

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AFFILIATE AWARD

The University of California at Irvine was proud to host the Southern California Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing for the second year in a row. The SoCal region encompasses four large southern California counties including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Thirty-five awardees were honored with a luncheon at the University of California at Irvine campus for their aptitude and interest in IT and computing, solid leadership ability, good academic standing, and plans for post-secondary education. The award committee was chaired by Dr. Debra Richardson, Professor of Informatics, UC Irvine, and included representatives from academia and industry in the region. The Award recipients bonded with each other about fictional characters and programming languages. They also heard inspiring remarks from Microsoft and UC Irvine representatives. One of the awardees was so moved by the award ceremony that she turned her experience into an essay for her college applications!



“ Truly, the ceremony was a huge blast that I will always remember. It made a lasting impression on me and really compelled me to get involved in the IT industry. I am so thankful for this recognition, and especially thankful to NCWIT that arranged this ceremony and provided us a magnificent experience.”

~ Aspirations
Award Recipient

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Geographic region covered

Southern California: Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino



Number of years Affiliate Award held in this region

2



Number of 2013 Awardees

35



Number of 2013 volunteers

26

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

University of California - Irvine

As a recipient of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing, the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences at the University of California - Irvine is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to girls who are admitted to UC Irvine, enroll by Fall 2014, and declare a major offered by the Bren School of ICS (including Business Information Management, Computer Game Science, Computer Science, Computer Science and Engineering, Informatics, Software Engineering). This scholarship is open to both national and any regional Aspirations Award winners.

LOCAL COORINATORS

- Debra Richardson, University of California - Irvine
- Veronica Escobedo, Girls Inc. of Orange County
- Joelle Thompson, Microsoft Corporation

LOCAL SUPPORT

- University of California - Irvine
- Girls Incorporated of Orange County
- Microsoft Corporation

LOCAL WEBSITE

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