



Hope in the Face of Adversity

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In uncertain and unprecedented times it is crucial to maintain a hopeful mindset in order to keep oneself and others in good spirits. After facing the major historical event which was the COVID-19 pandemic, the next generation of citizen diplomats take on the responsibility of rebuilding and strengthening society. Throughout the pandemic, constant fake news and misinformation became prominent in the media and society as a whole. This new generation should learn from the past year and educate and inform themselves on fake news or skewed information in order to create a society founded on truth and honesty. Part of this new generation educating themselves should involve traveling to other regions of the world in order to enlighten themselves about different cultures, customs, etc. and discover an appreciation for things which may not be custom or common in the United States. This past year, the U.S. has been disappointed to see injustice still exists in society, but the protests and rallies provide hope for change and a different future based on justice and equality. These protests show oneness in mind and thought and human nature strives for the feeling of support from others and togetherness. As a city, Santa Clarita should be proud. The past year has been overwhelmed with unpredictable events and this city handled each new trial with grace and responsibility. Santa Clarita never lost hold over the feeling of community and radiated that feeling throughout the entire city through each adversity. This city never lost hope of a future generation which would come out of this pandemic stronger and more educated. A generation which would be not only ready, but well equipped, to lead a reformed society built on trust, honesty, justice, and hope.