



Our nonprofit charity foundation exists to honor the memory of thirteen-year-old Emily Rose Shane, who was tragically murdered on April 3, 2010 on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, CA.



The Emily Shane Foundation's flagship SEA (Successful Educational Achievement) Program provides essential mentoring and tutoring support to disadvantaged middle school students in the mainstream classroom who have no other recourse.

SEA makes a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

Read more to learn how your support has changed lives!

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A Message From the Executive Director

To Our SEA Community,

We made it through our first school term, and we are now at the start of the next! Despite challenges and delays, we are happy to have provided our SEA Program to students across most of our sites. While it was challenging to navigate the specific online protocols that each site required, we are proud to have supported 50 students for the first half of the 2020-2021 school year. More students will be added this term. Online learning brought newfound issues (wifi connections, necessary increased communication on all levels to ensure student attendance, and so on); however, everyone's efforts have contributed to helping our SEA students improve, change attitudes, and set a course to success. Many students still have a long way to go, and some are already seeing such positive improvements.

I applaud the efforts of all our mentors, area coordinators, site liaisons, and everyone working behind the scenes to keep our SEA Program viable and as effective as possible.

This is a time to embrace all that is positive. My thanks to everyone who makes our SEA Program possible.

With warm and heartfelt wishes for a healthy, productive, and successful 2021,

Ellen Shane

Executive Director



Butterfly Magic

On December 9th, The Emily Shane Foundation held its first-ever virtual fundraiser. We are so grateful for the support of our guests, staff, and attendees for making this event successful!



Magician, Jon Armstrong, made magic happen!



Les Sabler performed smooth jazz.



John Stamos spoke at the event.



Lisa Loeb performed her songs, "Stay" and "Sing Out".

We also received beautiful butterfly art submissions from students in the local area!



Fynne Rose, Grade 1, Los Angeles



Leva, Grade 1, Malibu



Dylan, Grade 5, Malibu

If you missed out on Butterfly Magic, use the link below to watch it on YouTube!

[Watch Butterfly Magic](#)

A Special Thank You to:

- **John Stamos** - Celebrity guest
- **Jodie Sweetin** - Celebrity guest
- **Lisa Loeb** - Grammy-award winning performance artist
- **Les Sabler** - Stellar jazz musician
- **Jon Armstrong** - Captivating magician
- **The Malibu Monarch Project**
- **Steven Le Vine** - Grapevine PR and Consulting

This event would not have been possible without the tireless support and efforts of:

- **Sabina Schmidt Goldstein**
- **Marla Grossberg**

The Emily Shane Foundation also expresses much gratitude to:

- **Ananya Das**
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- **Emily Schmidt Goldstein**
- **Anika Hanson**
- **Faith Nishimura**
- **Ananya O'Brien**
- **Camila Reyes**
- **Ellie Torgerson**
- **Emily Torrence**
- **Our friends at Big Sunday**
- **Hydronalix Inc.**
- **The Emily Shane Foundation Board and Event Committee**
- **Okie Media**
- **PRP Wine International**

Please Click Here to Create the Butterfly Effect in a Student's Life!



SEA Student Successes

IN THE WORDS OF SEA STUDENTS

**Kriscynthia works with
mentor/tutor Melissa**
(8th Grader in Pico Rivera)

"My tutor helps me so much! I would say the program has helped me become a better student."

**Alexander works with
mentor/tutor Melissa**
(7th Grader in Pico Rivera)

"It made me think 'oh I'm not doing well', and now I want to try because before I was not trying. Now I feel like if I try, I'll have better grades."

**Husai works with
mentor/tutor Caroline**
(8th Grader in Westchester)

"SEA helps me study better, concentrate, and have confidence. My math and English grades improved."

**Cynthia works with
mentor/tutor Emily**
(8th Grader in Malibu)

"It is an amazing program, and the people there can help you improve a lot in school!"

IN THE WORDS OF SEA PARENTS

**TK, Father of Fagen (6th
Grader in Westchester)**

"You have been a godsend to my daughter, and I appreciate it."

**Amanda, Mother of Gracie
(8th Grader in Pico Rivera)**

"Gracie is happy after talking to Emma. She says Emma is easy to talk to and funny. She looks forward to continuing to work with Emma."

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IN THE WORDS OF SEA MENTOR/TUTORS

Malibu: Peyton works with 6th Grader Francis

"One of our biggest accomplishments has been bringing her math grade up 20%. It's the subject she feels least confident in, but her grade is going up as she turns in missing assignments and works hard to understand the material that they're currently learning."

Thousand Oaks: Anna works with 7th Grader Brandon

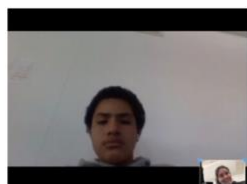
"His grades have improved dramatically. He developed organizational skills that will help him in the future. Thanks to his organizational skills, he began to submit his homework on time."

Westchester: Reese works with 8th Grader Kemet

"Kemet turned in all of the missing assignments written down on his to-do list from the first session."

Westchester: Ayana works with 8th Grader Allison

"AMAZING job with self-motivation to finish a big part of the PBL project (did a very in-depth slideshow)."



Brandon, 7th Grader in Thousand Oaks

Since commencing with SEA last October, Brandon has improved from a **58% in Math to an 87%**, and from **68% in History to 85%**! His mentor/tutor Anna has helped him organize, making sure he writes everything down and uses a calendar to track assignment due dates.

"SEA has helped me with my homework, with my grades, and helped me become more organized."
- Brandon



Fabricio, 6th Grader in South LA

Fabricio has **improved greatly overall**. His mentor, Chinelo, has helped him prepare for exams.



Camila, 6th Grader in Malibu

6th grader Camila brought her **Science grade up from a D to a B!** Her mentor, Emily, has helped her complete classwork and submit all of her assignments.

"Every Humanities assignment since our start date has been turned in. We have definitely been connecting, and she seems much more confident."
- Emily

Announcing Our Newest ESF Board Member



Sabina

"I am honored to be a newfound board member where I will continue to have an impact on diminishing the reservoir of educational inequity through essential mentoring and tutoring."

Sabina completed her undergraduate degree at UC Irvine. She researched juvenile offenders, who were disproportionately youth of color. Through research, Sabina came to better understand the negative implications that classroom experiences can have on students. In 2016, she sought volunteer work that provided students academic and socio-emotional recourse beyond the scope of general classroom instruction.

"I looked for a non-profit organization that understood the essentiality of positive relationships in supporting learning. I began volunteering 4 years ago for The Emily Shane Foundation and have worked closely on a number of projects that promoted its mission to help low-income students receive essential tutoring/mentoring."

Sabina earned her elementary credential and MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching) from USC. Today, she teaches fourth-grade at a low-income elementary school in the LAUSD that emphasizes and prioritizes positive, strong, personal relationships to facilitate engagement and learning.

Staff Spotlight

Sanjali

Welcome to the ESF Family!!!

Sanjali is our new SEA Program Manager. She is from the Bay Area and attended the University of Southern California where she earned a B.S. in Biophysics. She was first exposed to the impact of elementary, middle, and high school educational programs when she started mentoring and tutoring students in South LA. Her interest in increasing educational equity by assisting disadvantaged youth is what ultimately led her to this role. She is looking forward to working closely alongside everyone ranging from mentors/tutors and students to area coordinators and site liaisons.





Ayana

Thanks to our mentor/tutor, Ayana, the Emily Shane Foundation was chosen for a donation by Loyola Marymount University's Center for Service and Action.

Read what she wrote to The Emily Shane Foundation staff below:

To the Emily Shane Foundation Staff –

Let me start by saying thank you. Thank you for caring about bettering the lives of middle schoolers. Middle school is hard, as I've greatly discussed with Mrs. Shane, and it is often overlooked in the grand scheme of a child's educational career. However, you all have realized just how important it is, and have chosen to make a difference by pouring into students' lives. I'm beyond impressed by all that you do – the change you inspire in middle schoolers. Your foundation and your mentors are truly setting students on a path to success, one that I know they'll be eternally grateful for down the line. So, as a thank you, I am happy to give this donation from LMU to this organization. I am excited to work with you all in the future.

– Ayana

Zoe

"When I think about the perfect mentor/tutor, I think of those who have mentored me over the past three years- my coaches and teammates. These role models have pushed me to be a better person on, and most importantly, off the field. Seeing how much younger students look up to athletes, I saw the potential in involving Pepperdine athletics with ESF as they would make perfect mentors/tutors and be a huge resource to the ESF community.

This last semester, I organized a group of potential ESF ambassadors and mentors/tutors from Pepperdine Athletics, and we were able to raise over \$400 that went into the purchasing and donating of *Emily's Gift* (sales of this children's book help support the SEA Program). These books were purchased to donate to the LA Children's Hospital in light of the holiday season. I am so proud of what we were able to accomplish this semester alongside the athletes and am excited to involve more athletes as mentors/tutors this coming semester."



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Thanks to Zoe's efforts with the Pepperdine Waves, "these children's books help our patients and their families cope with and navigate the difficult challenges they face due to their child's serious medical condition." Amazing work, Zoe!!!

ESF In the Media

California Program Helps Students Navigate Learning Struggles:

[Click Here to Listen and Read More from Newsy](#)

Ellen Shane - On Honoring Her Daughter's Memory by Making a Difference For Others:

[Click Here to Listen to This Podcast Feature from People of Purpose](#)

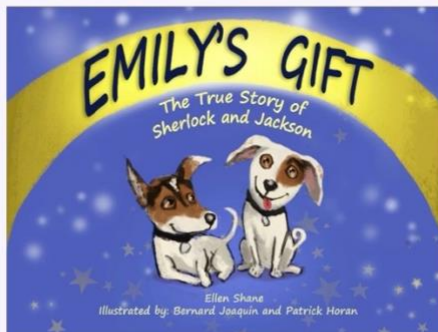
Social Impact Heroes: How Ellen Shane & The Emily Shane Foundation Are Helping To Find Mentors For Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Youth:

[Click Here to Read More from Authority Magazine](#)

Interview with "The Emily Shane Foundation" co-founder Ellen Shane:

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Emily's Gift - Purchases Help Support the SEA Program



Executive Director Ellen Shane released her first children's book, *Emily's Gift: The True Story of Sherlock and Jackson!* This engaging and entertaining tale relates a chapter in the lives of the Shane family, as the youngest Shane sibling tries to negotiate a puppy for her loving and pet-less family.

Proceeds help benefit the SEA Program, serving disadvantaged middle school students at risk of academic failure across Los Angeles.

A Spanish version is also available at the link below:

Purchase Your Copy Today!



Children enjoying reading *Emily's Gift*.

Melissa Moore, on the right, is the owner of Malibu toy store, "Toy Crazy," which carries *Emily's Gift*!



A Sampling of SEA Program Students' Good Deeds

I helped my grandma cook and helped my dad with yard work.

- Jonathan, 8th Grade, Thousand Oaks

I helped my friend with History notes.

- Armando, 7th Grade, Thousand Oaks

Even though my mom is sick, I gave her an air hug.

- Nathan, 6th Grade, South Los Angeles

I washed the dishes.

- Kemet, 8th Grade, Westchester

I was nice to my brother today!

- Sapphire, 8th Grade, Pico Rivera

I made lunch for my siblings and me.

- Camila, 6th Grade, Malibu



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HYDRONALIX has a newer product, Sonar EMILY, which is used for search and recovery. To learn more, [click here](#).

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