



*Outstanding Young Woman*  
**Vanessa Astorga**

A senior at Turlock High School, Vanessa very successfully juggles AP and college level classes, sports (four years of tennis), work, and a myriad of community volunteer activities. She is a three year member of Key Club, FFA and Leadership Club. Last year she earned a Shaw Academy Digital Marketing Degree. She has also earned the State Seal in Multilingual Proficiency in Spanish and English.

Vanessa was a volunteer intern at Jeff Denham’s Campaign office this past fall. Over the last three years she has spent about 150 hours volunteering at a variety of community events that raise money for cancer research. She was involved with the Turlock Dancing with the Stars, Dinner at Dusk, Relay for Life Luminaria, and Brunch with Divas at Carnegie Arts Center. Her community work also encompasses working at the Policeman’s Ball, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, volunteering for the Kayla Bernardi Bee Happy Foundation fundraiser, community beautification projects as part of Love Turlock and putting together care packages for various organizations.

In the words of her nominator: “Strong, smart young women like Vanessa, are the foundation for strong, smart women in positions of power”