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From: leroy@larobotics.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 23:53
To: 'LARobotics Board'
Cc: 'Santos, Robert L'; 'Santos, Anna'
Subject: Re: John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thank you all. The **John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund** was unanimously approved by the Los Angeles Robotics Board of Directors today!

I created a **John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund** webpage that has been approved by John's brother and sister:

<https://larobotics.org/JSMScholarship.html>

You are all welcome to test it by donating. Please let me know if you notice any glitches or have any comments or suggestions.

It will take some time to properly integrate this new webpage into the rest of the larobotics.org website because I added a new **Scholarships** item to the top navigation bar. I recently had Brandon Marshall modernize the larobotics.org website to be responsive to the screen size, but now we must update dozens of webpages every time a navigation bar changes.

John's funeral is this Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Rose Hills Memorial Park - SkyRose Chapel, 3888 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier CA 90601. Perhaps I will see some of you there.

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From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Amanda Sullivan
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 20:17
To: Petito.Joseph@tusd.org
Cc: Kip Louttit klouttit@mxsocal.org; LeRoy@larobotics.org; LARobotics Board LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [External] Re: John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund

My apologies for the late reply. I agree with establishing a scholarship fund.

On Apr 17, 2022, at 7:42 PM, Petito.Joseph@tusd.org wrote:

I agree with establishing the scholarship fund.

Joe.

On Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 10:29 AM Kip Louttit <klouttit@mxsocial.org> wrote:
Good morning colleagues...

I concur. A sound and wise idea.

Yours in robotics, Kip

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2022, at 10:44 PM, leroy@larobotics.org wrote:

Thank you to the four board members who responded to my request. Three board members did not respond yet. I got busy working on tax returns and let this slide. Can we please hear from the remaining three board members?

Do you agree to establish a John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund?

Thank you,
LeRoy

From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Eileen Kahn
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 21:20
To: David Brinza dbrinza@team980.com
Cc: LeRoy LeRoy@larobotics.org; LARobotics Board LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund

I love this idea and am willing to work on this. John was a great man who inspired me as well as countless students.

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From: Terry Wells terbos@usa.net
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 21:10
To: David Brinza dbrinza@team980.com
Cc: LeRoy LeRoy@larobotics.org; LARobotics Board LARoboticsBoard@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund

I agree to establish a John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Terry Wells
Sent from vKeys

On Apr 1, 2022, at 4:39 PM, David Brinza <dbrinza@team980.com> wrote:

I concur with establishing the John Santos Memorial Fund.

From: laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Tarek Shraibati
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 14:51

To: LeRoy@larobotics.org
Cc: LARobotics Board laroboticsboard@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund

I agree and vote yes on all counts.

tarek

On Fri, Apr 1, 2022, 1:47 PM <leroy@larobotics.org> wrote:
Dear LA Robotics Board Members,

For those who have not heard the sad news yet, John Santos passed away last month shortly after hosting two VEX IQ State Championships at Augustus F Hawkins High School in South Los Angeles. Many of us met John Santos through his FRC Team 1644 Robo-Skunks. His MESA students created a webpage that lists his many achievements and recognitions: <https://www.hawkinsmesa.org/about-santos>.

In the correspondence below, John's brother and sister, who both also work at LAUSD, proposed setting up a scholarship fund in John's honor to which his many friends and colleagues could contribute in lieu of flowers, gifts, and cards. I offered to help with that. LA Robotics offered scholarships to high school students from 2005 to 2018. This memorial scholarship would be needs-based instead of merit-based, which is more consistent with our goal of inspiring students to pursue STEM careers. John's siblings would like to set up a scholarship fund as quickly as possible.

I propose that we use our existing donation channels to accept donations including PayPal Giving Fund, which does not charge any processing fees for credit card donations. I propose that we form a new scholarship committee with at least one board member and one or both of John's siblings to supervise the application process. I propose that we waive the 5% processing fee. The committee can sort out the scholarship application and selection process later. We need board approval to set up a memorial scholarship fund, which we can do by consensus at our annual Zoom meeting next month, by a Zoom meeting of the officers, or by unanimous email consent. Email is quickest, so I request that all Board members respond promptly to this email message.

Do you agree to establish a John Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund?

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From: Sipes, Craig <craig.sipes@lausd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 15:15
To: tarek@roboticseducation.org; leroy@larobotics.org; meredith_hale@roboticseducation.org; richwcraig@gmail.com
Subject: John Santos

Hi everyone,

The arrangements for John's service are not made, yet, but below are some emails from his brother and sister.

I will pass along any new information I receive.

Cheers,
Craig

Craig Sipes | STEAM Coordinator
(he/him/his)
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LD East Elementary Science Schoology Group Access Code: T3SD4-MDXXM
LD East Secondary Science Schoology Group Access Code: DFZ5B-6J7B3

From: Santos, Robert L <robert.santos@lausd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:28 PM
Subject: Re: Flyer for Noche de Ciencias

Hello all,

I am John's baby brother Bobby, that how he always introduced me to others. No matter how old I got, he always called me Bobby. I too followed the steps of my brother and sister and work at LAUSD.

It is amazing to see how loved he was by soooooo many people and how many people have reached out to us asking how they can help, especially former students from Garfield, Manual Arts and Hawkins. I can tell you that my sister and I did not know of all the work he did and what he meant for many students throughout the years.

We are meeting with the funeral home on Sunday April 3rd to make arrangements. My sister or I will send an email to this chain on the date and time of his services. My sister and I, as well as all of you know, my brother loved to have fun and party once you got to know him. He would not want flowers, gifts or any cards but would want something set up to help his students to continue their education after high school. We are trying to set up a foundation to get a scholarship set-up for students at Hawkins and Manual Arts that may need some financial assistance after they graduate. Just like my brother wanted to assure that all the grant money went his robotic projects, we to want to assure that the money goes to the students of the robotic community at Manual Arts and Hawkins. So, I ask that you give us time to find out how we can set this up and then have people donate to John's foundation.

Lastly, about the pictures, my sister and I would greatly appreciate any picture of my brother. We know we may get many but at least now we can see all the things he did in the community.

Thank you all,

Robert Santos aka Bobby

From: Hanson, Patricia <patricia.hanson@lausd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:46 AM
Subject: Re: Flyer for Noche de Ciencias

Mrs.Santos,

Thank you for sharing your brother with all of us, whenever he talked about you he smiled as a proud sibling does and you had helped us during some ordering emergencies we had, I appreciate you taking the time to send this email. I am so sad and in shock that he has passed. He and I had just been in communication a few weeks ago as he was going to start mentoring a new robotics teacher that I am currently working with. His last text to me said the following "You know me Trish, if I can do anything to help I will...yes count me in." I hear his voice saying this as I've heard him say it so many times before, he was always willing to help.

His impact will be felt in LAUSD and in the Robotics/Engineering/CTE world for generations. I grew so much by working with him at Hawkins and through all of the endeavors that he included me in. I will always have a smile on my face when I think of him; while my heart is sad, my spirit is inspired by his legacy.

Please keep us posted on services as I would definitely like to attend. Attached is one of many pictures I have of him in the zone with young people. I can send more pics if you'd like them.

Much love to your family in this time,
Trish

Patricia K. Hanson

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From: Sipes, Craig <craig.sipes@lausd.net>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 9:09 PM

Subject: Re: Flyer for Noche de Ciencias

Hi Anna and all other on this email,

Anna, thank you for letting us know about this sad news. John was a STEM education giant in LAUSD, especially for his students in South LA. John worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for his students in the Hawkins HS community and his prior school community, Manual Arts HS. I have had the honor of working with John for 20 years and there was no one more dedicated to his students and the community. I send you and your family love, as well as to the Hawkins and LAUSD school communities. May he rest In peace.

Condolences,
Craig

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From: Santos, Anna <anna.santos@lausd.net>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:49 PM

Subject: Re: Flyer for Noche de Ciencias

It is with great sadness that I am sending this, but my brother John Santos has passed away. His passion and dedication to teaching made him a unique individual. We will miss him terribly, but knowing that he made a difference in so many lives, give us some peace and comfort

Tomorrow would have been his birthday, and I would wake up early to send him a birthday text and tell him how much I loved him.

Please remember him always, and let his passion for education continue forward

Sincerely

Anna Santos

From: Santos, John <jps87051@lausd.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:03:28 PM

Subject: Flyer for Noche de Ciencias

Flyer for Friday's Noche de Ciencias

Hi All,

For the last 15 years we have partnered with USC to host Noche de Ciencias.

(We are the only school that has this event in South Central LA)

The purpose is to promote STEM education and careers to high school students and their parents.

It will occur this Friday in the Hawkins MPR, from 5:00pm-8:00pm

There are bilingual presentations for the parents and hands-on activities for the students.

In partnership with SHPE-USC and SHPE-LA, parents are informed of what it takes to prepare for college and then a career in STEM by college students and professionals. There will be refreshments and Subway.

J Santos

CTE Teacher- Math Engineering & Science Adviser, SHPE jr. Adviser, Robotics Coach