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Peace through Art & Writing Challenge-2009

Five students from Acalanes High School and two from Miramonte were among 70 middle and high school winners of the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center's "Peace through Art and Writing Challenge." The Center held its 12th annual awards dinner at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church on May 2. Students were asked to write or create art on the following topic: "President Obama inspires hope, calls for change, and advocates unity of all people. With these ideals in mind, if you were the President, what measures would you implement to advance world peace?"

— Lamorinda winners for Creative Writing were Joshua Bulos (Acalanes - 2nd place) and Aaron Plotkin (Acalanes - 3rd place). Essay Awards winners included Devin Finzer (Miramonte - 2nd place) and Clara Tsao (Miramonte - 3rd place) and Art Awards went to Kyle Trujillo (Acalanes - 2nd place), Jill McGlynn (Acalanes - 3rd place) and Jen Reich (Acalanes - 4th place). The challenge winners were awarded cash prizes contributed by the Schmidt Family, the George Miller Youth Fund, David and Barbara Johnson, Mountain Camp II inc., and Peace Center Donors.

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