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## Acalanes Chapter of Nation Charity League hosts annual Mother-Daughter tea

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Merci Award-winner Ellie Novogradac donated a total of 127.25 hours of charity work.

Members from the National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter gathered at the Orinda Country Club for the annual Mother-Daughter Enchanted Garden Tea to acknowledge overall time contributed to serving NCL's Mission and its commitment to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

The mother and daughter members of the NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter collectively contributed 6,938.25 hours to various philanthropies nationwide during 2016.

Every year, the league awards a member with the most service hours across the whole chapter with a Merci Award and this year's recipient is Ellie Novogradac. She is a freshman at Head-Royce School in Oakland. She donated a total of 127.25 hours during the year toward philanthropic activities. Ellie enjoys working on projects for the Children's Hospital of Oakland and Foster A Dream. When she isn't busy working on philanthropic efforts, she plays softball and participates in the school jazz ensemble.

The Ticktocker class of 2021 chose Special Olympics of Northern California for this year's Tea Philanthropy. Members supported this organization by bringing new basketballs, goggles for the local Sea Serpents swim team and donated \$711.

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