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*Superintendent and Board of Trustees
thank you for your efforts this school year and wish you
a safe, enjoyable and restful summer*



Andrew Hill Health Magnet Students Make a Difference in the Community

When Santa Clara County determined it would insure all 71,000 children from 0-19 years of age who are presently uninsured, the Andrew Hill Health Magnet students made a commitment to help the county find and enroll these individuals. The Andrew Hill students worked at numerous outreach events, staffing booths and assisting families with the enrollment application. They also helped promote the benefit in their monthly publication.

Kudos to the **Health Magnet students** and the Health Magnet Coordinator **Marilyn Bliss** for taking an active role to help address a critical issue in the community.

Silver Creek 9th Grade Math Students Win RoboRace Competition

Four 9th grade students from Silver Creek High School took 1st place at San Jose State University in a competition called RoboRace. This competition involves teams of 4 students working together to program a robot. The winning team is the one who builds the robot with the fastest speed.

The Silver Creek students competed against students from grades 9 through 12 throughout Santa Clara County in April. The 1st place champions were: **Brandon Everly, David Lalone, Robert Gonzalez** and **Matt Snyder**. Congratulations to these students and to their teacher, **Grace Perez-Vokt**, who encouraged and supported the team throughout the competition.

Schools Benefit from Student Participation in Science Fair

Independence, Oak Grove, Silver Creek and Overfelt will be receiving a free Direct TV system and programming package because of the success of their students at the California State Science Fair.

Congratulations to the following teachers for promoting student participation: **Steve Barry** (IH), **Carol Evans** (OG), **Mark Okuda** (SC) and **Louise Handly** (WCO).

W.C. Overfelt Students Participate in Biotechnology Program

Five Overfelt students received hands on training at Applied Biosystems in a program organized by the Bay Area Biotechnology Education Consortium, a network of Bay Area educators working to expose students to modern lab techniques.

The students—**Sarith Ly, Nancy Lam, Hong Luong, Hoa Thach** and **Chi Nguyen** participated in a number of biotech projects. They examined DNA samples using a state of the art biological scanner and compared DNA extracts from 4 students of Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian ancestry to determine which of these ethnic groups were most closely related. (They had submitted this experiment earlier this year to the California State Science Fair.) They also sampled their own DNA and they discussed issues of bioethics.

Sponsors such as the Genentech Foundation and Applied Biosystems underwrite the training program which requires costly equipment and supplies as well as trainers. Kudos to **Louise Handly** (WCO science teacher) for exposing her students to this cutting-

edge science; it is providing all kinds of experiences for these youngsters and opening their eyes to exciting career opportunities. This particular training program, highlighting the **WC Overfelt students** and **Louise Handly**, was featured in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on May 21, 2001.

More Science Awards

Hong Dang, senior at Oak Grove, won 1st place in Zoology at the California State Science Fair—a first for the East Side! **Hong** plans to go to UC Davis and major in pre-med. Kudos to **Hong** on this award.

And at the Santa Clara County Fair, East Side science classes took both 2nd and 3rd place in the junior science division. Congratulations to **Carol Evans** (OG science teacher) for winning second place and **Carolyn Abbott** (PH science teacher) for winning third place.

Carolyn has placed for two consecutive years at the county fair.

East Side Adult Education Staff Nominated for Awards

East Side Adult Education staff members, **Evalyn Martinez**, teacher, and **Lynn Rios**, Assessment & Resource Center Tech, were selected as the 2001 California Council for Adult Education (CCAЕ) Bay Section Chapter award nominees.

Evalyn Martinez was a nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award and **Lynn Rios** was a nominee for the Excellence in Support Services Award. **Evalyn** teaches *Personal Grooming for Adults with Disabilities*, *California History and Walking Tours* and *Color and Image*. She was honored for always going beyond the call of duty. For example, **Evalyn** teaches grooming in a locked psychiatric facility and she noted that most patients had only one change of clothes and a very limited income. She took it upon herself to organize a clothing drive and presented the items collected to her students. This act of kindness was just one of many she has done for her students.

Lynn Rios processes over 3,000 ESL students each year and over 1,000 GED and Voc. Ed. students. She administers, proctors, scores and enters data for the entire assessment program and administers over 300 adult proficiencies and does it all with a smile. **Lynn** was nominated for positive attitude, congeniality and diplomatic style. She is often the first person students meet when they enter Adult Ed and her

approach always makes them eager to return.

Evalyn and **Lynn** were honored earlier this month at a CCAЕ dinner. Congratulations to **Evalyn** and **Lynn** on these well deserved nominations.



East Side Cadet Academy Makes Formal Presentation to Board of Trustees

At the May Board Meeting, students and staff from the new East Side Cadet Academy presented an overview of their program to the East Side Board of Trustees. Marching in formation into the room in their common-dress attire, the cadets started the presentation by demonstrating one of their drills to the Board.

The East Side Cadet Academy is a community day school located at the Cathedral of Faith. It is a partnership with the East Side Union High School District, California Youth Outreach, and the California National Guard. Their curricula includes English, World and U.S. History, Math, Science, Physical Education and leadership. The leadership training is based on a military model of discipline, respect for self and others, formation and drills, and teamwork. Cadets can also pursue extra-curricular activities, participate in field trips, and perform community service for extra credit.

At the Board Meeting, students, parents and staff spoke highly about their new experience. Many of the students said that the school has given them a fresh start. They are now excited about going to school and attend every day; their grades have improved dramatically. Congratulations to the following Cadet Academy staff for providing another opportunity for these youngsters to achieve academic success: **Dot Westerhoff**, Principal; **Luis Rodriguez** and **Rob Suhr**, Instructors; **Sherry Le Beau**, Paraeducator; **Jennie Lopez**, Youth Intervention Specialist; and **Jackie Guevara**, Director of Alternative Education.



East Side Goes Hollywood

Following the format of the Academy Awards program, East Side honored talented students in the area of multimedia productions in May. Emceeding and entertaining the participants were the talented comedy team of **Chris Evans** (JL Librarian) and **Tim McDonough** (WCO Principal) with help from their sidekick **Jesse Medina** (JL Communications Teacher). **Chris** and **Jesse** tried to steal the show by showing clips from their production "Flabiator" a remake of the film "Gladiator." They didn't receive an award but they did win over the crowd. The planning committee is discussing establishing a new category for "teachers aspiring to be filmmakers" for next year.

On a more serious note, close to 400 entries were received this year from aspiring video producers, directors, animators, digital photographers, computer illustrators and website developers. Awards were presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the following categories: Comedy, Computer Illustration, Drama, Digital Photography, News Story, Teen Reading Ad, Animation (traditional), PowerPoint presentation, Computer Animation, Website, Educational Project, and Music Videos.

The following teachers were rewarded with software prizes for sponsoring award winners: **Bryan Reed**, **Charles West**, **Doug Day**, **Margorie Kelley**, **Diana Keller**, **Linda Sparling**, **Patricia Giorgianni**, **John Mora**, **Maureen Susino**, **Rushton Hurley**, **Jesse Medina**, **Pam O'Klock**, **Kathy Farmer**, **Tom Bolei**, **Ken Crowther**, **Bernadette Dunham**, **Clark Semple**, and **Nancy Lorenzen**.

Congratulations to all the student winners and their teachers. Special

thanks to the supporting cast who helped with various aspects of the program: **Dolorez Alcaraz, Barbara Anderson, Vangie Avila, Cris Bent, Nanci Bent, Esther Carrillo-Olmos, Danny Casanova, Gail Chaid, David Chaid, Jr., Joe Coto, Dean Farmer, Cathy Giammona, Lorraine Guerin, Jackie Guevara, Kathy Kevatos, Patty Kitong, Bill Kugler, Marcia Leroy, Kathy Medina, Dan Moser, Jean O'Connell, Frances Renteria, Rafael Renteria, Karalee Roland, Manuel Rosa, Norma Valerio and Mike Welch.**

The list of all the winners and entries can be viewed at <http://www.multimedia.esuhd.org>.

Student Board Representatives Recognized by Board of Trustees

At their last meeting the Board of Trustees recognized the contributions of the two student board representatives for this school year—**Jerico Lavarias** and **Guadalupe Rodriquez**. These two outstanding students attended the board meetings this year and provided input on all policy issues impacting students. In addition to being student board representatives, **Jerico** and **Guadalupe**



have been active at their schools and in the community.

Jerico, a soon to be graduate from Santa Teresa High School, has held the office of Supreme Court Chief Justice. He was a member of ASB, Interact, Link Crew, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Asian Student Union and Youth Alive. **Jerico** is a lifetime member of CSF and NHS and a member of the Santa Clara Youth Hall of Fame. He has volunteered with the Rotary, Youth Task Force and the Timpany Center. **Jerico** was selected as the Suzette Galloway Most Inspirational Award winner, Alumni Achievement Top Finalist as well as

DAR Good Citizen Eastside Campbell District. **Jerico** will be attending UC Berkley and majoring in Psychology this fall.



Guadalupe, a soon to be Andrew Hill graduate, is a Fleur de Lis member and a CSF Sealbearer. She received the VEP Homeowners Award Scholarship for academic achievement and community involvement, the Athena Scholarship, the SAT 9 Governor's Scholarship, Cal Grant Award, and the scholarship from the Society of Hispanic Engineers. **Guadalupe** is a Hispanic National Merit Scholar for exceptional PSAT scores and a recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship sponsored by Microsoft. She was accepted into Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Princeton, Boston College, and John Hopkins. She is going to Harvard to study Neuroscience. She plans to study genetic diseases and find cures for neuromuscular diseases. She was featured last week on Channel 11 as one of the Hispanic Heritage Award Winners.

Congratulations to **Jerico** and **Guadalupe** on their many achievements.

Independence Teacher Honored

Peggy Stover, Independence English teacher, has been honored by Prentis Hall as a Program Advisor in the development of *Literature: Timeless voices, Timeless Themes*. Along with a small cadre of teachers selected throughout the country, her valuable insights helped ensure that the perspective of teachers was represented within the literature series.

East Side salutes **Peggy** on her contributions to this publication.



District Administrator Appointed to ACSA State Pupil Services and Special Education Committee

Felton Owens, Director of Special Services, has been appointed to the ACSA State Pupil Services and Special Education Committee. **Felton** will participate in the development of policies, programs and positions for the association in the area of pupil services and Special Education. He will also serve as a liaison to our region. Congratulations to **Felton** on this prestigious appointment.

Silver Creek Student Wins Mathematics Award

Silver Creek senior, **Christina Tran**, received the Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association Outstanding Senior Mathematics Student Award. **Christina** has excelled in math throughout high school and for the past two years she has attended San Jose State University to take Calculus III, Linear Algebra, and Differential Equations. **Christina** will be attending Stanford University in the fall.

Congratulations to **Christina** and kudos to SC math teacher, **Grace Perez-Vokt**, who taught **Christina** AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC and encouraged her to continue studying math.

Mayor Visits Andrew Hill

Mayor Ron Gonzales made a special visit to Andrew Hill to meet with **Thuan Nguyen** who won the City of San Jose Award of Excellence for Community Service. **Thuan** is an active parent at Andrew Hill who has contributed a tremendous amount of time to the Health Magnet. **Marilyn Bliss**, coordinator of the Health Magnet had nominated her for the City recognition. The mayor had lunch with **Thuan**, her son and daughter (Andrew Hill students), several other students and

about 20 staff members. He also toured the campus and visited a number of Health Magnet classes.

Pictures of the Mayor's visit can be seen on the district web site at <http://events.www.esuhd.org/kudos.html>.



W. C. Overfelt Honors Teacher's Parents

Last month at a faculty meeting, the Overfelt staff honored **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pyeatt**, parents of **Ellen Pyeatt**, (WCO Special Education teacher) for developing a trust in their will to establish the Rick Pyeatt Charitable Trust Fund at W.C. Overfelt. The Pyeatts wanted to honor the memory of their son, Rick. Rick dedicated his life to helping others and they wanted to commemorate his life. The trust will generate scholarship awards annually and enable young people to pursue their dreams of going to college. Present at the meeting were a representative from Assemblyman Manny Diaz's office to present a Resolution from the California Assembly and Superintendent Joe Coto to present a Proclamation from the Board of Trustees to **Ellen** for her parents. Her parents live in southern California and could not be present. East Side thanks **Mr. and Mrs. Pyeatt** for choosing to set up their Trust to benefit Overfelt students.



Superintendent

Joe Coto

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District Celebrates Over 1400 Years of Experience!

Last week, 55 retirees were recognized for their contributions to the success of thousands of young people. In a ceremony at the Ed Center, the Superintendent and Board Members publicly honored the retirees for their years of service. Each honoree received a watch and a certificate of appreciation. The watch has a district logo and the initials of the schools in the order that they were built.

The following employees were honored:

Name	Years	Current School Or Site
Eduardo Alexandre	15	OG
Joyce Branson-Weiss	18	IH
Richard Cabral	30	IH
Geoffrey Capell	36	SC
Minnie Carmona	30	YB
Lorraine D'Ambruoso	35	MP
Joan Darroch	11	SC
Fred deFuniak	33	SC
Dennis DeHart	36	MP
Marian Dotson	17	SC
Sabra Dupree	16	MP
Francisco Garcia	30	YB
Kathy Gonzales	24	YB
Ben Gonzales	15	IH
John Henry	36	MP
Charles Holston	6	YB
Madeline Iverson	17	PH
Jim Jessen	32	OG
Joyce Johns	33	PH
William Kiely	38	YB
Katherine Kuzirian	13	IAC
Trudy LaFrance	23•	AH
Deanna LaTorre	26	ST
Cathy Lee	12	OAC
Nick Leon	35	FH
Marilyn Lowe	14	EC
Sandra Mack	18	EC
Barbara Mariano	30	OG
Betty McCormick	15	IH
David McCready	38	MP
Janice McInturff	13	IAC
Jim Medina	28	EC
Wayne Merritt	34•	OG
Lynell Miller	6	WCO
Bill Moitoso	33	OG
Peter Morrone	35	MP
Bonnie Nill	43•	OG
Norman Oellerich	17	EC
Stanley Phillips	34	EC
Virginia Primon	30	IH
Kathleen Reed	34	IH
Doris Reynolds	35	WCO
Judy Sanchez	17	OG
Georgia Sawatzky	19	IH
Floyd Seitz	34	EC
John Sellarole	39	AE
Anita Shephard-Wilson	33	EC
Constance Stanford	9	EC
Phillip Stearns	32	OG
Elsie Tominaga	15	ST
Howard Trekell	32	ST
Clara Vermont	19	EC
Shirley Weber	24	OG
Joseph Weiss	37	IH
Doug Wilson	37	MP

•Break in service