



Fourth District Honorees

Mone't Carter, Alison Colacchio, Andrea Prillwitz

Project Light The Way

Mone't Carter, Alison Colacchio and Andrea Prillwitz, 8th grade honor students at Richard L. Graves Middle School in South Whittier, are co-participants of the development of "Project Light The Way" which designed a new safer crosswalk at one of the more dangerous intersections in their community.

Mone't Carter is known for her enthusiasm, tenacity and determination and has been repeatedly awarded Student of the Month for her commitment to academic achievement as well as natural leadership abilities. She continues to demonstrate leadership, serving as Graves' ASB President and has a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Ms. Carter also participated in the design of the new \$270,000 crosswalk as part of the "Junior Engineers" program.

Alison Colacchio is known for her critical thinking skills, attention to detail, compassion and empathy for others. She has received recognition for academic excellence at her local Science Fair and Spelling Bee contests and volunteers as a tutor to third and fourth graders while maintaining her GPA of 4.0. Ms. Colacchio was part of the student leader team who petitioned Supervisor Janice Hahn in a persuasive speech at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

Andrea Prillwitz is known for her attention to detail, strong work ethic and passion for sports. In addition to having a 4.0 GPA, Ms. Prillwitz has played on the Graves football, soccer, basketball, track and field teams. She was not only part of the student leader team who testified to the dangerous conditions at the community crosswalk, she also participated in the design of the new, \$270,000 crosswalk as part of the "Junior Engineers" program.