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East Side Staff and Community Work Together to Reduce Dropout Rate and Improve Attendance

Thanks to a focused effort by staff and community partners, East Side's dropout rate decreased to 2.5% and the daily attendance rate increased to 93.8%. These numbers reflect the lowest dropout rate and highest daily attendance rate in over twenty years in the district.

The Superintendent attributed the improvements to the extra efforts made by the staff and East Side's community partners. A major commitment by the District Attorney's office to assist the district in dealing with truant students, participation by community partners on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) and resources provided by San Jose Best, San Jose Police Department and the county to support services to students have all contributed greatly to the district's ability to retain students. On-site social workers, mental health

counselors, drug and alcohol prevention specialists, conflict resolution specialists, San Jose Police Officers, and community-based-organization support staff have helped schools to keep students in class.

In addition to the expansion and alignment of the community partnerships, other staff efforts focused on improved retention include: implementation of on-line attendance systems, parental access to their students' grades/daily attendance electronically and regular progress reports to schools on attendance.

Kudos to the East Side staff, members of the SARB, District Attorney's office, Healthy Start community partners, San Jose BEST, San Jose Police Department and Santa Clara County for working together to keep students in school.

Evergreen Valley Selected for High Tech Grant



Selected as one of six in the state the new Evergreen Valley has been approved as a High Tech High School. The school will receive \$1.2 million to infuse technology tools into the curriculum in year one, with the possibility of an additional \$800,000 in year two.

The grant provides funds for staff development, hardware and technical support. All aspects of the curriculum will incorporate technology in the learning process.

Kudos to **Mike Welch**, (Evergreen Valley High School Planning Principal) and **Ramon Martinez** (Ed Center Grants Administrator) for preparing a first-class grant application and to Evergreen Valley principal's secretary Alice Fuller, and community members **Muhammed Chaudhry** and **Sherri Stewart** for supporting them.

The information age high school is off to a great start.

Mt. Pleasant Activities Director Receives Award



Will Johnson, Activities Director at Mt. Pleasant, received a \$2,000 award for outstanding educational work at the second annual "Excellence in Education" event at the Tech Museum last month. He was one of ten educators and community members to receive an award. The winners were selected by a panel of educators from a pool of 32 finalists. **Will** is retiring this year and he is going to be greatly missed at East Side. "This award was well deserved; Will exemplifies 'Excellence in Education,'" said Mt. Pleasant Principal **Art Darin**.

Congratulations to **Will** on this award and we wish him the best in his retirement

Independence Takes Steps to Close the Digital Divide



their participation at the conference. The students explored career opportunities in technology and enjoyed a session on the use of technology in hip hop music.



On April 25, over 60 Independence ninth and tenth graders represented students from throughout the bay area at the "Rainbow Push Digital Connections Conference" held at the Fairmont in San Jose.

Sponsored by Rainbow Push and Hewlett Packard, the conference was designed to heighten the sense of urgency among industry and political leaders to close the digital divide. Keynote addresses were made by Reverend Jesse Jackson and Microsoft's President and CEO Bill Gates. Independence's students attended workshops presented by HP's Latino and African-American employee groups. These employee groups had sponsored

Afterwards, outside the Fairmont, the students had a chance to mingle with Rev. Jackson and Bill Gates.

Kudos to the Independence students who impressed the industry representatives with their enthusiasm and maturity and to their teachers, **Jan Adkins, Joni Beebe, and Ryan Pryor, Principal Cari Vaeth, and Digital High School Coordinator Chuck Bonin** for encouraging them to develop their technological skills.

420 James Lick Students Receive Free Dental Screening

Thanks to the efforts of our District Nurses **Eunice Esquivel** and **Safiye Guven**, James Lick Healthy Start Coordinator **Mary Ann Andrade** and JL Health Clerk **Lupe Cervantes**, 420 James Lick students were screened for dental needs and 136 referred for needed services. The "Tooth Mobile", a dental office on wheels staffed by volunteer dentists, will park on the James Lick campus to provide services to these students.

This effort is a result of a special partnership with the Health Trust that was initiated at Andrew Hill earlier this year by **Marilyn Bliss**, Health Professions Project Coordinator.

Kudos to **Eunice, Safiye, Mary Ann, Lupe** and **Marilyn** for reaching out into the community to bring services to our students.



Earlier this year the Tooth Mobile was parked at Andrew Hill for two months providing services to their students. Plans are underway to expand service to other schools.

Oak Grove Science and Technology Programs Receive Support from City Council



Councilmember Forrest Williams presented checks to Oak Grove High School's Robotics Team and to the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair International Team last month to help sponsor their participation in national and international competitions.

The Oak Grove Robotics Team used the funds to travel to Orlando, Florida to participate in the U.S. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition for Science and Technology) Robotics competition. Held at Epcot Center, this event attracts teams of students from around the country. Prior to the competition students spend six weeks designing and building remote controlled robots from a kit of parts supplied by FIRST to all the teams participating. Oak Grove's team works under the leadership of **Bill Juarez**, Robotics Advisor.

Also receiving money from **Councilmember Williams** were Oak Grove students **Nicole Parsels** and **Keiko Imazumi** and Independence High School student **Khanh Nguyen**. These students were nominated as a team by the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair association judges at the Fair championship in San Jose. The students will travel to Louisville, Kentucky this month with East Side Union High School District's Science Fair Coordinator **Heidi Black**, Oak Grove science teacher **Carol Evans**, and Silver Creek science teacher **Mark Okuda** to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

East Side thanks **Councilmember Williams** for his support to these outstanding teams.

Andrew Hill Preps Juniors for College



Thanks to the efforts of Andrew Hill's Career Tech **Chris Jones** and Counselor **Joe Ortega**, 150 Juniors participated in an on-site pre-admissions college day event last week. Representatives from University of California, California State Universities and private colleges interviewed students, reviewed their transcripts and discussed the actions the students needed to take to ensure college admission next year.

Comments from both students and college representatives were overwhelmingly positive. One UC Davis representative said, "We need 6 more UC reps next year!"

Kudos to **Chris Jones**, **Joe Ortega** and our **university partners** for taking that extra step to make sure our students are prepared for college.

Two East Side Students Selected for Hispanic Business Salute 2002 Scholarships

Daniel Gutierrez (Yerba Buena) and **Yoana Picazo** (Andrew Hill) were selected as recipients of the Hispanic Business Salute 2002 Scholarships.

Sponsored by Telemundo KSTS-TV 48, in association with the Northern California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Business Salute 2002 Scholarships are presented to outstanding college-bound students. Six recipients were selected from the greater bay area which included cities in the East and South Bay and San Francisco. The District is proud to note that two of the six student recipients were from East Side high schools. The winners received scholarships ranging from \$2000 to \$5000.

The awards will go to good use. **Daniel Gutierrez** plans on studying engineering at San Jose State University and is aspiring to be an electrical engineer. **Yoana Picazo** is going to Santa Clara University to study biology.

Congratulations to **Daniel** and **Yoana** on their awards.

W.C. Overfelt Yearbook—One of Best in Nation!

Ten members of Overfelt's *Citadel* yearbook staff spent spring vacation in Phoenix attending the Journalism Education Association's and the National Scholastic Press Association's national convention. At the convention the *Citadel* placed second in the nation in the tough "Best of Show" competition. Yearbooks from the United States and Canada competed for the "ten best" at the convention. The *Citadel* has placed in the top ten in 21 of the last 25 national conventions. In addition, 14 pages plus the cover of the 2001 *Citadel* appeared in the yearly publication, *Ideas That Fly*, featuring the "best of the best" yearbooks published by Herff Jones.

Besides the convention, students visited Arizona State University, Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home and architectural college, the state capitol and had the



opportunity to preview two new block buster movies from Sony pictures.

Kudos to Yearbook Advisor **Ron Cueba**, Editors of the 2001 Yearbook **Erika Perez** and **Nancy Lam** and yearbook staff members **Adriana Perez**, **Mon Saetern**, **Mong Saetern**, **Nora Cibrian**, **Huynh Pham**, **Loveli Terrado**, **Stephen Heraldo**, and **Uy Tran**.

Mt. Pleasant Student Selected for Hispanic Heritage Mathematics Award



Raudel Yanez, a senior at Mt. Pleasant, was selected as one of six San Jose regional winners of the Hispanic Heritage Youth Award. This honor recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Hispanic high school seniors across the nation and promotes them as role models for their peers. The award was created in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation and the Fannie Mae Foundation. The winners were chosen for their accomplishments in their specific subject area, community involvement, and on a written essay they submitted that discussed the importance of their Hispanic heritage and how it impacted their lives. The Regional Youth Award winners

receive a \$2,000 education grant. In addition, a \$1,000 donation is made in their name to the non-profit of their choice and they become eligible for the Hispanic Heritage National Youth Award. That award provides an additional \$5,000 education grant, a laptop computer and a trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Hispanic Heritage Awards Gala next October. **Raudel** was recognized in April by the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation. Present to congratulate all the winners were: **Mayor Ron Gonzales**, **County Superintendent Colleen Wilcox**, **County Board of Supervisors Blanca Alvarado**, **Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren**, **Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante**, **Senators Liz Figueroa**, **Bruce McPherson**, **John Vasconcellos**, and **Ana Eshoo** along with other local community and business leaders. **Raudel Yanez** is a four year Puente student who was born in Mexico and later became a California resident. He is the senior class president and has previously served two years as the Latino Student Union President. He also has successfully passed the Calculus AP exams, Spanish Language and Spanish Literature AP exams. He received high honors on the Golden State English and Spanish exams. Raudel has been accepted to Harvard, Princeton, UCLA, Santa Clara University, UC Berkley, and Stanford University. He will be attending Harvard next year.

Congratulations to **Raudel** on all of his outstanding achievements!

Foothill Robotics Team Maintains Presence in Competition



Although they didn't walk away with 1st place, the Foothill Robotics Team did receive the Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship Award at the Silicon Valley Regionals at the end of March.

Forty-nine teams competed in that event. Foothill's team was recognized for helping a rookie team with ideas, and providing them with parts and a used robot. Their generosity with spare battery parts, tools and compliments during the competition was also noted by the judges.

Independence Students Perform in 2nd Annual Dance Around the World

Fifteen Independence students danced with professionals in the 2nd Annual Dance Around the World performance at the Mexican Heritage Plaza last month. They were one of four major performances at the annual event. Working under the direction of the renowned choreographer **José Limón**, the students learned **Limón's** piece "Unsung" which was originally choreographed in 1970. It premiered at the Juilliard School in New York City.



The Independence students participate in the school's Performing Arts Academy and are a part of **IndependDance**, a dance group at the school. The students rehearsed for weeks to prepare for their performance. They were afforded the opportunity because of a long time partnership with the **Limón Dance Foundation**. The internationally acclaimed dancer **Gary Masters** heads up Independence's outreach program and helped to prepare the students for their debut. An excerpt from the 2nd Annual Dance Around the World program described the students part in the performance in the following manner: "Their energy and power adds a new dimension to the original potent form

"We were so proud of these young men and women. This award is better than first place. It validates the growth we've seen in these students. We want them to graduate from Foothill with the skills necessary to be productive citizens. These students are demonstration that they have mastered many of those required skills," said a very excited **Jackie Guevara**, Director of Alternative Education.

Congratulations to the Foothill Robotics team members: **Federico Alcalá** (Captian), **Francisco Duran**, **Sophy Rem**, **Vancouver Sanesanong**, **Rocio Mejia**, **Darleen Diaz**, **Rene Jimenez**, **Alex Luna**, **Alex Leal**, **Johnny Le**, **Cristela Ramirez**, and **Priscilla Prediado**, on this outstanding award.

Kudos to their Advisors **Jeff Jacobs** and **Beatriz Olazaba**, mentors **Alan Federmar**, **Jose Sierra**, **Raul Olazaba**, **Kyle Naido** and supporters **Chris** and **Nanci Bent** for teaching the students that there is more to competing than winning.

of this masterwork, bringing it truly into the cutting edge of the 21st century."

Congratulations to our superstars—**Desira Barners**, **Amanda Blanchard**, **Sienna Cazares**, **Desiree Dela Pena**, **Lisa Dominguez**, **Sophia Gevorkian**, **Nhan Ho**, **Kellie Jeffrey**, **Parada Kosarussavadi**, **Christine Lanahan**, **Jennifer LeBlanc**, **Tran Le**, **Mekenna Melvin**, **Rachelle Villanueva**, and **Jennifer Voong**.

Kudos to Independence teacher **Kellye Dodd** who works with these students on a regular basis to build their skills, East Side sends a special thanks to **José Limón** and **Gary Masters** for their efforts to develop the talents of our students.

Mt. Pleasant Student Literary Magazine Receives Highest State Recognition

The Mt. Pleasant student literary magazine, *The Cardinal Quill*, received the Highest Award from the National Council of Teachers of English.

It should be noted that this publication has received several state and national recognitions.

Kudos to Faculty Advisor **Joe Lovato** and student editor **Tinh Nguyen** on their latest outstanding achievement.

Foothill Students Win Awards at 14th Annual Charles Walton Peace Essay Challenge

Foothill students **Tamika Moore**, **Joanna Lopez** and **Francisco Duran** were among the top winners in the Charles Walton Peace Essay Challenge Competition. The contest is sponsored by the San Jose Peace Center and the Collins Foundation. The theme for this year was "Our National Drug Problems."

Nine papers were selected as this year's top essays. Foothill students wrote three of the nine winning papers! The other student winners were from Presentation, Notre Dame, Los Altos and Campbell High Schools.

The students were honored last week at a reception and they received \$500 scholarships. Congratulations to **Tamika**, **Joanna** and **Francisco** on their awards; they represented East Side well.

Grove Foundation Steps Up to Support Andrew Hill's Nursing Academy

The Grove Foundation sent a check for \$10,000 to Andrew Hill to help with start-up costs for the new nursing academy. The funds will support professional development, curriculum development, supplies and career development activities. Grove Foundation Program Director **Erika Nelson** stated in a letter to Andrew Hill Health Profession Coordinator **Marilyn Bliss**, "We believe that the creation of a Nursing Academy is a timely and much needed resource in our community."

Kudos to the **Grove Foundation** for contributing to this effort and to **Marilyn Bliss** for her continuous work to bring in community partners.

Piedmont Hills Student Receives Asian American Educator's Association Scholarship

Hoang Yen Nguyen (PH senior) was honored at last month's Asian American Educator's Association (AAEA) Scholarship Banquet. She was one of five 2002 scholarship recipients. **Hoang** was selected for her outstanding academic record and her contributions to the community. She teaches in a Saturday Vietnamese Catholic School. **Hoang** plans to attend the University of San Francisco and pursue a degree in education.

The AAEA is an organization dedicated to improving education. Each year they raise funds to provide financial support to Asian youth who are committed to entering the field of education.

Congratulations to **Hoang** on her award and kudos to AAEA for their efforts to encourage students to pursue careers in education. East Side salutes AAEA executive board members: **Joyce Oyama** (JL), **Frances Renteria** (EC), **Jerry Yamaguchi** (Phoenix), **Bill Yamaki** (PH), **Itsuo Yokota** (WCO) and **John Higaki** (Retiree).

Foothill Teacher Chosen as Dia del Maestro 2002 Teacher of the Year

Jenner Griffin-Perez, Foothill teacher, has been chosen as the Dia del Maestro 2002 Teacher of the Year.

Dia del Maestro (Day of the Teacher) is a traditional Mexican day of celebration to honor all teachers. The Dia del Maestro Teacher Awards Program was established to honor those teachers who have contributed most to the educational advancement of Chicano/Latino students in Santa Clara County. Teachers are nominated for the awards.

Jenner was nominated by 19 students and her colleague, **Jeneva Westendorf**. The students' essays on **Jenner's** contribution to the students at Foothill moved the selection committee.

A special banquet is being held this month to honor the award winners.

Congratulations to **Jenner** on the prestigious award. Kudos to **Jeneva** and the students at Foothill for submitting the nominations to honor this outstanding teacher.

Santa Teresa Teacher to Present at National IISME Conference

Debra Dimas, physics and chemistry teacher at Santa Teresa, was selected to present at the first national "Bringing Research in Science Classrooms" conference last month. This conference brings together teachers, mentors and program managers from around the county who have participated in a *Research Experience for Teachers* program funded by the National Science Foundation.

Debra is an IISME Fellow and Peer coach. The Industry Initiative for Science and Math Educator (IISME) helps prepare students to be productive and competitive in the workplace. Through IISME,

companies, university laboratories and public agencies develop summer work assignments for teachers to give them workplace experience. IISME Summer Fellows commit to transferring their experiences into classroom applications for students. Using her IISME experience **Debra** created a website and project-based learning project to help her students compete in science fairs. The website address is <http://staff.esuhdsd.org/~dimasd/scifair/scifairproject.htm>.

Kudos to **Debra** for sharing her expertise so that more students can capitalize on this valuable resource.

Mt. Pleasant's Puente AP Class 1st in History of Puente Program

Mt. Pleasant English Teacher **Bettina Lopez** is teaching the first AP class in the history of the 20 year Puente high school program.

Bettina and her class were featured in the spring edition of *Puente News*. The article highlighted that in addition to offering the first AP class,

this is the first time Puente was extended through the junior year. Puente's mission is to increase the number of underrepresented minority students who enroll in four year colleges. Puente trains staff to implement a rigorous instructional program with focused academic counseling and mentoring. Thirty-one high schools and 45 community colleges in the state have Puente programs. The success of Mt. Pleasant's program is attributed to: the quality of the teaching, grassroots



support from students and counselor and parent support.

Mt. Pleasant student **Carlos Cornejo** was quoted as saying "my older sister, a senior at St. Mary's College, reads my paper and says 'this is like what we're doing'; even though its really hard work, it's very rewarding to hear things like that!"

Kudos to **Bettina Lopez** and to Puente counselor **Miriam Velez** for their efforts to prepare our students for success in college.

Three East Side Students were Selected as Bank of America 2002 Achievement Award Finalists

Mary M. Low, (Piedmont Hills), **Janice Mendoza** (Mt. Pleasant), and **Randel Yanez** (Mt. Pleasant) were selected as Bank of America finalists for San Jose—Region 2.

Every year Bank of America invites seniors to compete for scholarships. They review the student's academic record, community and school involvement activities and letters of recommendations.

Students in East Side compete with high school students from as far north as Palo Alto and as far south as Gonzales.

Only 32 students made the finals in Region 2. The students were recognized at a luncheon at the Fairmont in late April and received \$500 scholarships.

Congratulations to award winners **Mary Low**, **Janice Mendoza** and **Randel Yanez**.

Bay Area School Reform Collaborative Highlights W.C. Overfelt's Approach to SAT9

The Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) is circulating W.C. Overfelt's approach to preparing students for the SAT9 to all BASRC schools. The message they are sending includes the following information: "The Leadership Team at Overfelt High School in San Jose has created a clear, thought-provoking presentation for students about the SAT9. In the midst of controversy over "bubble-filling" test prep, the team at Overfelt has created a meaningful student-relevant PowerPoint presentation that they have given to every 9th – 11th grade class in the high school. On a basic level it makes students aware of the SAT9, but on a more substantive level it provokes a discussion about the purposes and uses of SAT9 and the meaning, causes and interpretations of the school's scores. It also prompts students to reflect and goal-set around their own SAT9 performance."

"Vito Chiala, BASRC Reform Coordinator at Overfelt, feels that 'the real

strength of the presentation is giving the students their own data.' Using a FileMaker Pro database, each student is given a print-out with his or her own reading score from last year's SAT9. Each student charts the school's, district's, county's and state's average scores, and then sets an individual goal based on how much they feel they tried last year. Overall, the presentation effectively turns preparation for a state-mandated test into a discussion of civics, education policy and personal accountability. The leadership team adapted the presentation according to grade level and audience, including ELL students, parent groups and the School Site Council."

Kudos to Principal **Tim McDonough**, APED **Lynne Murray**, APA **Frances Palacios**, BASRC Reform Coordinator **Vito Chiala** and the teacher leaders at the Big O on the development of this creative approach to get student and teacher involvement and ownership on SAT9 tests.

East Side Data Collection, Analysis and Assessment Strategies Featured at Bay Area School Reform Collaborative

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction **Dan Ordaz** and District Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) Coordinator **Laurene Payne** were asked to present the district's strategy for assessing student growth at a recent BASRC training session.

Dan and **Laurene** presented an overview of how the NWEA assessments are being implemented in the district and how the results are used to drive continuous improvement. They also demonstrated how data is collected and managed through the use of the "Cruncher".

Kudos to **Dan** and **Laurene** on their presentation and more importantly on their efforts to develop useful and relevant data that can help teachers address student needs more effectively.

Two East Side Coaches Honored by Central Coast Section



Barbara Uchiyama, Badminton Coach at Santa Teresa, and **Trish Sunseri**, Softball Coach at Silver Creek, were recipients of the 2002 Central Coast Section (CCS) Spring Sports Honor Coaches Award.

This honor is presented to coaches whose colleagues believe that they have made outstanding contributions to their sport at the school, with the league, the community and to CCS. They look for individuals who maintain high standards, make additional contributions to their school and the community and are seen as an inspiration and role model to their students, colleagues, parents and the public.

East Side's honorees easily met the criteria. **Barbara Uchiyama** has been Head Badminton Coach at Santa Teresa for 21 years. She also coached varsity

volleyball, soccer, basketball and track and has served as the Girls Athletic Director. In addition to her contributions to Santa Teresa's athletic program, **Barbara** has served as a family wellness instructor at Santa Teresa and has served on the Japanese American Resource Center Board.

Trish Sunseri has been the Varsity Softball Coach at Silver Creek for nine years. She also coached the JV volleyball team and varsity basketball and served as the league representative to CCS for softball and basketball.

Kudos to **Barbara** and **Trish** on this significant award and for the contributions they continue to make to the East Side sports program. They were honored in late April at the CCS Board of Managers meeting.



Three Schools Receive Ecolab Grants



Staff from James Lick, Independence and W.C. Overfelt were awarded grants through the Ecolab Visions for

Learning Program.

Each year Ecolab invites teachers to submit grants for supplies and materials to support their programs. This year, **Sue Vierra** (James Lick, Math), **Bonnie Sooy** (James Lick, Math), **Maryann Kelly** (James Lick, Art), **Chris Evans** (James Lick, Librarian), **Karen Judge-Delgado** (James Lick, ELL), **Mike Reynolds** (Independence, Industrial Technology), **Luis Garcia-Sanchez** (Independence, Science), **Louise Handley** (W.C. Overfelt, Science), and **James Ratcliff** (W.C. Overfelt, Science) were chosen to receive cash awards.

A special presentation was held at Ecolab in April to recognize the winners and present the checks.

Kudos to these staff members for making that extra effort to bring more resources to their students.

Silver Creek Teacher Receives USC Best Dissertation Award



On May 9, 2002, at the University of Southern California's Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Thomas Richardson, Silver Creek science teacher, was presented the Dissertation Award of Merit. His dissertation was one of nine chosen from among 160 in the USC School of Education.

Tom has been a science teacher for eighteen years, the last seven years at Silver Creek. Prior to teaching he was an industrial engineer in the aerospace industry and a curriculum writer for community service organizations. Over the last six years, Tom has been an active participant in the district's Sciencepalooza and Science Standards Committee and Silver Creek's Site Council, WASC Accreditation Team and student musicals as well as a presenter for SC's Library Book Club. Over the last five years Tom has also conducted many surveys for the East Side district in teacher satisfaction, efficacy, goal structure and performance as well as school collective efficacy, culture and safety. His reports on these surveys were used by the district in its strategic planning process.

In 1991 Tom completed the Masters of Education Degree in Instructional Design and Technology at CSU Los Angeles. He started the Doctor of Education Degree in the Human Performance at Work program in October 1996 and attended thirteen courses locally by extension. On August 28, 2001, he defended his dissertation "Why do people stop doing good works?" It was a 20-month longitudinal study on the personal, social, organizational and job antecedents of the commitment (effort and retention) of volunteers in community service organizations. It was a discovery study without precedence — with 157 independent variables, 20 constant variables, three surveys and 98 participants in 27 organizations.

Over the last year Dr. Richardson also completed the Preliminary Administrative Credential at San Jose State University.

Congratulations to Tom on his latest major accomplishment.

Tooting Our Own Horns



The East Side Public Information Office received awards in three categories in the 2002 California School Public Relations Association Statewide Communications Contest.

We received first place in Staff Directory category and Awards of Merit (3rd place) for the District publication, "A Place for Success," and for a poster encouraging students to register to vote. We are proud of the fact that we have received at least one first place award for the past four years. Over 150 entries are submitted for each category from education agencies throughout California. We received our awards at the CalSPRA awards ceremony in May.

As Director of this office it gives me great pride to salute a very talented and creative team of professionals - **Barbara Anderson, Kathy Medina and Dolores Alcaraz**. I also want to thank our support team of **Esther Carrillo-Olmos, Jean O'Connell, Cathy Giammona and Lynda Remley** who serve as our proofers and critiquers.

East Side Academies Program Celebrates Partnerships

Last week at a Partnership Celebration Luncheon, the East Side Academies Program recognized key business partners for the Electronics Academies. The ceremony was facilitated by Industry Liaison Sandra Robles and students from the three schools that have Electronics Academies. The students thanked the industry partners who have served on the Operating Committee or provided support to the program and the business representatives who have served as mentor coordinators. As a part of their presentation, each student provided personal testimony regarding the positive impact the industry partners have had on the program. The following companies were recognized for their generous contributions: **Agilent, Alacritech, Applied Materials, Cisco Systems,**

Hewlett Packard, IBM, Lockheed Martin and Siemens. The students also provided special recognition to their teachers and the support staff.

East Side salutes these industry partners and congratulates the following students on their outstanding presentations:

Frankie Robles (WCO), Reena Roy (IHS), Jenny Mendez (WCO), Loc T. Pham (IHS), Hai Nguyen (IHS), Sarah Baskin (SC), Kamie Retuta (WCO), Joey Avila (SC), Cesar Rios (IHS) and Rodrigo Perez (SC). Special thanks to the luncheon organizers: **Sandra Robles, Danielle Cardenas, Brenda Childress, Addaire Faulk, Melinda Gonzalez, Sandy Martinez, Toni Shaw and Carmela Talamo**.

Yerba Buena Parent Wins Interpretation Equipment for School

At the recent California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) conference in San Jose, **Ruben Dominguez**, Yerba Buena parent and School Site Council chairperson and chair of the District Bilingual Advisory Committee, won a TALK system for Yerba Buena High School.

This equipment assists the school in providing translation services to non-English speaking and limited English proficient parents at school meetings.

Yerba Buena has been using the TALK system since 1999 but they don't have enough equipment to accommodate all of their parents.

Mr. Dominguez presented the system to a very grateful **Shirley Barajas**, Yerba Buena LEP/Parent coordinator, at a parent meeting this week.

East Side thanks **Mr. Dominguez** for his generous contribution to Yerba Buena and for the continuous support he provides the district.

Foothill Does it Again!



Foothill took second place in the Silicon Valley Botball Regional competition earlier this month, missing 1st place by only .908 points. The students competed in three categories: Website competition, Seeding Rounds, and Double Elimination competition.

Botball is a national educational program that engages students in the practical applications of science, technology, engineering and math through the activities of robot building and programming. Students have six weeks to create a robot that must perform its assigned task without a remote control. Botball is presented by the KISS Institute for Practical Robotics, a nonprofit organization. Key partners include: NASA Ames Research Center, Legos, American Association for Artificial Intelligence and the U.S. Department of Education.

Congratulations to the following members of this year's Botball team: **Francisco Duran, Joanna Lopez, Randall Martinez, Rueben Ramos, Kathy Reyes, Federico Alcalá, Johnny Le, Alex Leal, Priscilla Preciado, Laura Dao** and webmaster **Rene Alcalá** and their teacher **Jeneva Westendorf**. The team is hoping to take first at the National Competition in Norman, Oklahoma on June 29th - July 2nd.



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East Side has 42 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Winners

Students from schools throughout the district were recently selected to receive over \$103,750 in scholarships from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship opportunity was created by a partnership between the district and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. The Foundation only works with districts, like East Side, who will commit to matching the funds they provide for scholarships.

Students will be attending some of the best colleges in the state and nation - Harvard, Stanford, Santa Clara University, University of California - Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, Cal Poly, San Diego State University, San Jose State University, CSU - Monterey Bay, Sonoma State University and the Art Institute of Los Angeles.

Congratulations to the following recipients and kudos to the staff who encouraged and supported them in the application process.

Students

Rhiann M. Moreno
 Miguel Estrada
 Krystal L. Glover
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