



MEDIA ADVISORY

STAR/PAL

(Sports Training, Academics, Recreation/Police Athletic League)

What: **SENIORS SET BAR HIGH FOR FAMILIES** - Graduation Celebration to honor local high school seniors for outstanding leadership and for being first in family to go to college, with scholarships

When: **Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Where: **Tubman-Chavez Multicultural Center
415 Euclid Avenue (corner of Euclid & Market) San Diego, CA 92114**

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15 high school seniors will be recognized for their outstanding leadership, service work, and academic accomplishments at the STAR/PAL Making Changes Graduation Celebration. Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, fourth district community representative Darnisha Hunter to Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer's office, and representatives from the Office of State Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez and Toastmasters International are among those presenting awards and addressing the graduates, who have all completed the Making Changes Program at STAR/PAL and will be attending 4-year universities in the fall. 10 of the 15 graduates are recipients of full scholarships to UCSD, and all 15 are the first in their family to go to college.

The Making Changes Program is a year-round leadership program that brings youth, law enforcement, and collaborative partners together for a civic engagement based curriculum, designed to empower inner-city youth to make positive life choices. By engaging teens in civic-service focused activities and by providing them with the tools to develop into young leaders, this program hopes to inspire them to take an active role in generating positive change in their own lives and in their communities.

Members of the media are invited to attend this event. Members of the STAR/PAL staff and various public safety agencies will be available for comment. Video opportunities include awards presentations, youth speakers, and celebration dinner hosted by Hometown Buffet.

Dinner Hosted By:



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