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NCCJ Awards Martin Luther King Jr. Essay and Poster Winners

Last month, the National Council for Community and Justice presented financial awards to 59 East Side students for their winning essays and posters. The students had participated in the district's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Poster contest. Close to 3,700 students participated in this year's competition. Silver Creek and Andrew Hill staff are to be commended for the incredible job they did promoting the contest. More than half of the students who entered the essay competition were from Silver Creek and over one half of the poster entries were from Andrew Hill. The purpose of the contest is to deepen an awareness of the work of the great Martin Luther King, Jr. and to get students to continue taking steps to keep his dream of equality for all alive. Schools selected first, second and third prize winners. A district committee selected a grand prize winner in each category from the schools' first prize winners.

The grand prize winners were: **Jamie Davis-Shawhyde** from Independence for essay and **Rodrigo Oliva** from Mt. Pleasant for poster. The winning entries are on display at the Martin Luther King, Jr. library downtown on the first floor through February.

Special thanks to **Kathy Gonzalez** (ST) who coordinated this effort and did an outstanding job.



Kelly Bennett

James Lick Graduate Hailed as Hero

Kelly Bennett, the young woman who alerted the police to the potential bomb threat to DeAnza College, graduated from James Lick in 2000. Kelly was in the Communications Magnet and very active at school. Her senior project was a video on school safety. Kelly recently appeared on Good Morning America, NBC Today and The Early Show. Channel 11 also highlighted Kelly and the James Lick Communication Magnet last week. She was recognized at the East Side Board meeting on February 8.

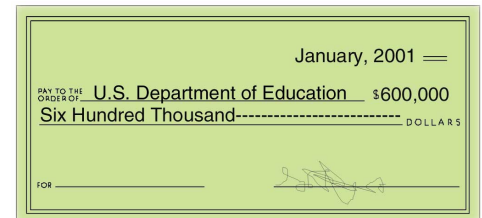
East Side congratulates Kelly for her bravery.

Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Awards AVID Teachers

A number of AVID teachers in the district received checks in the amount of \$250 to benefit their classes from the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union.

The Credit Union has been working with the County Office of Education to develop programs to support schools in the county. AVID teachers were asked to apply for the funds and state how the funds would

benefit the students. A number of East Side teachers took advantage of the opportunity. After a review of the grant applications, the Credit Union awarded checks to: **Heather Tubal** (SC), **Venessa Frank** (SC), **Teresa Ceja** (SC), **Jill Milnor** (SC), **Heidi Ramirez** (SC), **Dan Johnson** (SC), **James Frazee** (WCO), **Colleen Montesano** (WCO), **Jason Deneau** (WCO) and **Pat Randazzo** (FH). Congratulations to all these teachers.



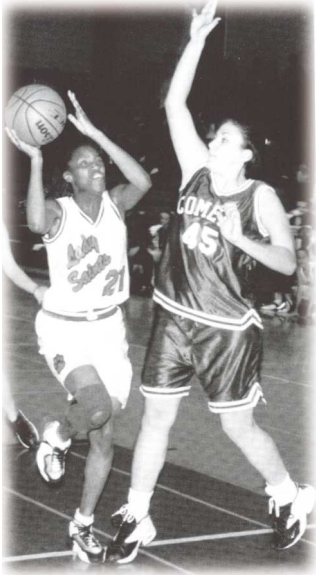
Andrew Hill and Yerba Buena Receive a 3-Year \$600,000 U.S. Department of Education Grant

Andrew Hill and Yerba Buena will benefit from a \$600,000 three-year federal grant that will enable them to provide special intervention services for students who are down credits. "Project Graduate" will operate after school, on weekends and during the summer. The grant focuses on students who are not on target to graduate. The staff will partner with the San Jose Conservation Corp and Healthy Start Programs to accomplish the grant's objectives. A special feature of the grant allows for students to be paid for their participation, which provides even more of an incentive to students to study and stay in school.

Special kudos to the grant organizer, **Dr. Ramon Martinez**, and to **Bruce Shimizu** (AH), **Julia Lawrence** (OG), **Terry Griffin** (AH), **Bill Mustanich** (AH), **Dave Riley** (AH), and **Sherri Stewart** (Technical Assistance) for helping to develop and write the proposal.

Three East Side Coaches Selected as CCS Winter Sports Honors Coaches

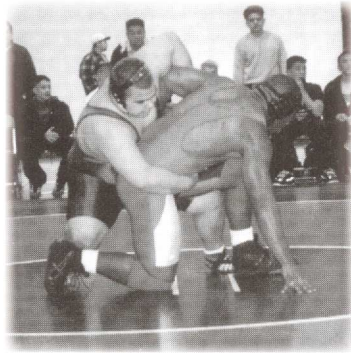
The CIF Central Coast Section announced the winners of the 2000-2001 CCS Winter Sports Honors Coaches Awards and three of the four recipients were East Side coaches.



Charles (CJ) Howard (Santa Teresa Girls' Basketball), **George Banks** (IH Boys' Basketball) and **Ray Jiminez** (JL Wrestling) were recognized by their colleagues for the outstanding contributions they have made to the students, the league, the community and the Central Coast Section. The attributes that are considered are maintenance of



professional standards of conduct, general services to the sport, outstanding coaching accomplishments, contributions to the school and the community and being a role model and inspiration to athletes, coaches, teachers, administrators, parents and public.



Congratulations to **CJ, George and Ray!** They are to be commended for the contributions they have made to the East Side sports programs. They were recognized by the CCS Board of Managers at their January meeting.

W.C. Overfelt Gets "Keep the Music Alive in Our Schools" Grant

Thanks to the work of **Jorge Palacios**, W.C. Overfelt received confirmation that their application to the Mr. Holland Opus Foundation "Keep the Music Alive in Our Schools" has been funded.

The grant supports W.C. Overfelt and the Mexican Heritage Plaza's Mariachi Education program. The grant of \$7,000 will provide for the purchase of musical instruments—violins, guitarras, trumpets, guitarrons and vihuelas with cases.

Kudos to **Jorge** for preparing and submitting the application for consideration.

East Side Leaders at CCOC

Four East Side students have been elevated to the rank of officer at the Law Enforcement Program at CCOC. These students performed well on the promotional exam for the position of corporal and sergeant. The students elevated to these positions will mentor new students and be a role model for others. They are also assigned collateral duties such as: range instructor, physical training instructor and defensive tactics. Sergeants will have more responsibilities in the class than the corporals.

Just like industry, the promotions had to be earned. Each student had to complete a written examination covering the material learned from previous classes. Those students passing the written exam were invited to the oral examination. Each student met with two teachers and had to

answer a series of questions about their abilities and situations. Finally, a review of their attendance, punctuality and completed assignments was conducted. East Side salutes the following students: **Sergeant Maribel Corona**, (OG), **Sergeant Cassandra Miller**, (FH), **Sergeant Anthony Leal**, (SC), **Sergeant John Tu** (SC), and **Corporal Maria Leyva**, (OG).

San Jose State University Professor Honors Santa Teresa

Dr. Celestine Villa, Professor at San Jose State University in the Educational Leadership Division, selected Santa Teresa High School as a school "exemplifying growth" over a five-year period.

Santa Teresa was part of a study of SB1274 Demonstration of School Restructuring grant recipients. Follow up was conducted on the sustainability of restructuring in the schools funded under SB1274. Santa Teresa was identified as a school making good to excellent progress and exemplifying growth.

Kudos to **Fredella Stewart** and the **Santa Teresa staff** for the reform work and to **Mike Welch** who helped initiate the restructuring effort at Santa Teresa.

Kudos to Oak Grove Band

The Oak Grove band played at the City of San Jose's "State of the City" and made East Side proud.

Special thanks to **Chris Moura**, Director of the Oak Grove band, for leading this effort.



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