

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Aria Capelli 2023 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Good Samaritan.

Resolution No. 2023/117

WHEREAS, every March, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hosts a celebration in honor of César E. Chávez in recognition of his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Hope and Healing, Esperanza y Bienestar; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to share stories of local students who are working hard to move us forward and improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, we recognize these students with the Youth Hall of Fame Awards, during the celebration, for their contributions to our community and in the spirit of one of our country's most treasured activists: César E. Chávez; and

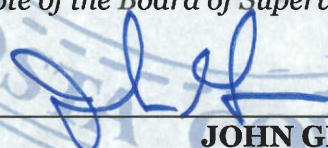
WHEREAS, Aria is co-founder of a non-profit called Meaningful Teens which connects teens with volunteer opportunities where they can make a real difference. Meaningful Teens offers a literacy and math platform Aria created which has been a wonderment in this time of Covid-19. Her compassion to help the underserved and to lead a group of young people from diverse backgrounds to reach a common goal has been remarkable; and

WHEREAS, fueled by a passion to meet the needs of others, Aria saw opportunities in the distant learning modality. Even as others viewed its limitations, she recognized the hardships and life challenges that low-income families and immigrants face, being open-minded, she brought her vision of bringing literacy and math instruction, over a Zoom one-to-one platform, to reality by tutoring underserved students in low-income housing, immigrants, and refugee communities. To ensure the quality of the lessons, she recruited credentialed teachers to roam the breakout rooms, while Aria aided anyone in need of help, thus providing on-the-spot solutions to problems; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, Meaningful Teens has grown from a small project with four friends to a huge success with over 1,900 high school and college volunteer tutors, from around the United States, with almost 1,500 student-learners worldwide. As Meaningful Teens continues to expand and grow, Aria keeps the students, and their needs, at the forefront; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize Aria Capelli as the 2023 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Good Samaritan, and for exemplifying the values of service, integrity, kindness, activism, and leadership that César Chávez embodied, through his life.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 4th day of April 2023.



JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor



CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

Absent

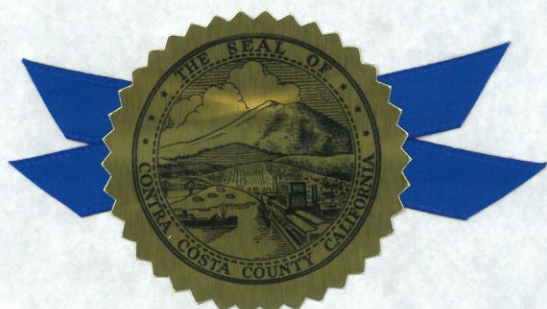


DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

Absent

KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 4, 2023

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy