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Solana Ranch School Student Sydney Mafong Recognized By Board of Education for Outstanding Accomplishments



SOLANA BEACH, CA (June 26, 2020) — Members of the [Solana Beach School District](#) Board of Education, Superintendent Jodee Brentlinger, and Solana Ranch Principal Jerry Jones honored Solana Ranch student Sydney Mafong as she was presented with the District’s 2019-20 Student Standout Award for her outstanding accomplishments. In a special recognition ceremony during last week’s virtual Board meeting, Superintendent Brentlinger helped recognize the recently promoted sixth grade student for serving as a positive role model and for her willingness to take on new responsibilities and challenges.

During the 2019-20 school year, Miss Fong received recognition in the National History Day Competition for Junior Group Documentary for creating with several classmates a professional-level documentary about tennis, “The Original 9: Serving, Slicing, and Smashing Through Gender Barriers.” In addition, Miss Mafong served as her class representative on Leadership Council in grades 4-6 and, over the years, has spoken at Board Meetings, attended City Council Meetings, led school tours, spoken at school assemblies, and participated in morning announcements at school.

She was also named a [2020 Carson Scholarship](#) recipient. This scholarship is presented to students who embrace high levels of academic excellence and community service. This year, Miss Mafong

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initiated a sun safety project in which she wrote to sunscreen manufacturers for free samples to distribute to classmates. As part of her project, she addressed each classroom on the importance of wearing sunscreen and provided the District's Child Development Center with sunscreen.

Miss Mafong, who graciously thanked the Board and Superintendent during the virtual meeting, will be personally presented with a plaque at her home, using appropriate social distancing, by Board President Julie Union and Superintendent Brentlinger in the near future.

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