



# MVLA COMMUNITY SCHOLARS



College Scholarships and Mentoring

2008 Summer Picnic

*Vision Statement: MVLA Community Scholars seeks to improve the economic mobility and quality of life of local, high-potential, underserved youth by providing scholarships to make college accessible and individual mentoring to make a four-year degree achievable*

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## Mountain View City Council Honors Scholars 2008 Grads and Their Mentors

Mountain View City Council honored our 20 2008 Scholars College Graduates and their Mentors at the June 24 Council Meeting. Each graduate and mentor received a Certificate of Appreciation for their achievements.

**Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates/Mentors!**

- Laurel Korwin/Kathryn Hanson**  
UCSD, BA, Political Science
- Chris Morrison/Tom Orvis**  
Cornell University, BA, Biology
- Jessica Hamon/Wayne Dexter**  
UC Berkeley, BA, Molecular Biology
- Yamrot Alemu/Reeta Gheewala**  
Santa Clara, BA, Biology
- Richard Antikoll/ Frank Robertson**  
Santa Clara, BS, Computer Engineering
- Jaci Lee/ Susan Lawson**  
San Diego State BS, Kinesiology
- Margarita Liptsin/Carol VanZee**  
Stanford, BA, International Relations
- Marie Mendy/ Pat Hedden**  
USF, BA, Business Administration
- Acacia Newlon-Yafai/ Pat Osborne**  
UCLA, BA, Communications
- Preeti Piplani/ Tom Adams**  
UC Berkeley, BA, Political Science
- Ayra Maggay/ Marlene McDaniel**  
UCSD, BS, Bioengineering
- Lilian Olayo/ Roma Hammel**  
USF, BS, Nursing
- Veronica Navarette/Reeta Gheewala**  
Santa Clara, BS, Commerce/Finance
- Stefanie Wolf/ Susan Tillim**  
UC Santa Cruz, BA, History
- Navot Tidar/ Herb Perry**  
UCSB
- Carlos Benito/ Roma Hammel**  
SJSU, BA, Criminal Justice
- Lizette Berrospe/Donna Barretto**  
SJSU, BS, Health Science Administration
- Miguel Ponce/ Jim Strand**  
UCSD, BA, Economics
- Nhung Lu/ Andy Danver**  
UC Davis, BS, NeuroBiology
- Stacy Kent/ Doris our**  
Cal Poly SLO, BS, Business Administration



*Some grads, mentors and family at Council Meeting: L-R, Mrs. Piplani, Claudia Hevel, Nancy Lippe, Reeta Gheewala, Andy Danver, Preeti Piplani, Margot Liptsin, Mrs. Liptsin, Carol Van Zee, Richard Antikoll, Judy Hannemann, Mr. Antikoll, Roy Lave*

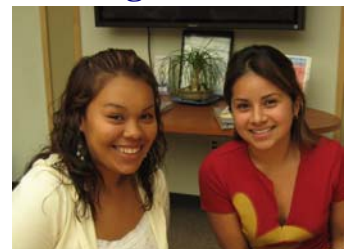
**2008 SUMMER PICNIC**  
**Hinda Weber**  
**Named Scholars**  
**2008**  
**Advocate for Youth**



On a late-June Sunday afternoon, under the Redwood Trees at Santa Rita School, Scholars, Mentors, Donors and Volunteers gathered to celebrate the year. A program in the cozy amphitheater highlighted the roles and accomplishments of program participants. Preeti Piplani, a 2008 college and Scholars graduate, welcomed the freshmen; Pam Lehner and her two mentees, Alicia and Leslie, talked about their experience in college and with the program; and Jaime Antonio and Bill Pierce presented Hinda Weber with the 2008 Scholars Advocate for Youth Award, a Japanese Maple Tree. Hinda is the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Case Manager. Her passionate and tireless advocacy for the youth in the district earned her this award. Previous recipient include Roma Hammel, Rich Fischer, and Jim Strand.

**Skills Workshops: Budgeting, time management, resumes -- and cooking!**

June and July brought together Scholars and Mentors in our annual College Survival Skills workshops. This year, freshmen were required to attend a Freshman Retreat, which was held, courtesy of Gay Krause, at the Foothill College Krause Center for Innovation. Students and mentors got to know each other over breakfast, then learned some vital budgeting lifeskills from local financial advisor, Clari Nolet. Dr. Joan Karlin then led sessions on time management and college study skills. Surveys from Scholars show the most important (and least practiced) college lifeskill: Time management.



Locals Jan Tuttle and Lalia Helmer led sessions for upper classmen on cooking for

college and resume writing/interview skills, respectively. Students learned to cook a healthy, inexpensive Italian dinner from scratch. And they learned how to actively describe their work experience. Summer Workshops!.



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## More Summer/Fall Photos



*Summer Picnic in the Santa Rita School Redwood Grove*



*Scholar Lolita with Miguel and Elise*



*Web McKinney, Gay Krause, Chris McKinney, Roy Lave, Paul Gonella*



*Geidy with Paul Gonella*



*Martha Cravens from CHAC's Parent Project teaches Mentors active listening skills to help them build strong relationships with their students.*

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“How listening to and connecting with people got me off the streets, through school, and on the trail of the  
**2008 Presidential Campaign**  
and other amazing (and amusing) stories.”

**Jose Antonio Vargas**

*Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist, The Washington Post*

Class of 2000, Mountain View High School

Reporter, Mountain View Voice

Class of 2004, San Francisco State and MVLA Community Scholars

in conversation with

**Rich Fischer**

*Former Superintendent of the MVLA High School District*

**Thursday, October 9, 2008**

**7:00 PM**

**Reception to follow**

**Spartan Theater**

**Mountain View High School**

**3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View**

**Hosted by the MVLA High School District**

**Event is free—donations to mentoring/scholarship fund encouraged**