

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to recommend the student government of Dana Hills High School to be recognized and awarded as a 2019 National (Gold) Council of Excellence. The Associated Student Union (ASU) is the impetus for the positive atmosphere found here on campus and continuously goes above and beyond even the requirements of this award.

The ASU is led by the student body president, Ms. Marietti, who is steadily confident in her ability to lead others to great success within their jurisdiction. Her true leadership skill lies in the creative and collaborative process, as she sees herself not as the boss, nor as just a member, but part of an organization that listens to the unique minds and ideas of everyone. My administrative team and I meet weekly with Ms. Marietti to maintain direct communication as she updates and reports on all ASU-related functions.

Each event introduced and produced this past year has a defined objective and overarching goal to either make the school or community better and to 'share the love', a slogan of ASU. Due to the passionate drive and class size of the student government, the events and activities generated by this group continue to grow in innovation and student participation. A new event this year, Stress Relief Week, is a perfect example of how our ASU learned to better incentivise the students beyond those who regularly attend school events; there were over 800 student successfully participating in just the first day of Stress Relief Week due to the Puppy Petting Party introduced at the end of the week.

In regards to the reliability of ASU, their performance and attitude is most commendable outside the classroom walls. ASU takes pride in their ability to maintain a positive environment for spectators at every rallying spirit and sports event, so that the only message displayed from our school is respect and sportsmanship toward the opposing school; even receiving recognition on Twitter throughout Southern California for bringing together so many schools to root for one team.

Kids Helping Kids, the non profit organization embedded into ASU, is an essential component in the community outreach efforts accomplished by our school. Dedicated to making differences from the classroom to the community, this branch of ASU has accomplished multiple charity drives ranging from canned food drives to clothing drives and dedicates three large scale events a year to aid and raise funds for our adopted elementary school, RH Dana.

ASU is an outstanding and unprecedented institution on this campus that imparts respect and pride in the past, present, and future of Dana Hills High School. Whether proven on paper or in person, this student government is comprised of bright, hard working individuals dedicated to creating a better environment for their peers and community. For this justifiable reason and for many others I can unequivocally recommend our Associated Student Union for the acknowledgement of a National (Gold) Council of Excellence.

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