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OUR MISSION

The Emily Shane Foundation's SEA (Successful Educational Achievement) Program's purpose is to empower underserved, under-resourced middle school students in the mainstream classroom who are at risk of academic failure. Our individualized and intensive, comprehensive approach fosters bonds that build a supportive environment to enhance learning and personal well-being.

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. We transformed this tragedy into a positive mission of empowering underserved students.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELLEN SHANE



ESF Executive Director Ellen Shane with her husband and ESF Board Chair Michel Shane

As another school year comes to a close, I reflect on what has been one of the most challenging - and ultimately rewarding - years in the history of The Emily Shane Foundation.

Following the devastating Palisades fire in January 2025 and the significant loss of funding that affected our operations, there were moments when continuing forward felt uncertain.

With no staff aside from part-time student workers and volunteers, our SEA Program faced difficult realities. Yet through resilience, determination, and an unwavering belief in our mission, we forged ahead - remaining committed to the students and communities we serve.

Because of the generosity and support of so many who believe in our work, we are emerging stronger and on more sustainable footing as 2026 ushered us into our 14th year of operation. This past year reinforced an important lesson: even the most difficult situations can lead to growth and positive change if you remain focused and never give up.

A major milestone as of April 2025 was formally bringing the two areas of our work together. The Emily Shane Foundation now has two divisions: the SEA Program and Driving Change. While each serves a different purpose, both share one mission - to change lives, save lives, and educate.

Wings Over Malibu 2026 was our most successful and best-attended fundraiser yet. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, and participated.

Among the evening's most moving moments were the speeches by the Cruz family and SEA Program mentor/tutor Marcus. Fernando, who joined the SEA Program in sixth grade, shared his journey from struggling with F's and D's to now earning A's and B's as he promotes to high school. His story is a powerful reminder of how individualized mentorship and tutoring can truly change a life.

We were also honored to recognize State Senator Ben Allen for his longstanding support of our missions by presenting him with an award certificate. The Third District of Los Angeles County under Supervisor Lindsey Horvath presented a commemorative scroll to Senator Allen to mark him as our event's honoree. On the spur of the moment, Senator Allen graciously contributed a private tour of the State Capitol and lunch with him to our live auction. He continues to champion our missions, along with his other important work.

Driving Change also continues to build momentum. Our board chair Michel Shane's award-winning documentary, 21 Miles in Malibu, will air on PBS this July, helping bring greater awareness to the urgent need for roadway safety improvements. Speed cameras will be implemented on PCH this summer, thanks to the passage of a bill presented by Senator Allen for which Michel advocated and helped get passed. Additional initiatives including proposed roundabouts and the "Blue Highway" ferry project, which would provide an alternative to driving to access Malibu via PCH, continue moving forward.

As the school year concludes, I remain filled with gratitude and hope. We are committed to continuing our work empowering students with the learning, confidence, and tools they need for brighter futures. We continue with resolve to make our roads safer and focus on initiatives to educate drivers as part of a broader strategy to save lives.

Thank you for believing in our purpose and standing beside us. Together, we will continue creating lasting impact in the lives of others.

With gratitude,

Ellen Shane

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WINGS OVER MALIBU 2026

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WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL
TO ALL OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS!



Please see the end of this newsletter for a list of all our valued and greatly appreciated Wings Over Malibu 2026 Sponsors, Donors and Acknowledgement of others who made this event possible and contributed to making this our most successful event yet.



Ellen and Michel Shane presented Senator Ben Allen with his award certificate as the Wings Over Malibu 2026 Honoree.



SEA Program student Fernando shared his inspiring success resulting from the three years he has been a program participant. He will commence high school in the fall.



Wings Over Malibu guests during the event's live auction



Ellen Shane stood with Carla Langley in front of the beautiful desserts generously made by Ms. Langley.



Musicians from Malibu Middle School performed for Wings Over Malibu guests.



Ellen Shane posed with Kevin O'Neal (far left) and Paige Munch, (third from left) of presenting sponsor Munch & Pops with their guests.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Proceeds from our event and online silent auction go toward supporting and expanding our life-changing programs.

Witness why your support matters.



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a beautiful evening celebrating Senator Ben Allen at our 2026 Wings Over Malibu event! This special night featured the presentation of the Wings Over Malibu Award to Senator Allen in recognition of his outstanding leadership and advocacy for road safety legislation and inspiring remarks from Carla Langley, Ellen and Michel Shane, SEA Program student Fernando, and his mother Azucena. Guests also enjoyed a silent auction, memorable musical performances by Malibu Middle School and Lexi Aria, and

delicious desserts provided by Carla Langley. We would especially like to thank our presenting sponsors All Coast Construction and Munch & Pops, whose generosity and support made this year's Wings Over Malibu possible and helped create such a meaningful and successful evening. Special thanks also to Emily Schmidt-Goldstein for her invaluable help coordinating our online silent auction.



Michel Shane introduced Carla Langley, mother of 16-year-old Hunter who died tragically off Malibu Canyon Road due to a lack of needed safety measures (guardrails). She is an advocate for road safety and a dedicated supporter of Driving Change.

OUR FALL FUNDRAISER MALIBU MOVES 2026

OCT 24 & 25
ZUMA BEACH, MALIBU



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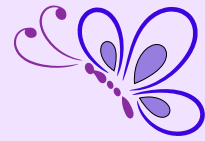
MALIBU MOVES

- > October 24 & 25, 2026 – Zuma Beach, Malibu
- > Half Marathon | 10K | 5K | 1-Mi Dash | 1K Kids Run
- > malibumoves.com | @malibumoves



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ESF IS A BENEFITTING CHARITY OF MALIBU MOVES 2026!



***RUN, WALK OR STROLL TO BENEFIT ESF AND OTHER
CHARITIES. JOIN AS A VOLUNTEER OR PARTICIPANT -
OR BOTH!***

We're excited to partner with Malibu Moves once again for a fun-filled day at the beach! Walk, jog, or run along the beautiful Malibu coastline while raising funds for ESF and other deserving nonprofit organizations. Whether you choose the 1-mile, 5K, 10K, or half marathon, all participants will receive a commemorative event shirt, along with food and refreshments to enjoy after crossing the finish line.

Do you know a running club, fitness group, or community organization that may be interested in supporting ESF? This year, the funds we receive will depend on the number of participants who register on behalf of ESF. Help us spread the word, invite your friends and family, and make every mile count!

***BE SURE TO SIGN UP
UNDER ESF AND USE OUR
DISCOUNT CODE - ESF10!***

**[CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER FOR ESF!](#)**

***BE SURE YOU HAVE "THE
EMILY SHANE
FOUNDATION" AS YOUR
SELECTED CHARITY.***

**[CLICK HERE TO
VOLUNTEER FOR ESF!](#)**

**A fun way to support our SEA Program and Driving
Change missions!**



MALIBU MOVES

Make every step count.

ONLINE

Silent Auction

MALIBU MOVES

A MOVEMENT FOR GOOD







STARTS WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2026 AT 3:00 PM PST

ENDS MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2026 AT 12:00 PM PST

Bid big. Do good. Change lives.



Amazing items



Support a great cause



Strengthen our community

Thank you for making a difference!





MALIBU MOVES ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

**OPENS 10/21 AT 3:00PM &
CLOSES 10/26 AT 12:00 PM
PST**

We're also excited to announce the return of our Malibu Moves online silent auction! Last year's auction featured a vast array of exciting items, including exclusive travel, dining, and entertainment experiences. Stay tuned to find out what's in store for this year!

Ellen and Michel Shane with the check as a Malibu Moves benefitting charity last year

SEA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



SUCCESS STORIES

SEA Program students have been hard at work this year alongside their mentor/tutors! Through personalized academic support and encouragement, many students experience significant improvements in their grades, increased confidence in the classroom, stronger academic motivation, and a greater interest in pursuing higher education. Read about some of our most inspiring student success stories here!



FERNANDO (8TH) **MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Fernando has shown tremendous academic growth through his consistent effort across math, Spanish, history, and English. Notably, he earned an A on a history test and demonstrated improved confidence in challenging math topics. With the help of his mentor/tutor Gabriel, Fernando has also maintained strong organization, stayed on top of assignments, and continued preparing for Honors English, Honors Science, and Algebra II.



DAMIR (7TH)
WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL
STEAM MAGNET

Damir has shown impressive academic growth since joining the SEA Program on April 13, making significant progress in just a few weeks. With his mentor/tutor Pammi, he has become much more confident in solving algebraic equations, working through problems independently, and staying focused during sessions. By mid-May, Damir was already applying what he learned from mistakes to future problems, demonstrating strong critical thinking skills and rapid improvement in math.



KENYAH (6TH)
PAUL REVERE CHARTER
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kenyah has shown strong academic growth through her dedication to improving her math skills and completing homework and extra credit assignments. With her mentor/tutor Jayla, she has strengthened her understanding of challenging topics like fractions, ratios, and unit conversions. She is now earning 100% scores on some assignments. Kenyah's hard work, organization, and willingness to learn continue to build her confidence and success in math and science.

GOOD DEEDS

Did you know?

ESF mentor/tutors do more than provide academic support—they help students grow as people. In the spirit of our “Pass It Forward” motto, SEA Program students are encouraged each week to engage in acts of kindness and service. Take a look at some of the meaningful ways they’ve paid it forward!



RICARDO (8TH)
RIVERA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ricardo demonstrated responsibility and thoughtfulness by helping his mom by taking out the trash, putting away groceries, and assisting a science teacher with delivering materials to the office.

JULISSA (8TH)
WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Julissa demonstrated kindness throughout her home, school, and community. She helped her grandma settle into a new room, her mom with groceries and cooking, and her friends with projects and schoolwork.





RAFAEL (6TH)
JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rafael consistently cared for those around him. He supported others by bringing his brother's backpack, holding doors open for friends, sharing snacks, and showing appreciation to teachers and staff through kind notes.

SEA PROGRAM STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



MATEO
MENTOR/TUTOR

Mateo has worked with ESF for two years and is graduating from USC with a B.A. in Chicano/Latino Studies and a minor in Education. This fall, he will attend Stanford University on a full scholarship to pursue an M.A. in Education and a teaching credential in social studies. Grateful to help students with a background similar to his own, Mateo shared, "I am so proud of the students I have worked with in the SEA Program and know they will continue to succeed because all they needed was someone to push them to be their best selves."



EMMA

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Emma has been with ESF since 2024 and is a 3rd year student at USC. There, she is pursuing a B.F.A. in Dance, as well as a M.S. in Applied Psychology and a minor in Performance Science. As a dance instructor and independent tutor herself, Emma is passionate about making personalized education accessible and enjoyable. "As someone who loves to learn, I know firsthand the lasting impact a mentor can have in inspiring lifelong curiosity. I'm grateful for the opportunity to support and raise awareness for ESF's mission."



ROBIN

VOLUNTEER

We want to acknowledge the incredible and valuable contribution of time, work and effort of volunteer Robin who has been there for ESF this entire school year and has had a hand in almost all aspects for our work to provide much needed help with our online auction, email blasts, and much more.

He is an MBA graduate, adept with all kinds of tech, and is truly a gift to our Foundation. We express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to him!

TESTIMONIALS

HEAR WHAT OUR SEA PROGRAM COMMUNITY HAS TO SAY ABOUT ESF



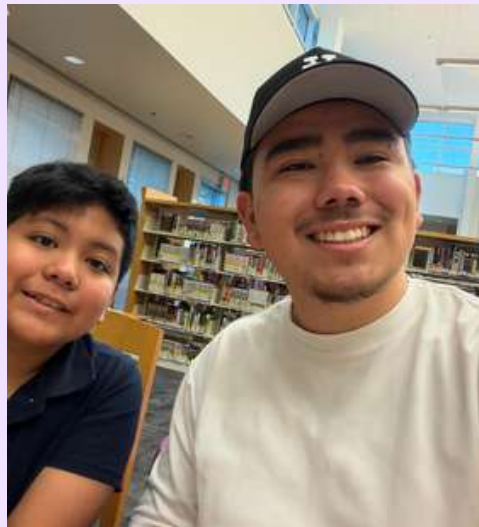
"The SEA program has helped me to get my grades up, complete my homework better, and practice better study skills. My math grade went from an F to a B!"

- Zoe (6th grade student at Paul Revere Middle School)



"My mentor/tutor is someone I can talk to be we also get my work done. I feel like she's my friend and I can express my feelings to her."

- Alyssa
(6th grade student at Paul Revere Middle School)



"While seeing grades improve is definitely nice, I love to see that she actually cares beyond what the report card is saying."

- Peyton
(Mentor/Tutor at Wright Middle School STEAM Magnet)



"What a wonderful gift you give to our students! Each year we get to witness such growth, maturity, and success. Thanks to your program and the help and mentorship that your tutors provide, these students are thriving."

**- Lorene Whitehouse
Malibu Middle School Counselor**



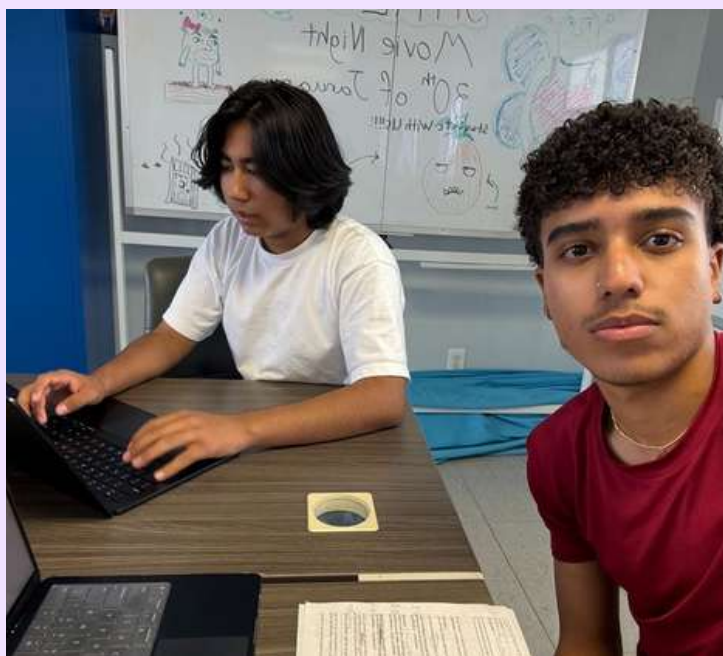
Ellen Shane, Ms. Lorene Whitehouse, and Malibu Middle School SEA Program group

"I am so thankful to this program for helping both my kids achieve higher grades. They were both failing. My son was at risk of not graduating. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to bring those grades up and actually have the extra help they needed in order to succeed."

**-Parent of Oliver (Paul Revere
Charter Middle School)**

"His grades have started improving, but more importantly, his work habits and attitude toward school have changed. He's more responsible and stays on top of his tasks. Working with his wonderful tutor, Daniela, has helped him build the structure and discipline he was previously lacking."

**-Parent of Jacob (Paul Revere
Charter Middle School)**



Fernando working with his mentor/tutor Marcus

"His progress in school had been remarkable and every step forward has meant the world to our family. The dedication, care and encouragement your Foundation has provided have made a significant difference in his journey."

We are beyond thankful for the time, effort and love you pour into helping children like Fernando succeed."

**-Family of Fernando (8th grader
at Malibu Middle School)**

DRIVING CHANGE

ON THE ROAD TO SAFETY



OUR MISSION:

ZERO EMPTY CHAIRS

Every traffic death, each empty chair at the table, creates ripples of devastation across families, friend groups, and entire communities. The Emily Shane Foundation's Driving Change division exists because we refuse to accept that these deaths are inevitable.

Emily Shane's Empty Chair, honoring her memory at the World Day of Remembrance on November 16, 2026

21 MILES IN MALIBU

21 Miles In Malibu is a 15-time award-winning documentary about how Malibu's iconic coastline became one of California's most dangerous roadways, claiming more than 200 lives since 1970. Through local voices and stories like Emily Shane's, it exposes how outdated road design fuels ongoing tragedy and calls for meaningful safety improvements.

21 Miles In Malibu is available on Pay-Per-View! Additionally, it will premiere on PBS SoCal plus (formerly KCET) on Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 PM PST.

Catch our later broadcasts on July 12 at 7PM, July 15 at 9PM, July 16 at 1AM, and July 18th at 9PM.

21 MILES IN MALIBU
AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY,
LIFE-SAVING IMPACT



[CLICK HERE TO
WATCH!](#)

Driving Change: When slowing down saves lives: why PCH's roundabout pilot deserves our support



MICHEL SHANE
COLUMNIST

I recently sat through a community meeting about the proposed roundabouts on PCH. I heard the frustration, the skepticism, the very real concern about fire evacuations. I heard people say this will make traffic worse, that this is just another government experiment on a road that's already claimed too many lives.

I get it. I really do.

But here's what you need to understand: this is a proven, statistically validated intervention that could prevent the tragedies that have haunted our community for decades.

The physics of survival

PCH through Malibu is a 55-mph corridor where people drive like they're on a highway because technically, they are. But it's also a coastal road where families park, cyclists train, and people cross to the beach. That combination is lethal.

The roundabouts planned for Encinal Canyon Road and El Matador Beach will force every vehicle to slow to 25 mph before entering an intersection. Yes, that means reducing PCH from four lanes to two in this section. That's not a flaw, that's the entire point.

In Europe, roundabouts are

standard infrastructure. The data is overwhelming: intersections nationwide that converted to modern roundabouts experienced a 90% reduction in fatalities and serious injuries.

This isn't magic. It's physics. High-speed perpendicular crashes, T-bones, left-turn collisions, and head-on impacts kill people. Roundabouts geometrically eliminate those crashes. Any collision that does occur is a low-speed sideswipe, not a life-ending impact.

Slower traffic moves faster

Roundabouts replace stopping with yielding. You slow down but keep moving. Studies show roundabouts reduce average vehicle delays by 56% to 89%. Carmel, Indiana, with over 150 roundabouts, saves \$7.2 million

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FIND DRIVING CHANGE IN THE MALIBU TIMES

Every two weeks, Michel Shane's Driving Change column in The Malibu Times combines insightful commentary with a call to action on traffic safety and reform. These articles have shaped local policy discussions, educate readers, and inspire advocates working to make roads safer.

Read all of Michel's articles in the Opinions column of the Malibu Times.

The Malibu Times

**READ MORE
HERE!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES & NEWS!

GROWING, EVOLVING,
MAKING AN IMPACT!



HERE'S WHAT'S NEW WITH ESF!

2 DIVISIONS, 1 MISSION

Did you know?

ESF now formally operates through two distinct but interconnected divisions - The SEA Program and Driving Change. Both work together to achieve a shared mission: turning grief into action through programs that educate, advocate, and save lives. Whether empowering students in the classroom or on the road, both branches are dedicated to creating brighter, safer futures for young people and communities.

Learn more about both divisions in our new ESF Website and Brochure!

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DR. ELAINE AHUMADA LAUNCHES
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WEBSITE!**

LEARN MORE HERE!

**Former SEA Program students who
will be seniors in the 26-27
academic year receive a \$50
discount.**

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The new ESF website is now up and running! Here, you can find important foundation updates and announcements, learn more about our programs, catch up on our blog, contact us, and more! Visit us at emilyshane.org!

OUR 2026 BROCHURE IS HERE!

The Emily Shane Foundation's new brochure is published and viewable in print and digital form! Give it a read for a quick overview of ESF's mission and impact!

SUPPORT ESF WHEN YOU SHOP AT RALPH'S!

- Go into the Ralph's app.
- Click on the "Rewards" section, then click "Community Contributions."
- Type in "The Emily Shane Foundation" and be sure to click "Save."

**This allows you to turn your
usual purchases into
contributions to help make our
SEA Program possible. Thank
you!**



NEED SWEET TREATS FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Not only is Carla Langley a dedicated advocate for road safety, but she is also an exceptionally talented and passionate baker. Her baking business provided a stunning assortment of delicious treats for our Wings Over Malibu 2026 event - and every last dessert disappeared!

If you're looking for beautifully crafted, crowd-pleasing desserts for your next celebration or special event, consider supporting Ms. Langley's business!



Emily Rose Shane
08/09/1996 - 04/03/2010

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE OR JOIN THE ESF TEAM? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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or visit us at any platform below

[ESF Website](#)



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- Taverna Tony
- Theatre West
- The Huntington
- Tieks
- TK Burgers
- Tony Z by the Sea
- Toy Crazy
- Trader Joe's
- USS Midway Museum
- Wheel Fun Rentals
- Will Geer Theatrical Botanicum
- Yar on the Lake
- Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach

A special thank you to Emily Schmidt -Goldstein for her significant efforts in making our auctions possible.

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and we sincerely apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions.