



**New Leader Scholarship Announcement
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**VANNA TRUONG Named a 2006 Volunteer Service Award Winner by
Wells Fargo Bank**

VANNA TRUONG graduated from U.C., Berkeley in 2003 with a B.A. in Sociology and Business. She and her family immigrated to the United States, following the political and economic turmoil of the Vietnamese war. As a senior, she returned to Vietnam after 20 years to participate in the Berkeley Study Abroad Program. She credits her ability to transcend a background of poverty to the Rohi Alternative Community Outreach Program. As a 14-year-old teenager, she was introduced to the Midnight Basketball League and mentored by the coach.

Vanna Truong is currently a Financial Analyst with the Wholesale Banking Program of Wells Fargo. Through this program, employees have an opportunity to be awarded up to \$50,000 that is given to the organizations for which they volunteer. This year, the Bank awarded \$320,000 to 162 non-profit organizations. Winners are chosen based on the nominee's personal dedication, effectiveness of their work, amount of personal time volunteered and the overall impact on their community. This year, over 800 applicants applied nationwide and only twelve were selected as top winners of the award. Vanna was one of 10 employees nationwide that received a **\$10,000** award for her non-profit.

Rohi Alternative Community Outreach Program, established in 1996 is a non-profit that serves youth and low income families in San Jose. Vanna has been volunteering for this non-profit ever since her own experience of being mentored by them and is currently its youngest Board member at 23. She also serves as a coach and mentor for the Midnight Basketball League, one of their programs that provides leadership, college outreach and social education for disadvantaged youth in San Jose. She can be found on the basketball court every Friday night coaching and mentoring at-risk teenagers and keeping them off the streets. Says Truong, "Coaching has been one of my greatest joys since graduating from college..." "I am proud that I have upheld my commitment and passion to serve the community".

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