

LQHS Student Shares Good Citizenship Thoughts

Students at La Quinta High School recently participated in the Good Citizen Essay Contest sponsored by the Cahuilla Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Students at LQHS are nominated by staff. The senior class then voted on which student should receive the award. The winner then writes a 500 word essay. This year's chosen student was Bibiana Jacobo. The essay is written with no notes and no materials. The student sits at a desk in the counseling office and writes her thoughts. Bibiana agreed to share her essay with the community. (Note: Bibiana's enthusiasm for the subject resulted in some typos and spelling errors. Please disregard them knowing that additional time to work on the piece would have resulted in a more polished but perhaps not as passionate an article.)

Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It

“How do the qualities of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership and patriotism) help support our nation?”

The qualities of a good citizen help support our nation in many ways. Being a good citizen can help us be referenced to other people and or jobs. Patriotism helps being a good citizen because you are showing your state pride and being a part of it. People see that and want to work with you, work for you, or even want you to work for them. And you do not expect things back from doing services to people because that's being kind and the right thing to do. You can even help others to become a good citizen and it just helps the community out in filling it with good people. And one day all the hard work and kindness that you have given to the community will all come back eventually. A great example of this is my dad. He is really great at his job, he does concrete and flooring. He is very kind with people and always likes to help. And that is how he truly is, he's not putting on this fake character to attend to his customers, he is really a kind guy who is willing to help, and when people see that, they want to be around you and be like you. Family/friends see my dad's work and how well of a job he is doing and they want him to work for them. Seeing how my dad is and how he puts in the hard work which pays off inspires me more to help people with expecting nothing in return. And his good services, and great leadership help him succeed. When negativity rolls around he tries his best to ignore it and brush it off and goes on with his day. If more people don't pay attention to the negativity they can maintain their good citizenship and make the nation a better place.

Being a good citizen gets you to so many places. When people see or heck even yourself see that being a good citizen with dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism can make you feel good about yourself and makes you want to continue in that path. Negativity can roll around and make you feel bad or worse but, personally, always staying positive and looking on the bright side can help you stay a good citizen. Good citizenship can help support the community in a better, safer, and more positive environment. When more people are able to help out in the services you do they become grateful and maybe your attitude can reflect off of them and it can

potentially cause a domino effect worldwide. Services can be as little as helping the neighbor out with groceries or doing a favor for a friend when they are in need or serious help, having sympathy is a factor of services as well because you are choosing to do it. When people have good leadership they are able to direct things because they are so good at it, it benefits the community such as a good Mayor, If he thrives the state thrives as well. With good leadership he could lead the city into good things. Depending on anyone is a huge responsibility because you are letting the person know that you are trusting them with all your heart which is good citizenship.