

City of Rolling Hills Estates and Senator Ted Lieu

Honor PressFriends Volunteers

Senator Ted Lieu addressed a packed room at the Norris Pavilion on January 10th at the City of Rolling Hills Estates' Volunteer Appreciation Event for PressFriends, as the event's keynote speaker, after an introduction by City of Rolling Hills Estates City Councilman Steve Zuckerman. Senator Lieu presented a State of California commendation to Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Principal Mitzi Cress, who received PressFriends' highest recognition award - the Spirit of PressFriends award. He also presented commendations to PressFriends' Middle School Volunteer of the Year, Nicholas Jung, High School Volunteer of the Year, Matthew Miyamoto, Program Partner of the Year, Abraham Hernandez, and Parent Volunteer of the Year, Lauren Trainotti, and to students Mary Dawson, Tessa Southwell, and Diamond Naga Siu in recognition of their Youth Service America, Soroptimist International, and English National Honor Society awards, respectively. PressFriends is an all-volunteer, student-run organization that has over 300 student volunteers from the Peninsula, Manhattan Beach, and San Pedro.

1. PressFriends' President's Volunteer Service Award Recipients with Senator Ted Lieu and City of Rolling Hills Estates City Councilman Steve Zuckerman

2. PressFriends founding student board members Taylor Wirtz, Luke Southwell, Tessa Southwell, and Tyler Barnett

3. PressFriends outgoing board chair Carl Southwell and incoming board chair Antonio Camacho.

4. PressFriends' board members Gail Tierney, retired Arts & Education Deputy for LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, and Robin Lundgren, VP for Bank of the West

5. Michael Shafer, owner of the Depot restaurant, Nancy Shafer, PressFriends board member, and Noah Shafer

