registration

The Solano Community College Fire Academy is a course providing approximately 720 hours of lecture combined with hands on training. This a California State Fire Marshal accredited course following the FF I Curriculum. The Student will receive certification of State Fire Marshal courses in Auto Extrication, Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Fire Control 3A, Firefighter Survival, Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations, ICS 200, S-130 Firefighter Training, S-190 Wildland Course, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations/Decontamination.

Prerequisite to registering and acceptance into this course is a current (within a one year period) CPAT card, completion of Fire 50, Fire 101, EMT 128, and current CPR certificate, or an equivalent course from another college. There is no application process, acceptance into this course is based upon time of registering. Students who maintain a passing score throughout all facets of the Academy will become eligible for certification by the State Fire Marshal as a Firefighter I pending required experience with a recognized fire entity.

A detailed estimate of costs and fees for the Fire Academy are listed below. These costs cover the California State Fire Marshall certificates, required manuals, CalFire course, CSTI HazMat certificates, required textbooks, and uniforms. These costs are subject to change based on current market costs.

Fire Academy Cost and Fees

*Note – Students will not be able to register without current CPAT card. Should a student be currently enrolled in any one of the above required courses in the semester prior to the Fire 140 starting, they will need verification from their instructor of their current participation and good standing in said course.

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[Solano Community College](#)



PLUMAS COUNTY - Dixie Fire Relief - Can You Help?

For those who wish to assist in the relief efforts for Dixie Fire survivors, [Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center \(PCIRC\)](#) has set up the Dixie Fire Relief Fund at [Plumas Bank](#). Please contact Plumas Bank at 888-375-8627 and request to make a donation to the above mentioned fund.

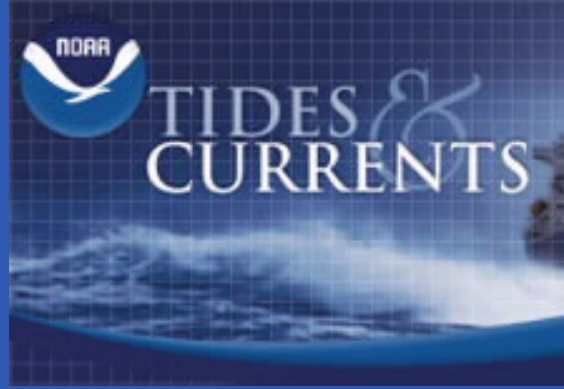


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