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Empowering Futures: Santa Fe High School Seniors Earn Destiny Scholarships from Youth Enrichment Fund

Two graduating seniors from Santa Fe High School, driven by a shared desire to ignite change and inspire those around them, have secured a total of \$30,000 in scholarships from the SFS Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund to pursue their dreams.

Jilliana Casillas and Arianna Castro, distinguished recipients of Destiny scholarships embody the promise of profound change. Casillas has been awarded \$20,000, while Castro has earned the \$10,000 Destiny Scholarship. Designed to empower students to chart their own destinies, these scholarships serve as catalysts for personal and educational growth.

Recipient of the \$20,000 Destiny Scholarship, Juliana Casillas, a senior at Santa Fe High School, is a perfect example of academic excellence with her 4.2 GPA and a curriculum enriched with AP and honors courses.

Bound for UCLA as a first-generation college student, Casillas envisions her destiny as the embodiment of her utmost potential, driven by a profound desire to



Destiny Scholarship \$20,000 recipient, Juliana Casillas, Santa Fe High School senior



Destiny Scholarship \$10,000 recipient, Arianna Castro, Santa Fe High School senior

assist others, her journey towards becoming a therapist is fueled by a commitment to personal growth and academic ability. Notably, she

assumes leadership roles within the Youth Leadership Committee (YLC), embodying a rare fusion of intellectual curiosity and passion for learning. Arianna Castro, recipient of the \$10,000 Destiny Scholarship, mirrors Casillas's commitment to excellence. With a 4.3 GPA, Castro has excelled with Santa Fe High School's AVID program, showcasing exceptional leadership and a dedication to academic achievement. Her academic journey, enriched by AP and honors classes, reflects her unwavering dedication to setting precedents in higher education.

Inspired by her experiences volunteering with marine life, Castro aspires to major in marine biology at either UCSD or UCLA. Endorsed by her director at the aquarium for her diligence and engaging demeanor, Castro's pursuit of academic and personal growth is marked by unwavering determination.

These two students will be honored during the YEF's Annual Destiny Dinner on June 29, 6:00 pm, at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Unveiling the 2024 Powell Grant Scholarship Recipients

This year, the SFS Chamber's Youth Enrichment Fund is thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2024 Powell Grant awards. Established in 1999 in honor of former City Manager Don Powell and his wife Jackie, the Powell Grant presents two \$2,500 college scholarships. Designed to assist local high school and college students, the grant aims to foster academic pursuits in the Arts.

Victoria Vazquez-Vicuna, a senior at Santa Fe High School, is deeply passionate about the technology industry, particularly video editing, and aspires to build a career with renowned companies like Google, Disney, or Apple. Opting to pursue her higher education at Cal State San Marcos, Victoria has been accepted into the Art, Media & Design program.

Her commitment to serving her community shines through her extensive volunteer work, totaling over 170 hours. This includes contributing to the Little Lake City School District, serving as an ELAC meeting translator, and managing a Girl's Basketball team.

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Powell Grant recipient Carlos Aguilar, Santa Fe High senior



Powell Grant recipient Victoria Vazquez-Vicuna, Santa Fe High senior

Destiny ON STAGE
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Saturday June 29, 2024 • 6:00 PM
Cerritos Center for The Performing Arts
Please see page 11 for more Destiny information



Senator Bob Archuleta Honors the 2024 Women of Achievement in Senate District 30



Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), in honor of Women's History Month, recognized 21 women at his annual 2024 Women of Achievement in Senate District 30 program. They were selected from a list of candidates who either live or work in the district.

"This event is one of my favorites during the year because it's an opportunity to honor the women in our district for their outstanding hard work and dedication to their respective communities," Senator Archuleta said. "Each one of the honorees, representing a broad spectrum of careers and volunteerism, has contributed to the prosperity and well-being of our respective communities."

The reception for the recipients and their families and friends was held at the Diamond Bar Center on March 23, 2024.

The program included Diamond Bar Councilwoman Ruth M. Low as Mistress of Ceremonies; Girl Scout Troop 8011 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; vocalist Xochitl

Marquez singing the National Anthem; and Pastor Myrna Brito (Spirit Life Community Church, Norwalk) giving the invocation.

This year's honorees from the City of Santa Fe Springs are Kathie Fink and Cindy A. Jarvis. Kathie is the chief executive officer of the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce, and during the past 25 years, she has been the driving force behind numerous initiatives that have not only strengthened the chamber but also fostered enduring connections within the community. Her leadership is rooted in her genuine concern for the well-being and growth of those around her.

Cindy A. Jarvis is the principal at Santa Fe Springs Christian School, where she and her staff, for the past 10 years, have inspire each child to discover their own worth and become their best selves. She is a friend to the community, volunteering at various events and programs, including the city's Relay for Life, which she has chaired the past four years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce A. Lazenby, Rose Hills Memorial Park

"Seasons come and go, but the memories we make in them will always stay with us"—Anonyms.

This quote appropriately sums up my time here at Rose Hills. April 11, 2024, will mark 41 years of memory making for me. Rose Hill's tag line—"a place to remember"—perfectly defines my experience. An extended career of meeting, building, and doing has developed a treasure of memories on which I cannot place a value.

It has been my good fortune to be associated with people who care. In the moment that you realize your job (task) has become your work, things

change. Work is your self-expression; it is no longer a list of things to do. It comes from a place within and is meaningful as a part of who you are.

On June 30, 2024, my ship will sail. The fetching Mrs. Lazenby and I plan on time with grandkids and a lot of travel.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your self-expression; it is a lasting memory for me.



2024 Summer Concerts in the Park

Come out and join us for the annual Santa Fe Springs Summer Concert Series as we bring an awesome lineup of live entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. This year, we will be bringing six concerts to Heritage Park beginning on June 21. Concerts will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each event night.

LA Misfits

Friday, June 21

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Introducing LA Misfits is a vibrant and eclectic band hailing from the heart of Los Angeles! Specializing in covering English and Spanish music for all occasions, LA Misfits bring a unique and dynamic twist to classic hits that will get any crowd dancing right away.

BUMPTOWN

Friday, June 28

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Meet BUMPTOWN, the ultimate Southern-California based dance band that is guaranteed to bring the party to life with their powerful sound, diverse song repertoire, and engaging performance style. With a fusion of talent, energy, and charisma. BUMPTOWN will have the audience on their feet and grooving all night long.

Winslow Country Band

Friday, July 12

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Winslow is an iconic country band hailing from California, founded in 1992, and revered as a distinguished member of the California Music Hall of Fame. With a signature sound that effortlessly blends the nostalgic twang of 90s country with the timeless appeal of classic rock, Winslow has captivated audiences across generations with their heartfelt lyrics and electrifying performances.

Suave the Band

Friday, July 19

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Suavé was formed in 1998 by Rene Burguan. Since its inception, this 8 piece band has thrilled audiences throughout Southern California with their energetic music and high spirit onstage antics. Suavé's success stems from their ability to authentically perform many different styles of music ranging from Jazz, Rock, Swing, and R&B, to Latin music like Cumbia, Merengue, Salsa, Cha-Cha and more.

Pulp Vixe

Friday, July 26

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Pulp Vixenis not your average all-female band. They are a powerhouse of talent, style, and energy that is guaranteed to get any crowd on their feet. With a diverse repertoire that includes today's top 40 dance hits, Latin rhythms, R&B grooves, hip hop, and classic rock favorites, Pulp Vixen knows how to keep the party going all night long.

Mariachi Cielito Lindo

Friday, August 2

Heritage Park / 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Mariachi Cielito Lindo is a band that represents the essence and heart of traditional Mexican music. Founded by the talented musician Osvaldo Mendoza in 2021, this band quickly gained recognition and admiration from audiences all over the world. Mariachi Cielito Lindo is known for their captivating performances, filled with authentic instruments, powerful vocals, and vibrant energy. Mariachi Cielito Lindo is not just a band, but a representation of the rich and beautiful heritage of Mexico that will continue to be celebrated through their music.

SFS Aquatic Center Open Summer 2024!

The Department of Parks and Recreation is excited to resume aquatic programming, including Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, Water Exercise, and Recreation Swim. For more information and updates on swim lesson registration and aquatic programming, please visit our website in mid-May, or contact the Department of Parks and Recreation:

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City of Santa Fe Springs E-Newsletter

Want to know what is going on in the family and business-friendly City of Santa Fe Springs? Santa Fe Spring's NEW e-blast newsletter makes it easy to receive monthly highlights sent directly to your inbox. Visit the City's website at www.santafesprings.org where you can enter your email address to receive valuable information about your community, including festivals, holiday events, public announcements, recreation programs, renovations, development projects, and much more! Visit the City's website and subscribe today!

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Unleashing The Power of Video in Social Media

March 28, the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce hosted an engaging social media class titled "Unleashing the Power of Video in Social Media." It was a dynamic session where attendees delved into the significance of visibility on social platforms. Led by the Marketing Director, Claudia Guardado, the class explored the art of video creation using nothing but the tools available on your phone. A special thanks to Tipp Bunnag and her team from Blue Voltage for their invaluable assistance behind the camera, providing insights and tips for those venturing into the realm of one-person production teams. Their expertise added depth to the discussions and made the training session highly interactive. We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended, contributing to the success of the class. Stay tuned for updates on future classes, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Santa Fe Springs Crime Statistics

Year-to-date Comparison of Part I Crimes

February 2024

Crimes reported	2023	2024	-/+	%
Total	217	267	50	%
Homicide	1	0	1	-10 %
Rape	1	4	3	300 %
Robbery	5	13	8	160 %
Aggravated Assault	7	16	9	129 %
Burglary	39	65	26	67 %
Commercial/Retail	34	63	29	85 %
Residential	5	2	-3	-60 %
All Thefts	122	112	-10	-8 %
Shoplifting	17	20	3	18 %
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	73	57	-16	-22 %
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Arson	4	3	-1	-25 %

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Visit sfschamber.com or call (562) 944-1616 to register or for more information



Sunshine and blue skies create a beautiful afternoon canvas.

March Business-to-Business Networking Lunch at Heritage Park

On this bright and sunny afternoon in March, business owners and city employees gathered at Heritage Park to exchange ideas, information, and business cards. Attendees mingled over a delicious lunch sponsored by the City of Santa Fe Springs and provided by KPB Asian Bistro. Central to the day's discussions was the upcoming annual ArtFest on April 25-26 at Heritage Park, a much-anticipated event that promises to showcase the rich cultural tapestry and creative talent of local artists. Among the attendees are a few of the artists who will have their work on display for all to see, appreciate, and purchase. We hope to welcome you at our monthly Business-to-Business Networking @ Noon lunches!

Cheers to Our April Networking Lunch Attendees!

SFS Chamber members out for an afternoon of networking.



La Jara Brewing Company, a family-owned and operated craft brewery in Norwalk, opened their doors for our April 16 Business-to-Business Networking @ Noon event and welcomed more than 30 attendees.

The Networking @ Noon initiative, a recurring monthly event, has become a cornerstone for local businesses seeking to expand their networks and enhance their visibility within the community.

While meeting and greeting, the crowd enjoyed their quality lagers and ales and devoured mouth-watering 'smashburgers' and homemade potato salad provided by Watsons Pizza.

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The event, attended by esteemed members of the business community, as well as local and state officials, showcased the pivotal role Global IT has played in revolutionizing IT services for businesses, both large and small.

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GLS General Logistics Systems Celebrates Ribbon Cutting

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Sweet Success Unveiled: La Michoacana de Tocumbo's Ribbon Cutting Celebration

April 30 marked a vibrant and joyous occasion as the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce welcomed the grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration of La Michoacana de Tocumbo / Artisan Ice Cream to the city of Santa Fe Springs. Owner Noe Galvan and his dedicated team delighted attendees with an array of delectable, sweet treats, making it a celebration to remember. From colorful paletas to creamy artisanal ice creams, guests indulged in a delightful feast for the senses, making this event the sweetest celebration yet. If you're craving a taste of pure delight, don't miss the chance to visit their shop and experience the magic of La Michoacana de Tocumbo's artisanal creations, located at 11542 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.



Walmart Santa Fe Springs Unveils Exciting Changes in Grand Reopening Celebration!

Walmart Santa Fe Springs brought joy to the community on Friday, March 22, with its highly anticipated re-grand opening celebration. The newly expanded and remodeled store welcomed patrons with open arms, offering a vibrant atmosphere filled with vendor samples and the infectious energy of staff cheers. Store Manager Michael Zendejas, with pride beaming from every step, ceremoniously cut the ribbon, symbolizing a fresh start for this beloved local establishment. The event embodied the spirit of Walmart's commitment to its neighbors, inviting everyone to come and experience the magic at 13310 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.



CJ Carter Law Group Grand Reopening Celebration

The grand reopening of JC Carter Law Group marked an exciting milestone, showcasing their expanded office space and commitment to serving their community. attorney Jennifer Carter and her team hosted a vibrant celebration on March 27, complete with a photo booth, delectable cuisine, refreshing cocktails, and lively music, creating a truly festive atmosphere. The event was a testament to their dedication and passion for providing expert legal counsel.

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Longest drive (men) winner Kurt Richards



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Volunteers creatively displaying raffle items.

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Everyone's favorite eagle hole contest volunteer Ted Spaceff



Trese Childs bringing in a tee sponsor.



Randall Courtney and Kurt Wolff making the rounds on the snack cart.

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Despite facing numerous challenges as a first-generation college student, Victoria maintains a commendable 3.42 GPA, showcasing her resilience and unwavering dedication to her academic and personal pursuits.

Carlos Aguilar, a senior at Santa Fe High School, possesses a fervent love for writing and is set to embark on his journey at Cal State LA. With a blend of skill, passion, and determination, Carlos stands poised for success. His literary prowess has already garnered recognition, with three published works to his name and a notable second-place finish in the Pen & Quill online poetry competition in March 2023.

His winning piece, "New Life," stands as a testament to his talent and dedication. Praised by his English teacher for his unwavering focus and determination, Carlos has set his sights on a noble goal: to document his family history, Mexican life, and culture through his writing, ensuring their legacy lives on through the vibrant tapestry of imagination.



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Inspiring Creativity and Cultural Appreciation Through the YEF Mentor Program



SFHS students and mentor Debbie Wade pause to admire the artwork.

On Tuesday, April 16, an amazing cultural journey unfolded at the Getty Center, as the Youth Enrichment Fund (YEF) mentors accompanied students from the Santa Fe High School Business Tech Academy and Mechanical and Architectural Drafting Academy. This event is designed to allow the students, many of whom had never visited such a renowned cultural institution, the experience of viewing art in a whole new light. From delicate brushstrokes of Renaissance masters to the bold experimentation of modern artists, each piece tells a story that sparks conversation about human history and emotion. Some students followed a scavenger hunt that led them to unfold clues from famous artists and their work. This wonderful opportunity is made possible through 'The Latham Grant' which was established through contributions of the business community to honor former City Manager Fred Latham.

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Mentors and students work together to build the tallest structure.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work at YEF Mentor Program



Winners of the tallest structure!

At Santa Fe High School, the March Mentor Event brought together students and mentors for an interactive team-building activity that combined fun and creativity. The event, centered around the classic challenge of building structures using marshmallows and spaghetti, served as a platform for effective communication, problem solving, creativity, and teamwork.

Mentors offered guidance and encouragement, empowering students to think outside the box. The afternoon was filled with laughter and fun which makes for lasting connections and bonding.



Students checking out one of the many exhibitors that participated in this year's career fair.

Santa Fe High School's Annual Career Fair Opens Doors to Opportunity

Santa Fe High School's 11th and 12th grade students recently had the exclusive chance to engage directly with industry professionals and dive into diverse career opportunities at the Annual Career Fair, held in collaboration with the SFS Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund on Thursday, March 21.

The event united representatives from over 30 local businesses, community colleges, and organizations, offering invaluable insights and presentations on career pathways within their respective fields. This experience empowered youth to explore a myriad of careers, gain firsthand knowledge of various industries, and obtain valuable insights into the professional landscape.

For many high school students, the transition from education to the workforce can be daunting, with uncertainty about available opportunities post-graduation. However, this Career Fair served as a platform, providing students with a glimpse into potential career paths and unveiling new avenues for future employment.

Gratitude is extended to the businesses, city representatives, colleges, and nonprofit organizations whose participation contributed to equipping our youth with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate their future endeavors effectively.

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CalChamber Releases 2024 Job Killer List

The California Chamber of Commerce today released its initial 2024 job killer list which, to date, includes nine bills dealing with labor and employment, taxation, unemployment insurance, environmental and health care issues. CalChamber expects several additions to the list in the coming weeks.

These proposals would add significant costs and burdens to California's small businesses, creating an even more challenging business climate in our state," said CalChamber President and CEO Jennifer Barrera. "Lawmakers should carefully weigh the consequences these bills would have on California employers and businesses in their local communities. We are grateful that the Governor and Legislative leadership have indicated that new taxes are off the table this year. This is particularly significant because two bills on this year's job killer list propose tax increases to fund UI benefit hikes."

The 2024 CalChamber Job Killer List includes the following bills:

Unemployment Insurance/New Taxes

- **SB 1434 (Durazo; D-Los Angeles) Huge Increases to Unemployment Insurance Taxes.** Increases UI taxes to fund UI benefit hikes of up to 55%, as well as providing for subsequent increases based on inflation. Also creates entirely new UI program to provide benefits to workers who do not qualify for traditional UI, to be funded by a new tax on California employers.
- **SB 1116 (Portantino; D-La Cañada Flintridge) Increased Unemployment Insurance Taxes to Subsidize Striking Workers.** SB 1116 will allow striking workers to claim UI benefits when they choose to strike. Because the UI Fund is paid for entirely by employers, SB 1116 will effectively add more debt onto

California employers. Moreover, SB 1116 will effectively force employers to subsidize strikes at completely unrelated businesses because the UI Fund's debt adds taxes for all employers, regardless of whether they've had a strike.

Labor and Employment

- **SB 1345 (Smallwood-Cuevas; D-Los Angeles) Prohibits Consideration of Conviction History in Employment.** Effectively prohibits most employers from considering conviction history of an applicant, existing employee, or contractor in employment or contracting decisions.
- **AB 2374 (Haney; D-San Francisco) Joint Liability for Businesses of All Sizes.** Imposes new statutory joint liability on business of any size that contracts for janitorial services if a contractor violates the Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act and places new mandates on those businesses that should be assigned to the contractor.
- **AB 2499 (Schiavo; D-Chatsworth) Leave Expansion.** Significantly expands uncapped leave related to crimes and lowers threshold of applicability to employers with just five employees.
- **AB 2751 (Haney; D-San Francisco) Prohibition on Employee Communications During Certain Hours.** Prohibits any employee working for an employer of any size from contacting another employee outside of their normal work hours except in very narrow circumstances and would subject employer to costly litigation for any dispute as to whether the communication was permissible.

Consumer Products

- **SB 903 (Skinner; D-Berkeley) Bans All Uses of PFAS.** Prohibits the use of PFAS in all commercial and consumer products by 2030 unless DTSC is petitioned and makes an affirmative determination that the PFAS in a particular product is an unavoidable use. Because of the breadth and scope of PFAS use, including in aerospace, lithium ion batteries, medical devices, automotive and semiconductors, to name a few, the regulatory program established is unworkable and ultimately will lead to a ban on critically important products or otherwise make certain products less safe.

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March Business Card Exchange at Azar Event Center

The pulse of any thriving business community is its network of connections. Our March Business Card Exchange was held at the elegant Azar Event Center, located at 12215 Slauson Ave. SFS, bringing together entrepreneurs, professionals, and community leaders for a magnificent sunrise morning breakfast. We love the diversity of individuals that attend and the industries they represent. The face-to-face interaction forges genuine connections and seizes the opportunity to explore potential partnerships and lasting friendships. Thank you to Azar Event Center for hosting our March Business Card Exchange!



Azar served up a delicious breakfast to attendees.

Our April Sunrise Networking Business Card Exchange at HYC



HYC Community Relations Coordinator Frank Alcaraz accepting a certificate and gift of appreciation presented by Ambassador Chair Jerry Pinkston, Heartland Payment Systems.

It was a party theme at our April 3rd Business Card Exchange Sunrise Breakfast hosted by Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. (HYC). In honor of World Party Day, we kicked off this networking event with lively music and lots of fun! The morning unfolded with hot coffee, delicious breakfast burritos and fruit medley by Azar Event Center and quickly moved into roundtable discussions, our well-known ice-breaker ball toss, and networking game. The energy flowed as attendees met new business owners and fostered potential leads. Attendees won raffle prizes and left with an early morning of productivity and new connections. Thank you HYC for hosting our April event!



Attendees enjoy breakfast while discussing the morning roundtable questions.

2024 Job Killer List continued from page 12

Environmental

• **ACA 16 (Bryan; D-Los Angeles) Environmental Rights.** Has far-reaching negative consequences that would impair government operations, stunt development for new housing, infrastructure and clean energy project development and has strong potential to destabilize California's economy.

Health Care

• **AB 2200 (Kalra; D-San Jose) Government-Run Health Care.** Forces all Californians into a new untested state government health plan, with no ability to opt out while eliminating Medicare for California seniors and increasing taxes at least \$250 billion a year on workers, income, jobs, goods and services.

For more information on the 2024 Job Killer list, visit <https://advocacy.calchamber.com/policy/bill-tracking/2024-job-killers/>.

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Dynamic Speaker Stacey O'Byrne Captivates Audience with Insights on Mind Operating Systems

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The event, hosted in a lively atmosphere, saw a diverse group of attendees from various professional backgrounds, all eager to learn from O'Byrne's expertise. With an exceptional knack for making complex concepts accessible, O'Byrne explored the intricacies of the human mind's operating system and its profound impact on personal and professional outcomes.

O'Byrne, who has built a reputation for her transformative coaching and speaking engagements, delved into how small aspirations and big excuses often hinder progress. Her talk was punctuated with real-life examples and interactive sessions that not only illustrated her points but also provided actionable advice to attendees looking to reframe their thought processes and achieve greater success.

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