

SOROPTIMIST OF NOYO SUNRISE MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

For many years there were 3 Soroptimist clubs here on the Mendocino Coast—one of them, the Mendocino Club, merged with Noyo Sunrise. So now there are two. Noyo Sunrise continues the Mendocino Club legacy of scholarships by offering some of our awards to young women in both schools, but the Academic Award is just for Mendocino High School girls. SI of Fort Bragg is offering its counterpart for Fort Bragg HS students.

The Mendocino award is not just academic, but also based on financial need, community involvement, school activities, and citizenship. A key requirement is the student must be planning to further her education after high school, in a field that will improve the lives of women and girls. The award will be paid directly to the learning institution they attend.

This year we have two very deserving award winners: Olivia Jung and Stella Kenton-Braden.

OLIVIA Jung

Olivia is a “foodie” according to the pastry chef at Trillium Café with whom she works. She wants to own a restaurant and be chef. To do this,



attend the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, at Greystone in St. Helena, and hopes to earn both Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees.

She has been on student council 3 years, student rep on the school board 2 years, student rep on the school enrichment program, school radio club, California Scholarship

Federation, and president of her school Interact club (the R club as Soroptimists call it). She has been doing dance and classes since she was 3 years old. Olivia worked for both Hurricane Maria and Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief projects, Mendocino Music Festival, Film Festival, and helped with improvements to Rotary Park.

It is with great pleasure we present Olivia Jung with this \$1000 award with wishes for great success in her chosen field, as she will be a mentor for other women thinking to break into a non-traditional field.

STELLA Kenton-Braden

Stella is good at a lot of things according to her teachers, but one of them is science. Interwoven is her interest in skin care, skin blemishes, mood make-up, performance, and fashion, to name a few. In fact, Stella plans to study cosmetic chemistry, which is an unusual subject, and not surprisingly there are only a few schools that offer this and none in the states. One school is the London College of Fashion, which we hope Stella will tell us about shortly.



About Stella, Pam Duncan is one of her teachers and she wrote that Stella is an incredible leader: she is able to get 30 chatty students to pay attention and get to work with merely a look or quick comment. She has the power to corral students and uses this power for the good of the whole student body. She has led student through a rocky few years due to the pandemic, and it is her positivity and focus that has brought some shining light and hope to our school.

Andy Wellspring is another teacher who has known her for many years. He said Stella's sense of justice brings hope to his heart. She's always been that way about students or whatever, and he wrote about how Stella created a brilliant podcast about the history of Black liberation that led up the Black Lives Matter movement. He said Stella has great public speaking skills, draws people in, and is a leader.

For extra-curricular fun, Stella has spent all her high school years on Student council, in the radio club, in the Improve club, radio club, Interact, Sister Cities, and Chamber Choir before school. Among other things, she plays golf, volleyball, does crafts, videography, art, piano, and has a job outside of school.

It is with great pleasure we present Stella Kenton-Braden with this \$1000 award with wishes for a great future in her chosen field.