



February's Selection: Rainy Leaf by R. Thompson

# First Orinda-Miramonte photography challenge winners named

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The Orinda City Council at its May 9 meeting was treated to the photographs selected for the months of January, February, March, and April for its photographic challenge to the students of Miramonte High School.

The competition was designed to help the city build its social media and photography library. Instrumental to the program's success, according to a presentation to the council, were Miramonte students, faculty and leadership class, assisted by Mrs. Churchill, photography and digital design; Ms. Porter, science and leadership; and Ms. Vanover, photography and digital design sub. The Miramonte Environmental Commission (Hadley Peterson, Eva Crinks, Ava Dhaliwal and Leo Wampler) was also recognized as important participant in the challenge.

James Duff, the city's community outreach coordinator, gave the presentation and introduced the winners, who received an award from the city council. Each month for four months the students were provided with prompts giving details of what the city

would like that month's photographs to illustrate about Orinda.

In January, the prompt was "Iconic Orinda," and the photograph selected was "Colorful" by Max Langa, depicting a sunrise over Orinda's foggy hills, with bright foliage in the foreground. In response to February's prompt, "infrastructure," winning photographer Reeve Thompson offered "Rainy Leaf," with a vivid red leaf floating on clear water pooling beneath a downspout. March's prompt, "wildfire visual dictionary," was illustrated by Jessica Hui with a photograph entitled "Fire Fuels Mitigation," showing the Orinda chipper at work in the hills of Orinda. Amelie Lo submitted a photograph in response to the April prompt of "lively city," entitled "Veggie Shopping," focusing on people enjoying the Orinda Farmers' Market.

Duff explained that the challenge ran for four months. Although only one outstanding photograph was selected for each of those months, the students had submitted multiple pictures, resulting in a very large cache of photographs for the city to use. Duff says that the city hopes to run another challenge sometime next year.

# Talent and character highlight inductions into the Campolindo Football Hall of Fame

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"I don't know how he knew how to do it, but he was always able to get everyone in the position at the end of the year to be able to play their best."

It was not just Zolintakis' athletic skills but the respect he engendered from the team that Macy spoke about. "Andrew was a top leader with high character," Macy said. "He was so clean it was hard to find a way to make fun of him in tonight's video. He had a strong arm and threw a very

catchable ball with great touch and knew how to make his receivers look good."

Zolintakis was accepted to the University of Southern California but was initially told that due to a lack of space, he would not be able to enter until the second semester. It was here that Macy interceded on his behalf: "When the scouts came up to see Tyler Petite (an inductee last year), I asked them to take a look at Andrew. When they saw him play, they liked him enough to invite him to come in as a walk-on and he

was able to start his college career in the fall."

Zolintakis went on to graduate from USC with a BS in Computer Science Business Administration and then earned his MS in Business Intelligence and Data Analytics from Carnegie Mellon University.

He is living in San Francisco and employed as a data engineer for Meta, working on one of the virtual realities metaverse apps and fills the metrics so the product team can understand how people

are using the metaverse.

Also in attendance were four players that Kevin Macy and his staff coached at Oakland Tech in 1989 and 1990: QB Steve Parham, WR Jamal Waters, WR Mark Collins and WR/DB Kendall Harris. "When we got there, Tech had not won a game in four years or a league game in six years," Macy said. "Our second year, we lost a playoff game to McClymonds that came down to our missing a 2-point conversion at the end."

Parham, a recently retired

Alameda County sheriff who calls Macy every Father's Day, remembers vividly what Macy brought to Oakland Tech:

"They changed the way that we looked at football. It was like we were now prepared to go into a battle, and it slowed the game down for me. The biggest thing we learned was to always keep going. You will have bad days but there are always a lot more good days and that's what I most remember about Coach Macy."

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