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Charles E. Young Humanitarian Awards Take Place on Instagram Due to COVID-19

Westwood, Calif. – June 1, 2020 – The Office of Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement (SOLE) took to Instagram to acknowledge the 2020 Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award winners. The event – which has taken place annually since 1986 and honors outstanding contributions to public service – would normally be held on campus but had to adapt to a virtual format due to COVID-19.

The 2020 Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award winners, announced on May 27, are as follows:

- **Daniel Fernandez**, whose service project, **Companion Care**, serves as a model for community initiative by displaying how the accompaniment model strengthens both healthcare and social work settings.
- **Latrice White**, whose service project, **The Afrikan Education Project**, addresses disparate conditions that affect Afrikan people socially, educationally and economically by providing culturally relevant, historically accurate education materials.
- **Samantha Zimmer**, whose service project, **Special Olympics at UCLA**, encourages more Bruin involvement and fostering stronger relationships between volunteers and competitors.

Fernandez, White and Zimmer each received \$1,000 to their respective service projects, in addition to being featured on the @BruinLeaders Instagram page.

UCLA Student Union Director Roy Champawat served as a judge for the 2020 awards, reviewing dozens of proposals that students submitted for consideration.

“Supporting student causes and student work is vitally important to ASUCLA, and I am humbled to have been a part of this year’s Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award process,” said Champawat. “It is incredible to see the lengths to which UCLA students are going to make their communities stronger and overall, to create positive change.”

In May, SOLE began featuring all Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award applicants in Stories on the @BruinLeaders Instagram page. From May 18-22, award finalists and their projects were



highlighted, in tandem with a daily gift-card giveaway. Aside from the three winners, seven finalists were awarded \$100 to be designated to a service project of their choice.

In 1986, a committee of students, faculty, and staff sought to recognize the value of community service during the collegiate experience, and through their efforts, created The Chancellor's Humanitarian Award. In 1997, the award was renamed the Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award, which coincided with Dr. Young's last year as Chancellor. To acknowledge his continued contributions in community service, the award has borne his name ever since.

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