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Poway Unified 2019-20 Student Board Member Selected:
Mariana Akins, Rancho Bernardo High School

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The Poway Unified School District is proud to announce the appointment of Rancho Bernardo High School junior Mariana Akins as the 2019-20 Student Board Member.

On May, 2, 2019, 11 student candidates from high schools across PUSD were interviewed by a Board sub-committee, consisting of the Superintendent, two Board Members, and the current Student Board Member. The sub-committee recommended Mariana as their final selection.

“Mariana impressed the committee with her passion for bringing No Place for Hate to her school and speaking up for those without a voice. Her application was quite impressive, and she will represent students well,” said Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim Phelps. Mariana served as a delegate to the Anti-Defamation League’s national youth leadership mission in Washington D.C. She is also an avid soccer player, serving as captain of her San Diego Surf Soccer Club team.

Mariana’s term of office will be her senior year, starting with the August 2019 board meeting and concluding with the June 2020 meeting. Her duties will include providing continuing input for Board deliberations (excluding discipline, personnel, and employer-employee relations), strengthening communications between the Board and students, and representing all students and facilitating the discussion of all sides of an issue.

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