

## **News Release**

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### *Ophthalmologist Sees Bright Future for East Side Cadet Academy Students*

Dr. Gary M. Kawesch, renowned ophthalmologist and Director of Laser Eye Center has improved the vision of professional athletes and entertainers and is now determined to improve the vision for the students of the East Side Cadet Academy by helping them achieve success. To make that vision a reality he has partnered with The Tenacious Group and Pro Bowler Tim Brown of the Oakland Raiders to provide these students with a special training program.

Twenty-one Cadet Academy students are engaged in this purpose development program called RESH (Rising Expectations, Standards & Honor). Student are trained in the development of skills that enable them to become relentless towards developing a life of quality and excellence.

Taught by Adam Ybarra, Executive Director of The Tenacious Group, Inc., an Educational and motivational organization and former graduate of W.C. Overfelt, the three week training program focuses on getting young people to recognize and see themselves with purpose, identify their goals and then develop the skills to pursue their dreams.

Dr. Kawesch wanted to give back to the community and he believes that RESH can enable students to redirect their lives and start them on the path to success. "Too many young people get misdirected for a variety of reasons and need help in clarifying the goals and developing skills that can help them realize their dreams. I want to help them see a better tomorrow." Dr. Kawesch funded the program for the Cadet Academy.

"RESH has given me the lens to filter out the negative and the tools to narrow down my goals and purpose," said Sophia Danyelee Moranda, a student in the academy.

The East Side Cadet Academy is a community day school located at the Family Life Center at the Cathedral of Faith. It is a partnership of the East Side Union High School District, California Youth Outreach, the California National Guard and the Cathedral of Faith. The program serves students in grades 10-12.

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