

Champion for Youth Breakfast May 2, 2018

See write-ups about the Champions as told by Kevin Forestieri of the Mountain View Voice at this link <https://www.mv-voice.com/news/2018/05/02/champions-of-youth-honored-at-challenge-team-breakfast>

Champion for Youth 2018: Rodshetta Smith, Officer MVPD



Youth Champion 2018: Nadia Ghaffari



Keynote speaker: Alejandro Vilchez



Alejandro is a seasoned and recognized leader in the field of violence/gang prevention. He is a highly sought facilitator, trainer and public speaker with the ability to capture audiences in a fun yet focused manner in both English and Spanish. His areas of concentration are conflict resolution, youth development and non-profit organizational management. In 2004 he developed the Strengthening Neighborhoods Program that is now a model for law enforcement and neighborhoods working together to reduce street violence. He has served in multiple roles as a direct service provider, community liaison, grant writer, senior director and school administrator. Today he serves as an independent consultant to schools, local governments and non-profit organizations seeking support in the areas of safe school climate, team building, positive youth coaching and community engagement. He is a lecturer for Center for Leadership Learning at UC Davis, a certified trainer of Restorative Practices and author of "Off 2 Play", a workshop dedicated to icebreakers and activities. Alejandro is native to the San Francisco Bay Area and earned two Bachelor Degrees from Bethany University (Cross-Cultural Communications) and Notre Dame de Namur University (Human Services). He loves baseball, classic Chevy's and reading all things C.S. Lewis.