

## Lia Ly of Evergreen named to Emerson College Spring 2021 Dean's List

Lia Ly, a native of Evergreen Valley, has been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

Ly is majoring in Writing, Literature and Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2024.

The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

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Nearly 400 eBook titles are now available for download at Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) using the new Pop-Up Library made possible through a partnership between the San José Public Library (SJPL) and SJC.

"We're excited to partner with the airport to provide all passengers the opportunity to access free eBooks on the go," said Jill Bourne, City Librarian.

The Pop-Up Library, powered by Axis360, is a small network device that creates instant access to some of the library's Axis 360 digital collection through a Wi-Fi network. This new service is free to the public and does not require a library card, data plan, or an app to be installed. Anyone can use this service by connecting to the Pop-Up Library's Wi-Fi network "SJPL Free eBooks" located near Gate 12 and Gate 24.

To learn more about this new service, visit [sjpl.org/PopUpLibrary](http://sjpl.org/PopUpLibrary)

# Valley Currents

**cur-rent** (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.



Voice of San Jose, Angela Tirado, is pictured with San Jose Gurdwara President Bob Dhillon during the July 4th Ice Cream Social.



## Thousands attend 4th of July 'Ice Cream Social' celebration at San Jose Gurdwara in Evergreen

*Annual event brought more than 2000 people together*

By Kevin Larsen  
Times Staff Writer

Something special and wonderful happens annually: The Sikhs of Evergreen hold their 4th of July complimentary Ice Cream Social and thousands came.

The event brought people together of all nationalities and religions for the first time after the pandemic.

So beautiful were the fountains and moon lit

twilight sky that many came simply to just stroll around at the Gurdwara, eat their ice cream and watch the fireworks happening throughout the valley.

The event kicked off with a beautiful prayer for all and that was followed by the national Sikh Anthem sung by young ones. Then a local resident sang the Star-Spangled Banner. She is well known and her name is Angela Tirado.

"People refer to me as the Voice of San Jose and tonight I'm honored to share my God given talent to sing and touch souls as a reminder that freedom is not always free and to honor those who fought for our freedom," Angela said. "This is a different kind of 4th of July, we are together with open arms and hearts to celebrate being united," said Tirado. She continued, "I cherish from the very beginning that I was a community advocate and welcomed the Gurdwara to be built here and serve all!"

Once the prayer and songs were sung, the ice cream line started moving and in the next three hours more than 30 large cartons of ice cream were scooped out for the crowd. Children were welcomed back for another scoop too!

President Dhillon of the Gurdwara stated, "America is the land of the free. Some lucky ones were born here. Immigrants come here to find Freedom, Liberty and Justice for all! An important thing our guests at this event might wish to know is that, Sikhs believe, it does not matter what your status, religion, background or cul-

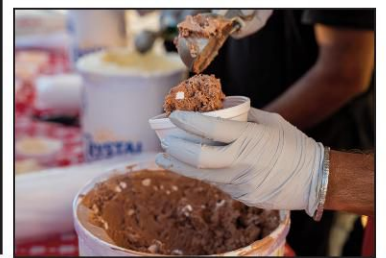
ture are, we welcome you to this beautiful Gurdwara on the hill. Tonight, as we celebrate the birth of America, we understand that it is a land of opportunity and those who seek opportunity are the true Americans and they follow their American Dream in their own way. Our ancestors fought hard to get themselves free from the British government and many laid down their lives and we are greatly indebted to them today."

Vice President of the Gurdwara, Dr. Gurinder Pal stated, "The values taught by the Sikh religion are in tune with the values of the United States of America."

Many people of all cultures commented, "Good to see things getting back to normal after the pandemic... I like the location for it is very beautiful up here"... "I bring visitors here often and tell them as they look out below, 'this is the Silicon Valley, it all happened here!'"

The event went into the evening with beautiful night air, vista views, flowing water fountains, complimentary vegetarian dinners and the most delicious ice cream ever churned! More important than all those things was the building of community spirit and togetherness. People smiled at each other.

When complimented on the event and how much power it took to create it for the community, a leader of the Gurdwara said, "It's not power that allows us to have this, it's love."



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