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MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Mayor Larry Klein presented the special Mayor's Awards of Excellence at the State of the City celebration on Sept. 21. By tradition, these award winners are not revealed until the ceremony. The 2024 recipients are:

- **Janet Camp, Award of Excellence (Individual)** – A Sunnyvale resident since 1962, Janet was a beloved teacher in Sunnyvale middle schools for more than 35 years and devoted volunteer for more than 40 years. She founded two local charitable organizations – FISH and Our Daily Bread – that support those in need. She also served in numerous volunteer roles for the Sunnyvale Historical Society, including multiple terms as president. And she was instrumental in raising the funds to build Sunnyvale's Heritage Park Museum. "Few can match Janet's heart, her drive, her constant smile and her passion for our city," said Mayor Klein.
- **Sunnyvale Rotary Club, Award of Excellence (Group)** – The dedicated volunteers with the Sunnyvale Rotary Club have been making a difference in our community since 1926. Their numerous projects support education, feeding families in need, improving the environment, and supporting our local nonprofits. A central focus is literacy. They have donated countless books to elementary and middle schools, and visit classrooms to read books to school children. They also sponsor several popular events that raise funds to support their activities, including the annual crab feed, Dinner at the Dump, and golf tournaments. "Sunnyvale Rotary has made a positive impact in our community for almost 100 years and we're grateful for their unwavering commitment to Sunnyvale," said Mayor Klein.

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The City also recognized seven Community Award winners at the event. This year's awardees are:

- Contribution to the Arts – Nitya Narasimhan (founder and artistic director of Prayukti Arts)
- High School Student of the Year – Rohan Mittal (Saint Francis High School)
- Businessperson/Business of the Year – Leigh Odum (Leigh's Favorite Books/Bookasaurus)
- Educator of the Year – Aisha Lomando (Fremont High School)
- Environmental Achievement – Community for Natural Play Surfaces
- Volunteer of the Year – Cortney Jansen (Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association)
- Distinguished Resident – Mark Kato (Sunnyvale Sister City Association)

The City accepts award nominations from the community year-round through an online form. A panel of former Community Award recipients and current board and commission members selects the winners each year. Visit *Sunnyvale.ca.gov* for [Community Award information](#), including prior year winners.

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