



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

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(Left to Right) Leigh Shane, Michel Shane, Ellen Shane, and Gerri Shane gather for a photo at the event.



A young girl enjoying the crafts table at the event.



Malibu Monarch Representatives (left to right) Rhonda Jessum, Shelby Basso, Sandy Glover participate in the event.



Michelle Droeger helping with the art activities at the Butterfly Release.



BUTTERFLY RELEASE – THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS!

We are grateful to all who joined us at our third annual Butterfly Release at Malibu Bluffs Park. Thanks to all who helped us reach our fundraising goals.

Many thanks to John Kobylt, our talented host and MC, and his wife Deborah. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the following people for each of their significant contributions: Robin Hild's musical talent, Rocky Peter's incredible personal story and speech, the Malibu Monarch Project for providing butterfly information, SEA student Luca and his mom Lo-Mae for sharing their positive story of how the Program has impacted Luca, and SEA Mentor Tahirih's incredible a cappella performance.

Michelle Droeger, Director of the religious school at Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue, helped man the children's activity table and chose our Foundation's SEA Program as the charity for the students attending the religious school to support. We are grateful to her!

A fantastic team of over 30 volunteers stepped up to help us at Bluffs Park from the AGS (Alpha Gamma Society) of Santa Monica College. They were guided in their tasks under the direction of the dynamic and fabulous Elvis Diaz, a student at USC.

Seeing the butterflies take flight was magical! Our Foundation's symbol is a butterfly, as it represents transformation - which is our goal as we aim for our SEA students to reach their best academic potential.

To all who came out to join us and who sponsored butterflies or contributed in any way - we express our deepest gratitude! (Please see a complete list on the final page of this newsletter)



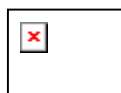
Some of the honorees who helped in the release of the butterflies.

From left to right: John Kobylt (MC and host), Deborah Kobylt, Sabina Schmidt Goldstein (Emily Shane Foundation volunteer), Lynn Mulligan, Dr. Sally Chou (Emily Shane Foundation advisory board), and Tony Mulligan (CEO of Hydronalix, our corporate sponsor).



It is due to the efforts of these committed and valued Emily Shane Committee members that the Butterfly Release Event was possible.

From left to right: Regina O'Neill, Kathy Landmann, Ellen Shane, Lisa Ellis, Peggy Shapiro, Angela Thacker (Auction Chair), and Mary Garrison. Missing from photo: Kristin Swindal and Laurie Levitt.



SEA PROGRAM News and Updates

SEA SUCCESS

Pico Rivera Student Ryan & SEA Mentor Yazlin



“Initially, my student had good habits and listened to what I had to say, but had problems understanding material in class and did not know how to study or take tests efficiently (**grades were mostly D’s and F’s**). By the end of this season, he had learned to take initiative in checking his own grades and finding online resources to study like I showed him, **and his grades changed to A’s B’s and C’s**. I am very proud of his progress. Ryan’s lowest mark now is a C (in Language Arts), and he has A’s and B’s in all other subjects.”

Santa Monica Students, Omar and David & SEA Mentor Erick

“In general, David and Omar, who are twins, are both becoming more independent scholars, and they appear to be more prepared each time I meet with them. By the time I arrive they already have the materials that they will be using for their assignments and a list of what they have coming up. The students now have all A’s and B’s! The twins help each other and have tackled their organization and distraction issues. **All of Omar’s C’s have become B’s. David now has almost straight A’s.**”



Malibu Student Sharlene & SEA Mentor Abigail



“**Sharlene’s science grade went up to a B!** Science is still the hardest subject for her. Going over the vocabulary cards we made seems to be helping her master the concepts.”

Pico Rivera Student Nicté Ha & SEA Mentor Fatima

“Her F’s were very low, but **she has been doing her work, turning in late work, studying more for tests** and now these F’s are borderline D’s. Her next goal is to make them all D’s then go on to C’s and so on.”



Thank you to MJC&S!



We are thankful to the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue for choosing The Emily Shane Foundation as the charity for the school to support this fall. **The children raised over \$200 for our SEA Program's Butterfly Release.** We are grateful to Michelle and all who donated to help our SEA students receive the support they need. (Left to right) Michelle Droeger, Director of the Religious School, and Ellen Shane.



Oxnard Student Ariel & SEA Mentor Gina

“**Ariel now has all A’s and B’s** and is really good about turning in her work.”



Westchester Student Terron & SEA Mentor Erick



“**Terron was able to improve his English grade from a D- to a D+,** which is a small change, but it is a huge step for him considering how hard he worked to make up his missing assignments.”

Meet SEA Staff

New SEA Program Manager, Kimberly Meyer

We are excited to announce the hiring of our SEA Program Manager, Kimberly Meyer. Kimberly earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at The University of California, Santa Cruz and is a State Certified Crisis Intervention and Trauma Counselor

Shortly after her academic accomplishments, Kimberly began her postgraduate career in fashion, marketing, and public relations. Her natural sense of creativity, writing skills, and extroverted personality fueled her passion for marketing and public relations. Throughout Kimberly's career, she knew something was missing and it was time to return to her academic origins as well as her life-long sentiment for helping others and shifted her career into a cause-driven focus.



Ellen Shane with new SEA Program Manager, Kimberly Meyer

Kimberly is delighted to be utilizing her education in Social Psychology and Socio-Cultural Analysis while incorporating her professional experience in marketing and public relations. She is deeply invested in the mission of The Emily Shane Foundation and is devoted to making a difference in the lives of children through education as The SEA Program Manager.

Santa Monica SEA Area Coordinator, Yae Sol Jeong

I'm Yae Sol Jeong, a student at Santa Monica College under the Technical Theatre Department. I intend on transferring to a graduate school where I can continue towards obtaining a BFA in Stage Management. I have been interning at the Archway Studio Theatre where I operate lights and sound as well as monitor actors as the Stage Manager. I started working with Ellen for the SEA Program starting July of 2017, and have since been coordinating mentors and students in the Santa Monica area.

I was introduced to Ellen through Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society at SMC and got connected to her by helping with a silent auction for the Emily Shane Foundation. When Ellen spoke at one of the meetings to share what the SEA Program meant to her, her words resonated as I was also struggling at school as an ESL student. Granted, I had luck on my side and was able to get tutored by my sympathetic neighbors, but I struggled to keep up with classroom discussions. One of the reasons I feel attached to the program is because it not only motivates students to succeed academically, but it also promotes kindness through the good deeds challenge. A large chunk of my time is spent sending emails, organizing documents, arranging schedules, and touching base with the mentors and site directors.



During site visits, I get to see the relationships that mentors build with the students, and it's rewarding to witness how engaged the students are during their sessions. Being able to contribute my management and communication skills to better facilitate the day-to-day operations at each of the sites is one of the many things that makes my internship experience worthwhile.

SEA mentor & Emily Shane Foundation Club President at LMU, Erick Carranza



My name is Erick Carranza, and I am a sophomore at Loyola Marymount University. I am from a small community located by LAX called Lennox, and it is because of my upbringing in Lennox that I got involved with such a wonderful program like SEA. My schools never had the best resources to provide for our academic success; thus so many of my peers often found themselves falling behind in most of their classes. Witnessing this influenced me into wanting to work with students who are in similar situations and providing them the extra push that they need to succeed in school.

After a semester of working with the Foundation as a SEA mentor and as the President of the Emily Shane Club on-campus, I believe that I've found the perfect opportunity to continue doing this. The work the SEA Program does is so incredible and so important for them, because it is not just about raising their grades, but it is also about empowering them to set goals for their future. During each of my tutoring sessions, I always make sure to remind my students that they too can attain a college education. I feel that it is my responsibility as their mentor to motivate them to strive for higher education, because if they have that goal in mind from here on out, then they will work harder to maintain their grades and achieve it. I really can't wait until I hear back from my students about where they are heading to after high school. It's these types of things that I look forward to witnessing and that inspires me to be a diligent scholar.



SEA Students Pass it Forward!

Emily 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. Here are a few good deeds SEA Students have shared during the 2017-2018 academic school year:

"I helped my mom buy a birthday present for my dad."-Jonah Vitello, 7th grade, Santa Monica

"I helped my dad cook ham for dinner."-Kezim Charles, 7th grade, Westchester

"I helped feed the homeless on Thanksgiving."-Gabe Foster, 7th grade, Malibu

"I helped my mom at home by doing my chores."-Nataly Dominguez, 8th grade, South LA

"I helped my teacher recycle her cans and bottles."-Luis Gonzalez, 7th grade, Oxnard

"I helped my friend understand a concept we were learning in History."-Juan Alonso, 7th grade, South LA

"I watched my little sister and went to work with my parents to clean."-Yahir Rivera, 7th grade, Oxnard.

"I made my mom coffee today before she woke up, since she was feeling unwell."-Gabriella Westby, 8th grade, South LA

"I gave my neighbor's cat water."-James Vranesh, 7th grade, Santa Monica



E.M.I.L.L.Y. Takes on Holland

Anthony Mulligan, the father of one of Emily's best friends, invented a robotic life-saving device and named it in Emily's memory. The E.M.I.L.L.Y. (Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard) is a four-foot remote controlled vessel used to rescue people from drowning. It can travel at 20+ mph and can reach people when they are in distress in the water, functioning as a floatation device for up to four to six people. E.M.I.L.L.Y. has won many awards and is in use in over 40 counties.



Anthony Mulligan, inventor of the E.M.I.L.L.Y. and CEO of Hydronalix, with his wife Lynn at the Butterfly Event.

So, Where Is The E.M.I.L.L.Y.? Today?
 In September of 2017, King William of The Netherlands met The E.M.I.L.L.Y. in Holland, as pictured below.



We are grateful to Hydronalix, The E.M.I.L.L.Y.'s manufacturer, for their continued support of The Emily Shane Foundation.



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Food Trucks and Beverage Table

D'Amore's Pizza, Apollo Espresso & Shave Ice & Hansen's soda

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Venue

The City of Malibu and Bluffs Park

Musical Entertainment

Robin Hild

Event Set-Up & Clean Up

Santa Monica College Alpha Gamma Society & Elvis Diaz

And...

AJ Steinberg



Robin Hild performing live music at the Butterfly Release Fundraiser Event.

GET INVOLVED!

We are seeking Mentor/Tutors! Are you a current university student or recent grad? Or do you know someone who is and would want to join SEA as a Mentor/Tutor?

Want to help with the planning or execution of our special events? We work around your availability and appreciate whatever you might be able to offer.

We have a range of other opportunities available. We welcome your inquiries!

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Many thanks to our research team for their efforts to compile statistics to help our Foundation assess results.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER EVENT!

Our annual Spring fundraiser, Wings Over Malibu, will take place in April. Look out for a "Save the Date" email with more details in a few weeks!



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