

IN 2010, THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD EMILY ROSE SHANE WAS KILLED BY A SUICIDAL DRIVER ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN MALIBU. OUR FOUNDATION EXISTS TO HONOR HER MEMORY.

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THE EMILY SHANE FOUNDATION



The 1,000 Butterfly Miracle



Thank you to all who supported us at the second annual 1,000 Butterfly Miracle! It was such a joy to spend a beautiful, sunny afternoon surrounded by friends of The Emily Shane Foundation. We gathered on Sunday, November 13th at Malibu Bluffs Park to listen to live and recorded music, participate in a silent auction, interact with like-minded community members, and of course to see butterflies fill the sky. People of all ages enjoyed the beautiful atmosphere; many brought blankets to relax on the grass and take in the lovely sunshine and atmosphere.

The butterflies served to celebrate the mentors who day-to-day make a significant impact on their students' lives. We would like to acknowledge the many of you who donated to sponsor butterflies – thank you! All funds raised help provide mentoring/tutoring to over ninety middle-school students through our flagship Successful Educational Achievement (SEA) Program.

This year we were excited to have Kailee Hardy, Director of California Miss Teen and Jr. Pageant, along with three current title holders. Their crowns and sashes added a festive flair to the event. Joining the festivities was Malibu Mayor Lou La Monte who said a few words and helped open up the boxes of butterflies, along with Ellen, Michel, and others. Robin Hild lent his musical talent, and sang his composition in Emily's memory. We were delighted with this year's Butterfly Miracle terrific turnout! We keep Emily, our personal butterfly, alive in our hearts as we honor her memory. It is Emily who motivates us to continue working hard to "pass it forward" through the mentoring of middle school students who have no other recourse to attain their best academic potential.

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Malibu Mayor, Lou La Monte and Executive Director of the Emily Shane Foundation, Ellen Shane.



Michel and Ellen Shane



Former Drummer for the Doors, John Densmore



Click on the video to view the butterfly event.

 **Special Thanks**

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all who helped organize, plan and manage “The 1,000 Butterfly Miracle.” You are truly “the wind beneath our wings!”

- Mary Garrison
- Angela Thacker
- Amy Raine
- Kathleen Kinney
- Peggy Shapiro
- Emily Schmidt-Goldstein
- Kelly Kincaid
- AJ Steinberg and Hollie Havas of Masquerade Events
- Santa Monica College volunteers
- Pepperdine University volunteers
- Malibu High School volunteers

We appreciate all media coverage, including
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 Santa Monica Daily Press
 Palisadian Post

Media Coverage Continued

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- Tolucan Times
- KCRW
- The Sound 100.3 FM
- AllthingsMalibu.com
- ToMalibu
- Pepperdine Graphic

Photographer

- Jared Price
- Featured Musician and DJ
- Robin Hild

Venue

The City of Malibu

Special Appearances

Mayor Lou La Monte, City of Malibu
 Current Title Holders of the California Model Miss. Teen and Jr. Pageant
 ---And to all others, not specifically mentioned, thank you!!---

 **News and Updates**

SEA Student Progress

SEA Student, Ismael and SEA Mentor, Guillermo

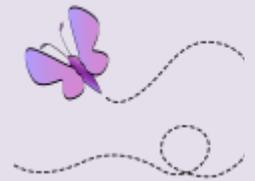


Ismael is in the 8th grade and attends North Park Academy of the Arts in Pico Rivera. Guillermo says, “Ismael has always struggled with English. Therefore, English is our main focus. All in all, I am proud that Ismael has maintained steady grades this school year.”

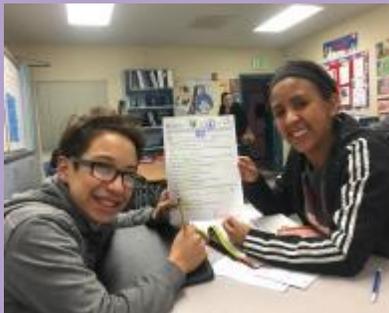
SEA Student, Yahir and SEA Mentor, Chandler



SEA student Yahir, an 8th grader from South LA, now has all A's!! He began his educational journey with SEA last year and was performing poorly. We are all so proud of him, as is his mentor, Chandler.



SEA Student, Oscar and SEA Mentor, Linda



Oscar, a sixth-grade student at Ocean View Junior High in Oxnard, is showing off an A on his math test! You can see the pride in both student and mentor. This is what SEA strives for!

SEA Student, Angel



Angel is an 8th grader. We are so proud of him for getting “Perfect Attendance!” Perfect attendance is the first step towards academic success. We are very proud of you, Angel!

SEA Student, Daniel, 6th grade, South LA, mentor Diana and sea student Kevin



Daniel is a 6th grade SEA student in South LA. He credits SEA with receiving his first "A" on his science project! **Click on the video** to listen to his comments on the SEA program.



Meet SEA Students and Parents: The SEA Experience

At our Annual SEA Winter Party/ Meetings, we were able to interact with many of our SEA students and their parents. We would like to acknowledge Carolynn Cozen, who has been a member of the Foundation's committee, for both sponsoring and attending the event in South Los Angeles. It was heartwarming to hear the impact that the SEA Program has made from student participants, as well as from their grateful parents.

Meet SEA Students, Tahj (left) and Tahir (right) mother, Michelle and younger brother



Click on the video to view Michelle speak about the SEA Program.

Meet SEA Student, Dean and SEA Parent, Kelley



Dean attends John Adams Middle School in Santa Monica. Dean says, *"My mentor, Crystal, has helped me catch up when I needed it. SEA helps me stay on top of my homework. My grades have gone up in English, Math and Science!"* Kelley expresses, *"Dean is more organized and focused than ever. He loves the SEA Program, and always speaks highly of his mentor."*

Meet SEA Mentor, Imani with SEA Student, Juan and mother, Kelly



Imani is studying Writing for Screen and Television at USC. Presently, Juan is a sixth-grade student in South Los Angeles. **He has improved significantly in both math and English,** thanks to Imani's help.

Meet SEA Student, Angel and mother, Marguerite



Angel is in 8th grade, and his mentor is Diana. Angel says, "Diana makes mentoring fun," and he credits her with his **grades improving in math and English**. His mom is very happy with his progress and appreciates the SEA Program and the difference it is making for her son.

Meet SEA Student, Journal and his mom, Lilieth



This is SEA student Journal, a 7th grader at John Adams Middle School in Santa Monica with his mom, Lilieth. Journal works with mentor Larissa. Lilieth says, "**Due to The SEA Program, Journal has better study habits.** He talks about Larissa and says she is nice and smart." Journal's science grade went from a D to a B+.

Meet SEA Student, Kezim and his parents, Shaquon and Michael



Kezim, a sixth grader, attends Wright Middle School in Westchester. Kezim said his mentor Natalie helped him become better in math and says "**I am a much more responsible student. My English skills have improved since joining the SEA Program!**" He also said: "**The SEA Program helped me to change me to a different person.**" His parents say: "**Kezim has more confidence, better grades and a much better attitude.**" They also say, "**One of the benefits of SEA is that it provides a place for kids to feel a sense of belonging.**"



Meet SEA Parent Bernadette, whose son, Liam, is in 8th grade. This is his second year in the SEA Program. **Click the video** to hear Bernadette's comments on SEA.



EMILY SHANE **SEA Students**
PASS IT FORWARD **Pass it Forward**

As Emily Rose Shane was a caring, generous individual, our "Pass it Forward" motto encourages this mindset by requiring each SEA student to perform an act of kindness for every session with their mentor/tutor. These good deeds are posted on our website – emilyshane.org. Here are a few deeds that SEA Program students have shared during the 2016-2017 school year:

"I helped my struggling friend get through family and self-problems. I also bought chips for my mentor, and took time to talk about myself and help my mentor better understand me."-Kimberly, 8th Grade

"I helped my friend on his homework and then he passed the test."-Sergio, 7th Grade

"I feel good after I once gave a 20 dollar bill to a homeless person."-Emmanuel, 6th Grade

A Few Words from SEA Student, Gabriel and his mother, Elizabeth

Elizabeth expresses, "**Gabriel tries harder and is much more motivated! He now wants to do his work.**"

From Gabriel, 6th grade SEA Student: "**My mentor is nice and helping me to do better. He is helping me with homework. I am doing well in history and Spanish, but want to improve in English, science and math.**"



SEA Mentors Tell-All: SEA Student Success Stories

A SEA Mentor is as an individual who empowers a student to see a possible future, and believes it can be obtained. Here are a few of their mentor-mentee success stories.

“Cristal refuses to use a calculator, even though she is allowed to. She enjoys the challenge of doing the mental math herself.”
-Diana Marias, South Los Angeles SEA Mentor

“Journal has managed to turn in his previously missing assignments to receive credit and has improved his grades by doing so. He is improving in both science and social studies. He gets his essay outlines completed and is able to start them during tutoring.”
-Larissa Ramirez, Santa Monica SEA Mentor

“Alexa has really improved her reading comprehension! She always reads the questions beforehand, and then reads the selected passage. She even looks for keywords before she interprets the meaning of the passage as a whole.”
-Grace Bolen, Westchester SEA Mentor

“Kimberly completes most of her work and now understands the concepts, especially in math. She is also learning to cooperate better with me and her peers. She is striving to improve her grades and improve her communication skills.”
-Katherine Herrera, Pico Rivera SEA Mentor

“Juan has drastically improved his grade in math. When we first started, he had an F and he was very insecure about math. Once we started working, he managed to raise his grade up to a C. He is now close to a B. He is so motivated; he is striving for an A. His multiplication skills have also improved. Much of his struggles in math stemmed from not practicing his multiplications at home, but I made a chart for him, motivating him to practice at home. I made sure to get his parents involved and soon enough he was going through his multiplications without any complications. I am so proud of the confidence that he has built up.”
-Delmi Rodriguez, Westchester SEA Mentor



“I feel proud because I helped my little brother try to read even though he’s only two years old.”-Desiree, 7th Grade

“I helped someone who fell and hurt themselves”-Ismael, 7th Grade



SEA Mentors of South Los Angeles



SEA Mentors of Malibu with Ellen Shane

The SEA Impact: A Few Words from Former SEA Mentor, Danielle



Left to right: Danielle, Kim (SEA Student), Ellen Shane

“Working with the Emily Shane Foundation, taught me many skills, not only as a tutor working in an academic environment, but how to become a supportive mentor for students by creating a harmonious environment where children feel at home. What I loved the most about the SEA program was greeting my students each day and asking about their day, good deeds, and getting to know them on a personal level. I was thrilled to show up and help students reach their fullest potential. I owe a lot to the Emily Shane Foundation for being one of the reasons why I wanted to become a Marriage and Family Therapist.”

Meet SEA’s South LA Area Coordinator



Ivana Giang, Area Coordinator

We would like to acknowledge the work of one of our SEA Area Coordinators, Ivana Giang. Ivana manages all aspects of operating SEA at our site in South Los Angeles. Ivana joined the program last summer. We are grateful for her effective and excellent oversight of SEA as she works in liaison with the students, mentors and school administration. She always goes above and beyond to ensure that mentors and mentees alike are afforded every opportunity for success. We are lucky and proud to have Ivana as a part of our team!

EMILY Takes on the United Kingdom



EMILY (Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard) is named in memory of Emily Rose Shane and was invented by the dad of one of her best friends, Mr. Anthony Mulligan. EMILY is a robotic device whose many uses include rescuing people in distress in the water. EMILY, which has an impeller motor, travels at a much faster rate than a human, reaching 20+ mph. Once EMILY reaches the victim(s), it functions as a flotation device for four- six people. As of September 2016, EMILY is now implemented by campsite staff on Shell Island, becoming the first EMILY of the United Kingdom. On numerous occasions, Shell Island campsite staff has had to enter the water to rescue a person. There is a tremendous risk when staff must enter the water—EMILY prevents this. The device has won numerous awards and is in use in over 40 countries across the globe – from here in the US to Israel, Spain, Greece, Australia, etc.

Our Corporate Sponsor

We are most grateful to Hydronalix for their continued support of our SEA Program’s mission of empowering the students we serve to reach brighter futures. Hydronalix is based in Green Valley, Arizona and is the manufacturer of the EMILY device.



As a nonprofit charity, we are completely dependent on donations, grants, sponsors and fundraisers to make our SEA Program possible.



We would like to extend our gratitude to Trader Joe’s of Agoura Hills for their generous donation of cereal bars as snacks for SEA participants.



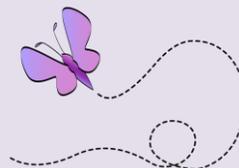
Ivana with Ellen Shane at Global Education Academy Middle School in South Los Angeles

“As someone who hopes to achieve social justice through policy change in the future, it has been an eye-opening experience to be able to work directly with the Global Education Academy Middle School and personally get to know students who might be affected by what I hope to accomplish in the coming years. My time in SEA has been incredible, from witnessing the students’ growth firsthand to seeing the bonds they create with their mentors. I know that it’s a life-changing program because it has changed mine. I was fortunate to have had amazing mentors to guide me up to this point in my life, and it’s an honor to be able to make that an accessible reality for the younger students that I’ve had the pleasure of meeting through SEA.”-Ivana



In Loving Memory of Emily Rose Shane
August 9, 1996-April 3, 2010

<http://www.emilyshane.org/>



Special thanks to Sabina Schmidt Goldstein for her significant contributions to this issue of the newsletter!

Upcoming Events

April 2017
“Wings over Malibu”
Details to Follow

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