

## Young author debuts Christmas Book, inspiring healing and new holiday traditions for years to come

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- At just nine years old, Eliana Grace has crafted a heartwarming Christmas story that embodies the true spirit of giving and compassion—a tale destined to become a cherished Christmas story tradition for families everywhere. Her debut children's book, *My Christmas Blanket*, tells the story of Eli-Ana, a young girl who lives in a barn with her animals and her loyal dog, Bingo.

On the first Christmas Eve, Eli-Ana encounters Mary and Joseph as they search for shelter in the snow. What unfolds is a beautiful act of kindness when Eli-Ana offers the first "Christmas blanket" to the newborn Jesus, creating the story that captures the spirit of the season. This touching story is one that parents and grandparents will want to share year after year, setting the perfect tone of generosity and love for the Christmas



*My Christmas Blanket*, by Eliana Grace season.

In collaboration with Eliana Grace and her heartwarming new book, *My Christmas Blanket*, Minky Couture has designed a special blanket that brings the story's warmth and love to life. This unique partnership invites families to create a cherished tradition—snuggling up together while sharing a Christmas story. - SurgePR/ EINPresswire.com

## MESSAGE FROM DR. RAQUEL RAMSEY

### HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

I am sending you the front and back covers of my book, *REFLECTIONS* which is a collection of my writings through the years like a memoir which arrived yesterday from Cy Hundley.

Love and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
Raqui



## CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. As the name implies, the theme of the holiday generally revolves around giving thanks with the centerpiece of most celebrations being a Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner often consists of foods associated with New England harvest celebrations: turkey, potatoes (usually mashed and sweet), squash, corn (maize), green beans, cranberries (typically as cranberry sauce), and pumpkin pie, but has expanded over the years to include specialties from other regions of the United States, such as pecan pie (the American South) and wild rice stuffing (the Great Lakes region) as well as international and ethnic dishes. - Wikipedia



*Thanksgiving at Plymouth*, oil on canvas by Jennie Augusta Brownscomb, 1925 National Museum of Women in the Arts.

## U.S. Embassy announces the selection of Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLA) fellows for 2025

BRASILIA -- The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Brazil are pleased to announce the names of the 20 young Brazilians entrepreneurs and business leaders selected to participate in the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative Program (YLA) 2025. This initiative, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, will take place from May 12 to June 18.

In Brazil, the YLA fellows will join an online course on Entrepreneurial Leadership. In May, they will travel to the United States, where they will receive mentorship and collaborate with U.S. organizations where they will be placed for four weeks. They will also have the opportunity to interact with mentors and other fellows to discuss relevant topics in entrepreneurship.

YLA is a collaborative and enriching experience that combines technical entrepreneurship training with leadership development and networking opportunities.

## Comelec commissioners discuss 2025 internet voting for overseas voters

The Philippine Embassy in Washington DC held a town hall meeting on 6 November 2024 featuring three (3) visiting officials from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to raise awareness about the 2025 Philippine National and Local Elections.

COMELEC Commissioners Socorro Inting, Marlon Casquejo, and Nelson Celis are in Washington DC to observe the 2024 U.S. Presidential elections.

During the town hall, the Commissioners highlighted the preparations being undertaken by the COMELEC for the midterm elections next year.

Commissioner Casquejo, in charge of overseas voting, shared that registered overseas voters in 76 Philippine Embassies and Consulates, equivalent to around 1 million Filipinos, will be using the new mode of internet voting for the 2025 elections.

"For the first time, overseas Filipino voters in select countries will be able to cast their vote for their senators and party-list representatives from their mobile devices next year," said Commissioner Casquejo. "We are confident that internet voting will result in more overseas Filipinos turning out to vote."

## TORINO & BRAGA WIN EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION AWARDS



The European Capital of Innovation Awards have been recognizing cities that lead the way in delivering innovative solutions for their citizens for a decade. This year's top prizes were awarded to Italy's Torino and Portugal's Braga.

## SugarMD partners with Doctors Without Borders to Support Global Humanitarian Aid

MIAMI, FL -- SugarMD, a trusted brand in health management products, is proud to announce a meaningful collaboration with Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), an independent medical humanitarian organization dedicated to providing emergency medical aid to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, and exclusion from healthcare around the world.

Through this partnership, SugarMD is committed to giving back to communities in need, with a portion of every purchase going directly to support the vital work of Doctors Without Borders.

This partnership reflects SugarMD's dedication to global health and aligns with its mission of making a positive



impact on the lives of those affected by diabetes and related health conditions. By supporting Doctors Without Borders, SugarMD helps extend essential medical aid to the most vulnerable populations, especially children suffering from the impact of disease and displacement due to crises. - SugarMD/ EZ Newswire

## The Peace Corps launches Circle of Service to create lasting pathways for public service and global impact

WASHINGTON — The Peace Corps officially launched "Circle of Service," a new initiative designed to formally partner with service organizations and create lasting pathways for individuals committed to public service. Through this initiative, the Peace Corps aims to foster a lifelong culture of giving back by connecting volunteers with meaningful opportunities to serve both domestically and globally.

To launch the initiative, the Peace Corps partnered with four service organizations: City Year, Public Allies, Teach For America and Tilting Futures, all of which share the agency's commitment to service, intercultural competence and community development. Through the Circle of Service, the Peace Corps and its strategic partners will build a community for motivated changemakers to seamlessly transition between service roles throughout their lives, expanding their global impact and strengthening the future of public service.

## Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy engineering students shine in International Space Academy Program

### FSHA is Challenging and Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA-- Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy (FSHA) proudly celebrates the achievements of 11 juniors and seniors who participated in the International Space Academy program, co-sponsored by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and La Cañada Sister Cities. This prestigious program challenges students to innovate and collaborate in teams, designing payload launchers and working with peers from sister schools in Spain.

Three FSHA teams—AstroVia, Cosmos Corp, and Satellite Y—excelled at the final launch event, impressing judges with their technical expertise, creativity, and teamwork. Additionally, five prior-year participants returned to the program as mentors, guiding this year's students through the intensive 10-week experience.

In addition to engineering and launch design, each team managed a mock company with stocks and social media presence, gaining real-world business experience. The program culminated in a graduation event where Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy students presented their projects and received accolades for their outstanding work. The Inter-



FSHA has 11 juniors and seniors accepted into the Space Academy program

national Space Academy program is rooted in the Sister Cities partnership, enabling our students to collaborate with peers from Spain. This global connection enriches the learning experience, combining STEM innovation with cross-cultural teamwork. - EIN-Presswire.com

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*  
Galatians 5:22-23