ing forward to bringing excitement in learning to children in her own classroom.

Genieva Ozuna

Genieva is a senior at Point Loma Nazarene University. She is working on her teaching credential as well as a Masters Degree in Education; she is concentrating on child psychology. She has received honors on the Dean's List, Provost's Award, and Psi Chi Award. She has been on a research team in her field, and she made a presentation at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference with the team's findings.

In her family, Genieva is a first generation college student. She is active in athletics (running track and cross-country). She is the secretary of the Psi Chi Honors Organization, and she maintains high academic achievements. She has worked at a local elementary school and has been a summer camp counselor. She is also a Sunday School teacher. Genieva is eager to interact with her own students and be a positive influence in structuring children's lives.

Scott Tsuda

Scott is a graduate student at the University of California-San Diego. He is an Education/Biology major with interest in teaching science in a secondary level school. He was a 2009 Noyce Scholarship recipient and a National Athletic Association Division II Academic All American recipient. He has also received athletic accolades. He has participated in the Reality Changer's Volunteer Tutor program. He volunteers as a track and field coach and is a residential advisor for UCSD Extension Academic Connections.

Scott has spent numerous volunteer hours working with high school students; he has planned events and interacted as a mentor and an advocate to enhance the students’ abilities and self-esteem. He is dedicated to instilling interest in science in high school students from low socio-economic income families. He wants to be that biology teacher who will make a difference in students’ desire for learning the sciences.

Please join us at the May 11 luncheon to congratulate these inspiring future teachers.

Teacher Grants

Judy Ascher Parry

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