

California Ambassador Summit

February 23, 2025 | Together We Thrive: Building Hope and CommUnity

9:00 am - 9:55 am

Registration

Savor a cup of coffee while you catch up with friends, enjoy the photo booth, and build your **Block of Hope!**

10:00 am - 11:45 am

Morning Session

10:00 am

Welcome

Jamie Escoto

State Lead Ambassador

10:05 am

Land Acknowledgement

Celena Donahue

ACT Lead, CD2

10:10 am

From Grief to Growth

The Power of Community

Jamie Escoto

State Lead Ambassador

10:20 am

ACS CAN Update #1: Federal

State of Federal ACS CAN & 2025 Federal Priorities

Marissa Brown

Senior Vice President, State and Local Advocacy

10:35 am

Morning Awards

Pete Cala Effective Storyteller Fundraising

Presenters

Cesar Serrano

Kathy Flaherty

10:45 am

Panel: From Bench to Bedside

Translating scientific discoveries from a laboratory setting into patient care

Panelists

Cesar Gonzalez: Moderator & PhD candidate, City of Hope

Nicholas Graham, PhD, USC

Marie Kennedy: Patient & ACT Lead, CD6

Reena Thomas, MD, PhD, Stanford

11:45 am - 1:10 pm

BREAK!

11:45 am

Lunch

Be sure to stop by the Youth Passion Project Symposium!

Outdoor Networking & Walk to the Bluff (optional)

Walkers, please meet near registration table at 12:25 sharp!



1:15 pm - 4:10 pm		Breakout Sessions
1:15 pm	Breakouts Round 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tu Historia Puede Hacer la Diferencia (Your Story Can Make A Difference)</i> • Room 1405 • <i>Welcome! We're So Glad You're Here.</i> • Room 1404 • <i>Building the Base</i> • Roski • <i>Demonstrating Impact & Fueling the Mission</i> • Room 1403
2:15 pm	Breakouts Round 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Power of Power Analysis</i> • Roski • <i>Grant Teams in Action</i> • Room 1403 • <i>Youth Passion Project Symposium</i> • Room 1404 • <i>What Goes on Behind Closed Doors?</i> • Room 1405
3:15 pm	Breakouts Round 3 (Regional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Northern California</i> • Roski • <i>Central & Southern California</i> • West Atrium • <i>Greater Los Angeles area</i> • 4th Floor Skyway

4:15 pm - 4:50 pm		Afternoon Session
4:15 pm	Welcome Back	Michael Reinhart & Lorenzo Escoto <i>California Junior Ambassadors</i>
4:20 pm	ACS CAN Update #2: California <i>State of California ACS CAN and 2025 State Priorities</i>	Jim Knox <i>Managing Director, ACS CAN California/Guam/Hawaii</i>
4:40 pm	Final Awards <i>Local Advocacy</i> <i>Rising Star</i> <i>Star Ambassador</i>	Presenters <i>David Ford & Juan Villalobos</i> <i>Kira Sano</i> <i>Laura LaRose</i>
4:50 pm	Closing Remarks	Jamie Escoto <i>California State Lead Ambassador</i>

