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Los Amigos Honored by OC Human Relations Commission

The school's Human Relations club was recognized for its programs designed to promote unity and tolerance among students.



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The Los Amigos Human Relations campus organization of Los Amigos High School was a recipient of the Distinguished School Award given by the Orange County Human Relations Commission for its “Educate to Empower” campaign.

This three-year campaign promotes the idea that education should be empowering, that students are teachers and can educate others, and that learning our cultural history is empowering. The premise being that empowered students will achieve more than disempowered students. The campus organization also collaborates with different clubs and community groups to educate teachers, students, and parents to promote the goal of college access for all students, including the undocumented.

Students have focused their projects on issues that are important to youth including healthy teen relationships, Cesar Chavez day and college access for undocumented students. As a result of an incident last year, Human Relations and administration have also worked together to create a new Halloween policy that ensures that Halloween is a fun day on campus, free from offensive and disrespectful costumes.

The most outstanding schools, community members and community-policing projects from across Orange County were honored at the Human Relations Awards Gala Celebration held earlier this month at the City National Grove of Anaheim. The Distinguished School Awards portion of the program recognizes exceptional contributions to promoting, nurturing, protecting and cultivating a campus that is safe, welcoming and equitable.