

## COLLEGE PATH STUDENT MAKES THE DEAN'S LIST



For many young adults, the transition to life after high school is filled with uncertainty. Nela enrolled at College of San Mateo in fall 2017 focused on one goal: learning to be a successful college student. After completing her first year, she earned a wonderful affirmation – she made the Dean's List in a recognition of her

academic achievements! Nela was incredibly happy and felt a growing confidence in her pursuit of an associate's degree.

Nela found Gatepath's CollegePath program when she decided to pursue her educational goals along her path to employment. In her first two semesters, she excelled in English classes that required reading complex fiction and non-fiction and crafting essays. Adaptive Physical Education classes renewed her interest in health, and she lost ten pounds!

Gatepath's CollegePath coaches supported Nela in developing her reading, writing and computer skills, and also helped

with class schedules and accessing services on campus like the Writing Center, the Disability Resource Center, and the Child Development Center, where she volunteered twice a week. Even though her earlier education did not emphasize academics, Nela is thriving as a college student and excited to be back for her second year. When she graduates, Nela aspires to work with adults with disabilities, possibly through massage or physical therapy.

Congratulations, Nela, on your achievements and the pursuit of your dreams!



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Read more inspiring stories in our 2018 Annual Report, available online at [Gatepath.org/AnnualReport](http://Gatepath.org/AnnualReport)

## ADVOCATING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SYSTEM REFORM

As we prepare for a new year and a new governor for California, Gatepath and other service providers are actively laying the groundwork for much-needed reform to the state's developmental disability services system. We are investing more time in developing our advocacy efforts. For example, our Board of Directors and the Gatepath Auxiliary have both formed Advocacy Committees to support our work in advancing and protecting the rights of those we serve.

Over the past two decades, California's developmental disability services system has been decimated by severe budget cuts, while the need for services and cost of living have dramatically increased. With a new administration coming into office in 2019, there is a real opportunity to educate and advocate for a budget that more closely meets the needs of Californians with disabilities. We are hopeful that the new

administration will bring positive change and ensure the Lanterman Act is fully upheld.

We are asking you to join us in amplifying the voices of Californians with disabilities. Help make inclusion a reality and become a champion of equal opportunities for all! Everyone deserves the right to live in a fully integrated society. Your support is moving us closer to our vision of a world where people of all abilities are fully accepted, respected and included.

I urge you to sign up for our Action Alerts at [PledgeForInclusion.org](http://PledgeForInclusion.org).



*Sincerely,*

*Bryan Neider  
CEO*

## WELCOME TO FOUR NEW LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

We are very grateful to the generous individuals who have included Gatepath in their estate plans and proudly welcome four new donors who joined our Legacy Society this summer:

**Shannon and Jeff Fallick** are longtime Gatepath supporters. Jeff serves on our board and is the founder and chair of our annual Golf Classic.

**Susan Ferro** is a dedicated member of the Gatepath Auxiliary who has served in numerous leadership roles.

**Sandra Ann Tilch** is a member of the Gatepath Auxiliary who also dedicates countless volunteer hours to Gatepath's Learning Links Preschool and our adult programs.

### Anonymous (1)

These individuals join our Legacy Society members:

### Anonymous (2)

**Mary D. Chigos**

**Mary and Emilio Colombo**

**Walter Howard Girdlestone**

**Betsy and Larry Grotte**

**Frank Hunt**

**Katie and Bryan Neider**

**Beverly D. Pabst**

**Mieko and Nick Poppin**

**Barbara and Paul Regan**

**Katherine Allen Sharp**

**Louisa Williams**

**Sheryl Young**

Their commitment is creating a sustainable future for people with special needs!

To learn more, visit [Gatepath.org/LegacyGiving](http://Gatepath.org/LegacyGiving)



**Announcing the grand opening of Grins 'n' Giggles, Gatepath's party place designed for children aged two to five.**

**\$50 off**

Book your party by February 28 and receive \$50 off the Giggles or Star package when you enter the promo code **NEW50**

**Let's Get This Party Started!**  
**[www.GrinsNGiggles.org](http://www.GrinsNGiggles.org)**

## SPECIAL EVENTS RECAP



### 14th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser a Success!

Adults from our programs volunteered as greeters at the 14th Annual Gatepath Golf Classic. Our first tournament at the Los Altos Golf and Country Club was a record-breaking success, raising more than \$145,000 to support our programs for children and adults!



### Stanford Partnership Promotes Inclusion

For many families of children with special needs and adults with developmental disabilities, our 3rd Annual Stanford Special Needs Family Appreciation Night was their first opportunity to attend a college game and feel a sense of inclusion. Part of our group was even invited onto the field



### Recognizing the Gatepath Auxiliary

In appreciation of their dedication and support, we hosted a special event for the Gatepath Auxiliary. Women who have been members for 20+ years were recognized for their years of service. Michael Collopy, preeminent photographer, gave a fascinating talk about his portraits of many public figures.



### Annual Picnic Celebrates Employment

Adults from our employment programs enjoyed a picnic to celebrate their hard work and socialize with friends. With games, a photo booth and a raffle, there were fun activities for everyone! Special thanks to the Electronic Arts employees who volunteered to grill, serve dinner and lead the games.



### Gatepath Auxiliary Bridge Tournament

The Gatepath Auxiliary hosted its fall fundraiser – a bridge tournament attended by more than 120 people. Adults from our programs greeted guests while sharing how they built a coffee cart in woodworking class and volunteered as servers during lunch to practice their vocational skills.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November

20 Grupo de Apoyo Para Padres

**27 Giving Tuesday**

## December

4 East Palo Alto Parent Support Group:  
My Child Matters

4 Autism Support Group

7 Hang Outs Redwood City

18 Grupo De Apoyo Para Padres

20 FREE Children's Dental Clinic

21 Youth and Teen Hang Out

22 Magical Bridge Parent-Child Group



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## SAVE THE DATE!

Double Your Impact on

#GIVING  
TUESDAY

November 27, 2018

We invite you to kick off the holidays with us on November 27 for #GivingTuesday – a global day of giving back

Thanks to Sharon and Joel Friedman, donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15,000!

Your gift of any amount can make a difference in the life of someone with special needs and bring joy during the holiday season. If you prefer to donate by check, please use the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

[GiveToGatepath.org](http://GiveToGatepath.org)

11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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MARCH 21, 2019

SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT  
MARRIOTT WATERFRONT

Join us for this inspirational evening celebrating the accomplishments of those we serve and our community partners.

Guest speaker will be announced soon.

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