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EGGIE AHS
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Dear Mr. Mayor,

Everday you are seen as an extraordinary person ^{and} you are admired by the world. In my letter to you, I am going to introduce a person that I feel is an awesome person who often inspires me. I am going to introduce you to Kashima Samuels, a young women who I have known for three years.

Whenever I had a problem or an emotional issue, my Best friend, Kashima has been there for me. Kashima always has advice and inspiration for me. I have one had an incident where I was stranded in Los Angeles late at night, while it was raining. Having no one else to call, I called on Kashima. Kashima didn't have a car, but being the friend that she is she took the bus all the way to Los Angeles so that I wouldn't have to ride hide in the rain, all the way to Bellflower by-myself.

Kashima is about 5'3, dark skin, long braided hair and is very beautiful. Kashima also reminds me of a mother. Whenever I am in danger of failing or ~~am~~ not doing well

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People We Admire

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Mr. Eggie is a person who does things that seem ordinary, yet his actions make me admire him. I do not know much about him, but his actions in class make me admire him. He is passionate about everything he does. He goes to great extents to explain the material to his students. He shows us that there is more to life than just our social life. He helps us incorporate different aspects of our life together. He is an example of how an ordinary person can impact the world.

By teaching his pupils how to write effectively, he assists them in being able to express their ideas. Reading becomes a way to find themselves in other characters. Students in his class learn not only how to work hard, but also how to be responsible adults.

Mr. Eggie is the most human teacher I have met. He shows us that it is human to make mistakes, but it is honorable to learn from them. He helps students gain a sense of integrity and honor. He shows us how to live by certain values and morals. He also shows students that having morals and values is not a bad thing. He shows us how to moderate ourselves. He

puts his students first, something most teachers do not do nowadays.

Mr. Eggie is the quintessence of multitasking. I have never done three or four different things in one class period. He helps us understand that a little bit of everything can give us a rounder personality. He has shown us that prioritizing our life will make things clearer and easier. "First comes your family and home, take care of things there, then comes your education, keep up your grades, and then you, keep yourself happy." By Mr. Eggie's guidance, students are able to figure out what is really important to them.

Mr. Eggie helps us plan for the future. He tells us to dream big and never give up on the dream. He helps people realize that they can be university material if they work harder. He inspires students to work hard to achieve their goals. He understands that people make mistakes and so he offers second chances.

Mr. Eggie has inspired me to never give up. He helps students find themselves by having interesting journal prompts. By directing students in their notes, he helps make connections easier. Mr. Eggie helped me realize that there are teachers in schools that care about their students. He has helped me express myself through writing. Mr. Eggie is someone I admire because he is an all around person.

Stephany Lugardo

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Lakewood People We Admire

There must be many admirable people out in this fine city, but no one as admirable as the person I have the privilege to know. The person I admire most who lives in Lakewood is Martha Pineda. I have known her for quite some time, and I know what kind of a person she is. I don't believe there is anyone in this city or world like her. There are many things this wonderful person has done that make her an admirable person. Not only do I admire her for what she has done, but for the way she is.

I admire Mrs. Pineda because of her passion to help others. She loves to help the elderly since she knows that many are all alone, and have nobody to look out for them. She first began to work in a hospital run by nuns, and there she fulfilled her job as a nurse helping the elderly. Currently, she is working in a retirement home. She has no problems helping the elderly in whatever they need help in. For example, she feeds them in their mouths. What is most amazing is the way she performs her work. She always helps the elderly with a smile. Despite what many people say about the elderly, she still helps them. In all her years as a nurse, I haven't ever seen her get tired of her profession, or of the elderly. On the contrary, she has done all the opposite. One could easily see that she doesn't just do her job for the money, but because helping the elderly truly is her passion; she really does enjoy helping and caring for them.

I also admire Mrs. Pineda because of her patience. She is the most patient woman I have ever known in all my life. She is really patient with her children. For instance, when her youngest daughter didn't understand a problem in math, she never got tired of explaining it to her. It seemed that all she cared about was making sure her daughter

understood the problem despite how long it could take. In my younger years, I would see how patient she was when her children would do troublesome actions. She would try and understand why they had done it. She was never overwhelmed by what her children had done. On the contrary, she was very passive and patient in hearing their explanation for doing what they did.

Another reason why I admire Mrs. Pineda is that she is very generous. She is generous to everyone she knows, and even to those she hasn't had a chance to meet. For example, every time she sees people standing outside grocery stores with cans in their hands, she donates whatever change she has with her. Whenever there is an opportunity to help people, she is there. If she sees a homeless person, she buys them food. Sometimes she donates useful objects to Goodwill or the Salvation Army to distribute it to the less fortunate. In addition, when I used to go to the same school with her daughter, she would ask me if I needed a ride, and I would humbly accept every time she would ask.

Martha Pineda is truly an admirable person. I find her to be the most special and admirable person here in Lakewood, and there are many reasons why I admire her. Reasons such as her passion to help others, where her job as a nurse says it all. She is also a very patient woman that shows it most when trying to get her children to understand whatever they're having trouble with. Finally, she is a very generous person, and really doesn't seem to care about the money. All she seems to care about is the well-being of others. Through her generosity, patience, and helpfulness, she is able to care for those who need it. This helps make the special person that she is; the person that I admire most.

Sandra Macias
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To the Mayor of Lakewood. I am writing you this letter because I know that in Lakewood, there's someone that I admire. His name is Joe Dupuy. He's been living in Lakewood for many years. He's also has given plenty to the community. He lives two houses down from my house.

A reason why I admire him, is because when I moved to the city of Lakewood, ten years ago he was a wonderful neighbor. His family and him welcomed my family into the city. He communicated with me, by saying where all the near locations are. He is the one who helped ^{us} adjust to the community.

One day my mom needed some work around the house, and we asked Joe. the next day he came and helped my mom with the situation. He is just so wonderful. Him and his wife invited us to church and we attended. ~~with~~ His family and my family became very close. We ~~were~~ ^{are} just a big family.

Sandra Macias
Period 3

Recently his wife passed away. She is a wonderful woman that would always be in my heart. He's been taking very hard. I visit him whenever I have a chance. If I see him outside I go and talk to him. He's a real good friend that I can tell him anything.

I was working in Cypress before, and he would take the time to drive me to work. I really appreciated him for doing that. When I told that I had quit, he told me "sis, if you ever need anything, I'm talking about anything, you come and tell me." I was very happy what he told me.

Therefore, this is why I admire Joe Dupuy. He welcomed my family and me to a new community. He is just a wonderful person. I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for him. Hopefully he doesn't move to Louisiana, and stays here in Lakewood.

LeBony Martin
Renad Bengtson III
December 2, 2003
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EGGIE AHS

Lakewood People We Admire

Everyday I see people, but never think I would meet someone that's so admirable. I have this one amazing friend. Well at first I thought we could even be friends. Because her being from one country and me from another. She was and still from Mexico, and I'm from America, California.

This amazing girl I'm talking about is Yesenia Herrera. When I first met her she could barely talk any English. She told me she ask her mother and father, if she could come to California and live with her brother and family. All because she wanted to learn the language everyone else knew.

Yesenia is such an eager person she does things she knows out of her limit. When I met her in our freshman year of high school. I asked her what are your classes. She told me all of them. And two of them were English classes. I asked her why? Why do you want and need two English classes? She told me, "I want to learn English and understand it." From that day on, I knew.

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she would be a special person in my life.

This girl is so amazing. She pushes herself everyday so she can learn new words and meanings everyday.

now it's our junior year in our high school years. She much better at the way she speaks English. It only took Yesenia exactly one year to learn English. If you can't say that she is admirable, I don't know who you can.

She was a determined person and she did it. I'm proud of her now and will always be.

Yesenia Herrera is someone that should be looked up to and people ex. Mexicans should follow in her foot steps. She was only out here for one year and she did it. Some people be out here there whole life and will never understand "How are you doing?" in English.

Yesenia is a Lake Wood admired. She is an amazing person. She is a Chanelleger and most important she is my friend.

Extra credit.

Ebbie III
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There are several wonderful things to be said about the person in Lakewood I have chosen. This woman is very outgoing, caring, hard working & there for her students. I have known her for three years, & the whole time she has always been there for me if I needed her. She may not seem like someone who other people admire, but I do & I always will.

Doreen Feenstra, Artesia High School's Attendance person. She's there to help you when you need & she will also push you to make sure you do everything you possible can. She may just be an attendance lady to some people, but to me she is much more. She is first a mother, she cares for everyone of her children, whether it be her biological children, her cheerleaders or any student at Artesia. She always has an open ~~eye~~ ear if you need to talk & if it's ~~a~~ something you don't want anyone to know, she is very trustworthy to keep it to herself. No matter what she always has the mother inside of her & that is what makes Doreen, Doreen. She's not just a mother, she is the cheer coadvisor, she agreed to ~~be~~ be the coadvisor last year, & she is perfect for it. Not only was she a cheerleader herself, but she was a cheerleader at Artesia. ~~What~~ I would have to say that Doreen is the hardest adviser, she wants her cheerleaders to be the best, ~~she~~ Doreen has never & will never take anything but are best from us.

TO some people Doreen may just be the person who caught them ditching or she may be the lady who has a bandage aid or ice pack from them. Doreen will always be remembered at Artesia, & I can't see Artesia w/out her. No matter what Doreen is doing, she does it w/ 100%, some times even more. Doreen is one of the few people I have admiration for. Doreen is one of the few people who ~~is~~ gives her best even if she don't like or agree w/ whats goin on.

Doreen is one of the nicest, caring, strict, hard working people I know. If you need to talk about something, she will listen. If you need to print out a paper she will let you use her computer. But if your late to school she will have you. She is just all around a great person to have ~~around~~ around.

No matter what happens Doreen will be a person to count on. She maybe harsh some times, but its cause she cares & wants her students to succeed in whatever they ~~attempt~~ attempt. I admire her most for her, who she is & she is always a person to count on a person you don't need to ask twice & just a great person. & she is very love able. She's Doreen, Artesia would not be the same w/out her.

Mireya Orozco
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Mr. Eggie 206
Period 3
December 3, 2003

Artesia

Dear Madeline Cain,

Everyone has someone that they admire and look up to and in their eyes see that person as being their hero. Whether it is a family member, peer, co-worker, friend, or neighbor. The person that I admire is my older brother Ruben Orozco; he is the type of person who always strives to do his best in anything that he is doing. He has many wonderful traits, such as, bravery, determination, and charitable. These traits, among others, make him a person worthy to be named a special Lakewood person.

An example of Ruben's bravery would be that whenever he is faced with a difficult situation he doesn't immediately dash the other way, instead he steps up to the issue and does his best. Most people wouldn't even try to accomplish something that they thought was strenuous. Their solution would be to just take the easy way out and not even attempt it.

Another trait of my brother Ruben is that he is exceedingly determined in anything that he sets his mind to. Ruben is the oldest of my siblings and the first

grandchild in the family because my uncles didn't have any kids. Ruben was determined to do his finest in high school and graduate with honors. When he graduated he was the first one in my family to graduate from high school because my parents weren't born in the United States so they didn't have much schooling. Ruben was also the first in the family to attend college and was determined to achieve the most possible. He is also a full time student at Cal State University Long Beach but he also works at FedEx in the mornings and attends classes in the night.

Ruben is also vastly charitable to the community of Lakewood. As I mentioned before, he works, goes to school, and he is a volunteer at the Sheriff's Department. He does a number of tasks at the Sheriff's Department, such as; he works the front counter, fingerprinting, helps in D.U.I checkpoints, and he also a participant in the explorer ceremonies. Ruben volunteers one day every week for about three to four hours and helps in any way that he can. When he is working the front counter he comes across with people that come in asking for different types of help. Either they had a possession stolen from them or they have been sexually abused. Whichever the predicament may be he offers his help and if he can't personally assist then he locates someone that can be of assistance.

Bravery, determination, and charitable, for these reasons and countless reasons more Ruben is a person worthy to be considered a hero. In my eyes he is and always will be a hero and I will always look up too him, not just because he is taller then me, and admire him. I hope that when I get older I will be half as successful and accomplish the things that he has accomplished in his life.

Lady At the Crosswalk December 2, 2003

Nowadays people take many things for granted. There are several people that do things from the heart. The lady that I admire very much, is the old sweet lady at the crosswalk with her umbrella and bright big Red Stop Sign.

Every single school day the red head lady has her stop sign, chair ~~and~~ and umbrella ready and attentive for us kids to cross the street. It seems as if Ahtasia ~~off~~ off of Norwalk B DelArno his her second name. No matter if it is ~~an~~ an El Niño or a heat wave, she's there waiting for children to come her way. Her sweet smile greets us as we say ~~our~~ our usual saying every morning.

To admire the crosswalk lady simply because she makes a commitment to be there every morning, right on time to safely walk us across the street. Just at the time you would think that people wouldn't take the time to volunteer for our community. To me she is just the sweetest lady in the world, and you would think she would be at home ~~at home~~

admiring her retirement.

She is around ~~50~~ five foot 3 inches. She wears her hair in an up ~~at~~ sweep with lot of gray ~~hair~~ and red hair. She has a beautiful smile and she's kind of pale tanned skin. It will just be very different ~~to~~ to not be able to see her every morning.

Once again to admire her because she's a lady that commits her time to kids and even adults in our community. I wouldn't mind ~~see~~ having her wonderful ~~all~~ qualities. I also admire her because she's not getting paid to do the things she does, so ~~that's~~ it's easy to see she does things out of love or out of love for children.

In conclusion people are taken for granted. Sometimes people need to realize that doing little things kind mean so much. And I know that cross walk lady is one of the few people who take time out of her up to do for our community.

Lakeview People We admire Km 206

My math teacher Ms. Foti is an exceptional teacher. She teaches at Artesia High School and teaches Calculus, pre-Calculus, Algebra II and Trigonometry. She has committed her life to mathematics and to the education of our community. Ms. Foti has taught at Artesia for over twenty years, educating and instilling not only math, but morals and confidence in the lives of the people she's taught.

Some may take Ms. Foti's kindness for weakness, but she's no weak lady in any aspect. She's extremely intelligent, witty if funny and a devout mathematician. She never comes off as mean or temperamental. She seems to be an introvert in society, but her contributions speak for her.

Ms. Foti seeks no social or popularity vote. She knows that someone who seeks power will never achieve it out of ~~vanity~~ ~~that~~ ~~because~~ because someone who's great doesn't have to prove to anyone they are. Power and popularity are some of the perks that come from success exhibited through Ms. Foti. She doesn't compare herself to others to define her own success.

Ms. Foti glisens beauty and epitomizes the missing link in our community. If there were more people in our community as loyal, dedicated and ardent about creating a unified school and community as she, there'd be no violence, hypocrisy, confusion and distrust among the adults of our community, which will then trickle down to the ~~products~~ youth.

Education is the first level of linking together this broken chain of a community, and without more models as Ms. Foti, nothing will be accomplished.

We need someone who'd teach with humanity, integrity, understanding, and with open ears. Ms. Foti's impeccable teaching is needed for ~~the~~ a better community; for a better tomorrow.

I admire Ms. Foti for her courage, wisdom, persistence, and ~~the~~ unassumed heroism. She's a hero in the community and in the many lives she's touched through her flawless math career.

A hero to Hakerwood, and a hero to Artesia High School. She's a hero to me, to community, and to society, and I admire her infinitely.

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Lakewood People We Admire

Physically or mentally disabled students (called 'Special Dreams' kids) are often shadowed by the mainstream kids at school. They don't get to participate in everyday activities that regular students would have already gotten and sick and tired of. Sometimes they are often judged by people's misconceptions. Until I met Ms. Levins, who encouraged me to attend Camp Paivika in February of my freshman year, I was one of the judgmental kids who thought it was hard to be friends with those Special Education kids.

Although the Special Dreams kids do a lot of activities within and outside of the classroom, they are mostly separated in one of the buildings at school, not being able to make any new friends. Ms. Levins came up with the idea of having an annual camp that became a commendable tradition at Artesia now. Along with the Special Dreams kids, other 'Circle of Friends' (regular students) attend the four day camp, being a great opportunity for the students to get to know and understand each other.

One of the things I was very pleased by was her effort towards Paivika Prom. All the Circle Kids and staff members decorate the hall for a formal dance and also crown the King and the Queen of the Prom. Usually the Special Dreams kids don't have the opportunity to be selected nor vote for the regular Prom Court at school, but they are just like all the other kids at school during Prom.

At the camp, the job of the Circle Kids are to be simply friends with them. It is hard

for me to get closer to them at school, but at the camp, all the misconceptions and judgments about the Special Dreams kids are mitigated. The comfortable circumstances such as various activities that would bring everyone together suggested and created by Ms. Levins and other teachers easily got students to be friends with each other.

Through the two years of experience at the camp, I learned a lot about not to judge anyone before I get to know them, especially with the Special Dreams kids. The day after the camp, I was able to smile brightly at say hello to one of my new friends at school without any hesitation. Without Ms. Levins who gave me an opportunity to get heterogeneous views of life, I would have still kept my misconceptions within me.