



WESTERN JUSTICE CENTER

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# Empower

ANNUAL GALA



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**Thursday, October 1, 2026**

Doors Open 6 p.m.

**Jonathan Club**

545 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90071

## ABOUT US

For nearly 40 years, the **Western Justice Center (WJC)** has been a leader in conflict resolution education and restorative justice practices, partnering with schools and communities across the Greater Los Angeles Area.

WJC partners with K-12 schools and districts to implement restorative practices as trauma-informed alternatives to punitive discipline, supporting systemic and sustainable change for lasting impact.

Our programs help the highest-need students lead positive change in their schools and communities—proving that with the right tools, every student can thrive.



## OUR IMPACT

When students are equipped with the skills to resolve conflict peacefully, to listen with empathy, and to lead their communities, they don't just feel safer at school. **They learn more.**

**They show up more. They become more.**

At Western Justice Center, we empower youth, educators, and communities with conflict resolution skills that foster safe, inclusive schools and long-term success.

Conflict resolution is a vital life skill—supporting personal growth, workplace readiness, civic engagement, and community leadership.

Today, WJC leads the largest Restorative Education initiative in LA County, with staff supporting **more than 40 schools** across multiple districts.



### ↑ Grades went up

High school A–C grades rose 9% in two years from 71.5% to 79.5%. Middle school rates climbed 5.6%.



### ★ Students showed up

Chronic absenteeism dropped 6.2% in a single year, and attendance improved an average 12%.



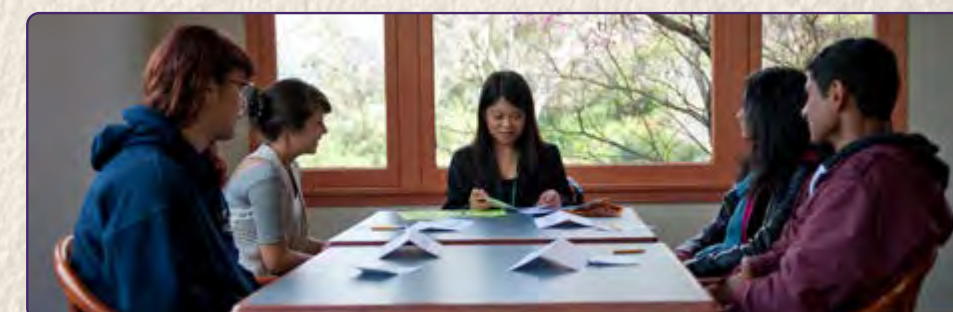
### ♥ Belonging grew

Elementary belonging scores rose 5% overall, with five of seven schools posting gains of 6–11%.



### ✓ Conflict resolved

90% of middle school peer mediations were resolved without further conflict, aggression, or suspension.



### ▲ English learner gains

Community circles alongside English language programs achieved California's highest state ratings.



### 😊 Teachers love it

98.8% of educators who completed WJC's professional development said they would recommend it.

*Based on independent research by Cal Poly Pomona*

## AT A GLANCE

We are building a community of young peacebuilders and the adults who support them.

Since 2022



4,549

Students, educators and volunteers trained in conflict resolution and restorative practices



38,000+

Young people learning in schools where conflict resolution tools are in use

In the 2025-2026 School Year



664+

Students trained as peer mediators



4,047

Students supported through restorative circles



718

Educators engaged in restorative justice practices



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## ABOUT THE EVENT

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**Empower** is not just an event; it's a movement we are building together celebrating resilience, student voice, and community empowerment. Together, we're creating campuses where every student belongs, conflicts are met with compassion, and equity flourishes.

Join us to support students and educators building a more just future. Your presence helps bring conflict resolution education to more young people across Los Angeles — empowering the next generation to lead with empathy and courage.



## MEET OUR HONOREES

Champion of Justice Award

**Patricia L. Glaser**

Partner and Chair, *Litigation Department at Glaser Weil*

**Patricia Glaser**, head of Glaser Weil's Litigation Department, is a nationally recognized trial attorney whose distinguished career embodies the values of Western Justice Center.

Consistently ranked as one of California's top business trial attorneys, she is renowned for her expertise in business, entertainment, and civil rights law. Beyond her legal accomplishments, Ms. Glaser's commitment to service shines through her leadership roles on nonprofit and arts boards, and her support for advancing the next generation of leaders.

Her dedication to justice, equity, and community empowerment mirrors Western Justice Center's mission to inspire positive change through education, advocacy, and collaborative problem-solving.



# MEET OUR HONOREES

Dorothy W. Nelson Peacemakers Award

**Alan Ramirez**

Youth Leader, Azusa Unified School District

**Alan Ramirez** is a dedicated student leader at Azusa High School and serves as President of the Azusa High School Student Union, an organization committed to advocating for student rights and elevating diverse student voices.

In alignment with Western Justice Center's mission to empower the next generation of changemakers, Alan's leadership has fostered inclusive spaces for students to share their experiences, collaborate with school leaders, and drive positive change in their community. His involvement with the ACLU Youth Liberty Squad further demonstrates his commitment to advocacy, justice, and civic engagement. Alan is especially passionate about education, health equity, and advancing opportunities for underrepresented communities.



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# TICKETS

Buy Tickets

Come celebrate bold youth leaders and the power of restorative justice in our schools. Together, we'll envision campuses where every student belongs, conflicts are met with compassion, and equity flourishes.



## Standard Ticket

**\$375**

Standard tickets are open to all for purchase.



## Educator Ticket

**\$160**

Educator tickets are specifically available for anyone who is an employee of partner districts **Azusa Unified, Pasadena Unified, El Monte City Unified, Hacienda La Puente Unifed, and LAUSD.**



## Judiciary Ticket

**\$205**

Judiciary tickets are specifically available for anyone who is a judge, clerk or judicial assistant.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Become a Sponsor

To be included in print invitation, please submit sponsorship commitment by **Friday, August 7, 2026**.

|                                                 | Presenting                       | Emerald                         | Diamond                         | Platinum                        | Gold                 | Silver                 | Bronze                    | Student Ambassador* |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                 | \$50,000                         | \$35,000                        | \$25,000                        | \$15,000                        | \$10,000             | \$5,000                | \$2,500                   | \$7,500             |
| Co-branding on Event Slides                     | ✓                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Ground Transport to and from Event (1-4 guests) | ✓                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Weekday Event at The Maxwell House (\$5,000)    | ✓                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Recognition at Peer Mediation Invitational      | ✓                                | ✓                               |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Jonathan Club Suite at the Event                | Double Room<br>Deluxe Suite      | Deluxe Suite                    |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Exclusive Branding Opportunity                  | Napkins, Valet, or Photo Booth   | Napkins, Valet, or Photo Booth  |                                 |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Special Thank You from the Event Podium         | ✓                                | ✓                               | ✓                               |                                 |                      |                        |                           |                     |
| Tickets to Gala                                 | 24 Tickets<br>(2) Premier Tables | 12 Tickets<br>(1) Premier Table | 12 Tickets<br>(1) Premier Table | 10 Tickets<br>(1) Premier Table | 8 Tickets            | 4 Tickets              | 2 Tickets                 | 10 Tickets          |
| E-tribute Journal Ad                            | Two Page Spread<br>Presenting Ad | Two Page Spread<br>Emerald Ad   | Full Page<br>Diamond Ad         | Full Page<br>Platinum Ad        | Full Page<br>Gold Ad | Half Page<br>Silver Ad | Quarter Page<br>Bronze Ad | Full Page Ad        |
| Logo Placement on Website and Signage           | Step & Repeat, Website, Signage  | Step & Repeat, Website, Signage | ✓                               | ✓                               | ✓                    | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                   |
| Name Listed on Print Invitation                 | Logo Listed                      | ✓                               | ✓                               | ✓                               | ✓                    | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                   |

\*Includes Branded Table at Event

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Please use the following naming convention: *wjc\_gala\_ad\_2026\_name*

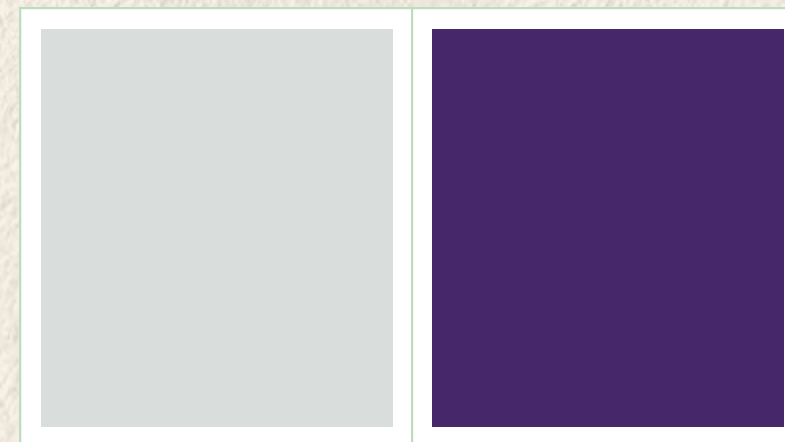
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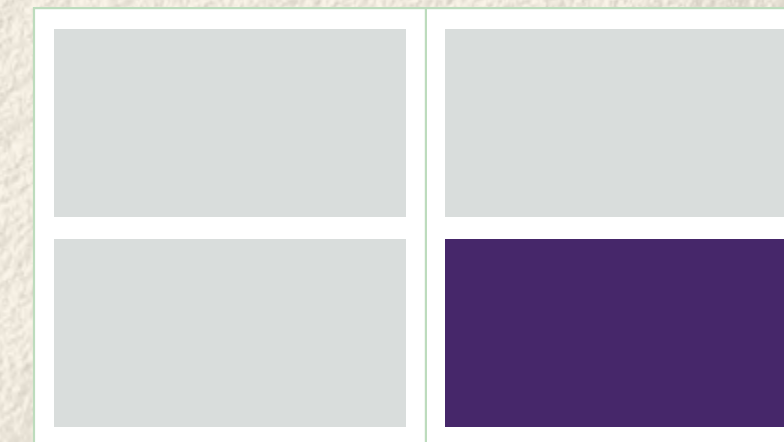
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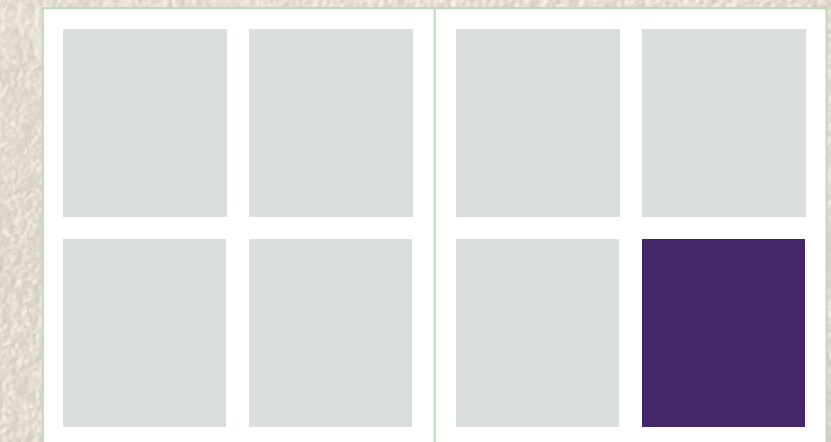
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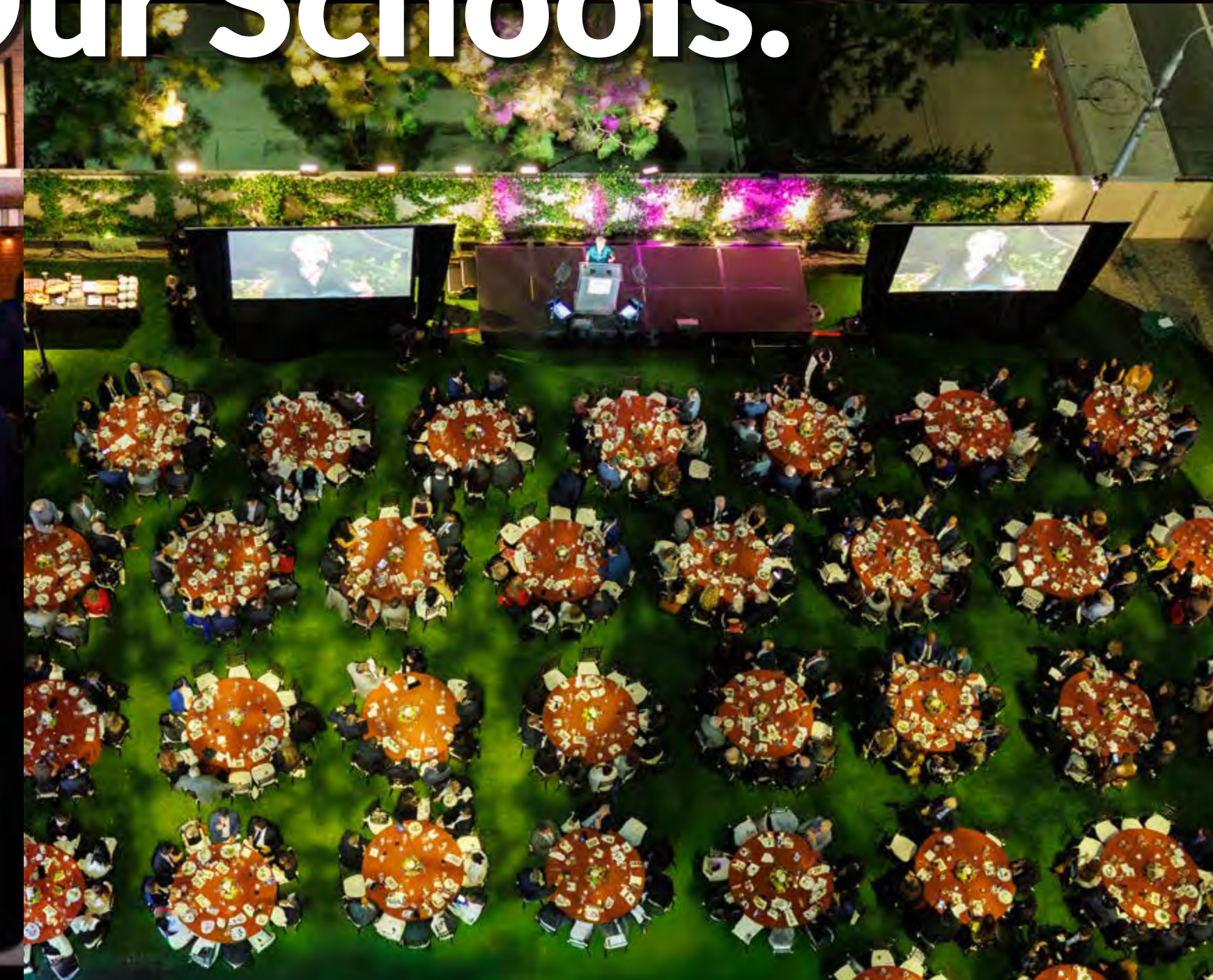
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