

## Students in My Congressional District

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I believe in the importance of giving back to our community, which is why I invite the members of my Student Advisory Council to join me at Sacred Heart Community Services in San Jose for their annual toy giveaway. On December 23, I will join these students from throughout my district at Sacred Heart to help low-income parents and families pick out donated toys and other holiday gifts for their children. I hope that by participating in this event, the students will be inspired to continue serving our community, and we will all get a chance to make the holidays brighter for many families throughout the South Bay.

There are other opportunities for young people through my office as well:

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### [Internship Opportunities](#)

I offer internships in my Washington and Campbell offices to students who are interested in learning more about the federal government.

### [An Artistic Discovery](#)

An Artistic Discovery is the annual art contest conducted by Members of Congress for high school students across the country. Pictures from the 2009 contest are now available.

### [U.S. Service Academy Nominations](#)

High school students in the 15th District may request a nomination to a service academy.

### [Page Service](#)

The Constituent Page Program allows high school students to participate in the U.S. House of Representatives. Members of Congress are able to nominate students on a rotating basis, so

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