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## La Palma Congratulates Local Boy Scouts on Eagle Scout Rank

LA PALMA, Calif. – Mayor Michele Steggell and the City of La Palma congratulated Marc Babcock, John Kim Jr., Skylar Koska and Rahul Nair for receiving the rank of Eagle Scout. All four boys are members of Troop 650, based in La Palma.

Marc Babcock has been awarded 35 merit badges that include Search and Rescue, Space Exploration, Rifle Shooting, Fishing, and more. In addition to Boy Scouts, Marc has been an active member of his High School's Basketball and Football Team. Marc's Eagle Scout project entailed building a brick octagon foundation for the Gazebo at Christ Community Church. Marc will graduate from Western High School this year and plans on attending the University of Edinburg, Scotland to pursue his degree in Business.



John Kim Jr. has been awarded 38 merit badges including First Aid, Lifesaving, Archery, Citizenship in the Community and more. John has served Troop 650 as a Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. John's Eagle Scout project was creating a skateboard rack for John F. Kennedy High school. John recognized that many students use their skateboards as a means of transportation but had no place to store them while in class. John will graduate from John F. Kennedy High School this year and plans on attending Cal State University, Long Beach where he will pursue his degree in either the medical, teaching, or legal field.

Skylar Koska has been awarded 35 merit badges including Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, Citizenship in the Nation, Fly Fishing and more. Skylar's Eagle Scout Project was creating and building four Cookie Boxes for a Girl Scout Troop in Cypress which are being used as portable storage. In addition to Boy Scouts Skylar was a valued member of the John F. Kennedy High School Shamrock Regiment Marching Band. Skylar will graduate from John F. Kennedy High School this year and plans on attending Cypress College to pursue an education to become a computer program designer.

Rahul Nair has been awarded 29 merit badges including Traffic Safety, American Heritage, Kayaking, Climbing and more. Rahul's Eagle Scout project was reconditioning and repainting the relocated Gazebo at the Christ Community Church and creating a new sand pathway from the Gazebo. In addition to Boy Scouts, Rahul has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and participated in Parliamentary Public Form debate. Rahul will be graduating from Oxford Academy this year and plans on attending the University of California, Berkeley to pursue a Business or Computer Science Degree.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is not an easy achievement. It requires years of dedication to the Boys Scouts during which they work towards earning merit badges, live by the Scout Oath which includes helping other people at all times and serve in a leadership capacity in their Troops. It is the Candidates job to locate a project that is desired by a local organization. It must be at least a full day of work and the Eagle Scout Candidate must obtain the equipment and other personnel to assist in completing the project.

***About the City of La Palma***

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2015, 2013, 2011, and 2007 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and approximately 300 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 55 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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