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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your continued partnership and helping the Eames Chuchen Foundation achieve its mission of supporting young people to dream big and to love their communities. 2023 was a year of growth for our Foundation. We hope you enjoy reading some of our program highlights and about our scholar/musician/athletes:

**Math: The Eames Chuchen Russian School of Math (RSM) Scholar Program**

- In our fourth year, we had over 1,000 applicants and awarded 21 scholarships. Our 2023/24 class includes 11 female and 10 male students, representing 13 different states.
- Our students are taking online math classes at RSM ranging from 4<sup>th</sup> grade math to Calculus BC. We even had one student achieve a perfect score on their SAT Math!
- We continue to refine our selection criteria and are improving our ability to find overlooked candidates. We hope to evaluate students based on not only their achievements, but also their work ethic and how they have maximized their opportunities.

**Music: The Eames Chuchen School of Rock (SoR) Hold it Down Program**

- In our third year, we awarded four music scholarships to SoR Venice young musicians. There are over 300 students taking music lessons at the Venice location, and our 2023 class includes two singers, a guitarist and a bassist.
- One of our Hold it Down musicians became the first student in SoR Venice history to try out and make the cut for the SoR All-Stars Program. This program features the top 1% of performers across 247 SoR locations. The All Stars embark on a two-week national tour each summer.
- We were also excited to learn that another of our Hold it Down recipients signed a record deal with their band. We hope to see them perform around Los Angeles in 2024!

## **Swimming: The Eames Chuchen TSM Aquatics Altitude Training Program**

- We are looking forward to our second year of recognizing the highest performers at Team Santa Monica and providing opportunities for them to train at Altitude Camp in Colorado Springs, CO this Spring.
- One of our 2023 scholarship swimmers is currently representing Team USA at the World Championships in Doha!
- The Eames Chuchen Foundation also provides a scholarship grant to a graduating TSM swimmer each year. Our 2023 recipient is now a freshman on the Varsity team at a Top 20 NCAA Division 1 swimming program. Way to go!

## **Community Statement: Instilling a sense of community and giving back**

- We ask all our scholarship recipients to submit a personal piece that answers “Why is community important, and how can I make a positive impact in my community?”
- We are grateful for the time spent and quality work that we received from many of our recipients. We hope to feature some of this amazing work on our website soon!
- Our community has also given back to the Eames Chuchen Foundation in many amazing ways:
  - A special shout out to Adrian Flores at Venice SoR who organized a “Staff vs. House Band” concert fundraiser last summer. There were many amazing performances (with the kids just edging out the staff) and we raised additional funds for music scholarships.
  - Thank you to Carlthorp School 6th Grade students and Room Parents who are organizing an after-school childcare fundraiser on 2/15/24. We are excited to have 6th Graders host an afternoon of fun for their K to 5th grade counterparts at school. We love the idea of building closer ties to one another and mentoring a younger generation!

We hope you enjoyed learning more about us this past year, and thank you again for your support. The Eames Chuchen Foundation is run by volunteers with no overhead costs, so that every dollar of donations goes towards funding scholarships. Please reach out with any questions, ideas or suggestions. We would love to hear from you!

With Gratitude,

The Eames Chuchen Foundation