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### **JBBBSLA’s Scholarship Awards Event Honors Outstanding Students**

*Event presented over \$300,000 in scholarships to 53 students at Camp Bob Waldorf*

**LOS ANGELES, CA** (June 24, 2024) – Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles (JBBBSLA) hosted its annual Scholarship Awards Event on Sunday, June 23rd at Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale. The event welcomed over 100 guests to honor the 53 deserving students who received over \$300,000 in scholarships through JBBBSLA’s three distinguished scholarship programs: the JBBBSLA, Arnold S. Nelson, and Rising Leaders Scholarships. This year’s event also paid tribute to the late Arnold S. Nelson, who served on the JBBBSLA board for 46 years with a steadfast commitment to creating a better future for children.

Since 1990, JBBBSLA has awarded over 620 students with over \$4.2 million in scholarships to pursue higher education. This year marks the first time all scholarships were awarded at a single event while highlighting the organization’s commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of its mentees and campers.

The JBBBSLA Scholarship is a core initiative, providing financial assistance to motivated and accomplished mentees pursuing post-secondary education. The Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship supports Camp Bob Waldorf campers who completed the Witherbee Wilderness Backpacking trip, and the Rising Leaders Scholarship benefits campers who attended Camp Bob Waldorf for three summer sessions and served as Leaders in Training. The event featured speeches from several scholarship recipients.

“Receiving this scholarship is an honor,” said a JBBBSLA Scholar who is a former Little Sister in the Youth Mentoring program. “It will relieve a lot of mental and financial stress from paying for college. I can now confidently enter my college journey knowing JBBBSLA is supporting me and all my future endeavors. After college, I plan to work with nonprofits and would love to become a Big so I can give back to the organization that has given so much to me.”

JBBBSLA board member Mark Kuperstock paid tribute to Arnold S. Nelson, who passed away on June 19 at the age of 96. The Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship program started nearly 30 years ago to help campers succeed in college and life by providing financial assistance.

“Arnie wanted each and every one of you to know there are people in the world who really care about you, who really want the best for you, and look to each of you to make the world a better place,” Kuperstock said. “As Arnie once said on this platform addressing a previous group of scholarship recipients: ‘We’ve got your back!’ I charge you to do exactly what Arnold Nelson did across his nine-plus decades of his life: leave this world just a little bit better than the world you came into.”

JBBBSLA thanks all who made these scholarships possible, including its donors, board members, Scholarship Committee members, and partners at Jewish Federation Los Angeles.

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**About Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles**

Founded in 1915, Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles (JBBBSLA) assists youth in achieving their full potential through innovative, impactful programs: Youth Mentoring, Camp Bob Waldorf, and College Access + Success. Each year, JBBBSLA serves more than 1,200 youth from a variety of backgrounds, races, religions and socio-economic statuses. For more information about the organization, to donate, or to find out how to get involved, visit: [www.jbbbsla.org](http://www.jbbbsla.org).

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