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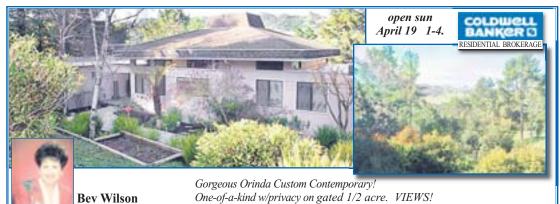
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### Miramonte Latin Club Wins First Place Overall

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**Edited by Jennifer Wake** 



Miramonte Latin Teachers Matt Davis and Nick Carpenter, along with Latin Club members, show off their first place trophy from the 54th Annual California Junior Classical League Convention Photo Yoni Mayer

oasting more than 100 student members, the Miramonte High School Latin Club took first place overall (for large schools) at the 54th Annual California Junior Classical League Convention on March 27 and 28 in San Jose.

The combined efforts in events ranging from athletics to academics resulted in Miramonte's high score, according to Pat Rudebusch, a parent who helped to chaperone the event. "The kids competed in academic testing, art, music, and drama competitions, catapulting and chariot racing, tennis, track, fashion design, spirit . . . the list goes on and on."

One freshman student even built a huge Trojan horse for the competition. "The thing must have been at least eight feet tall .... complete with a door leading to the horse's belly, which could hold several kids," Rudebusch said.

The thing Rudebusch likes most about the convention (and the whole Latin program at Miramonte) is seeing students with diverse interests and skills pulling together and supporting each other. "Where else do you find the basketball star routing for the artist or the history wiz-kid cheering for the track star. It's really quite amazing to be a part of."

Miramonte was also awarded first place in volleyball and basketball, and took second place in the spirit competition. Nearly 30 students won individual first place awards in categories ranging from costume design to ancient geography, essay arts to watercolor.

# Lamorinda Schools

#### **Individual Latin Club Winners**

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Troy C. Akin:	3rd Place Tennis Athletics HS-Boys
Chris A. Alford:	1st Place Costume Couples
	2nd Place Photography Traditional Arts HS
Christina L. Arnon:	1st Place Jewelry Arts HS
	1st Place Daily Life Academic HS-Adv
	2nd Place Reading Comprehension Adv Academic HS-Adv
Adam C. Atkins:	3rd Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
	3rd Place Open Certamen HS 2
Levon Baburyan:	2nd Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Weston L. Bergh:	1st Place Slogan English (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Lindsay A. Blore:	2nd Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2nd Place Modern Myth (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
	3rd Place Essay Arts HS 9-10
Benjamin I. Breen:	1st Place Derivatives Academic HS-3
Joseph V. Chen:	1st Place That <sup>1</sup> s Entertainment Arts HS
	2nd Place Catapult
Andrew B. Cherry:	1st Place History Academic HS-Adv
,	1st Place Ancient Geography Academic HS-Adv
	2nd Place Glass Arts HS
	2nd Place Publicity
Meghan M. Colwell:	2nd Place Vocabulary Academic HS-1
Ayana Crawford:	1st Place Other Textiles Arts HS
Galen Danzig	2nd Place Catapult
James Darling:	1st Place Mosaics Arts HS
J.	3rd Place Ancient Geography Academic HS-Adv
	2nd Place Spirit
Kathleen L. Denny:	2nd Place Posters Const. Arts HS
Robert B. Fluegge:	3rd Place Certamen (Team) HS-1 Academic HS 1
Sarah M. Furtado:	3rd Place Illustrated Quotes Arts HS
Hillary J. Good:	3rd Place Costume Female HS 9-12 Arts
Antony H. Gout:	1st Place Costume Couple
	1st Place Modern Myth (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Patrick J. Hart:	1st Place Models (Large) Arts HS 1
Haley J. Honens:	3rd Place Slogan English (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Cheryl L. Hori:	3rd Place English Oratory Academic HS 11-12
Daniel D. Horstman:	1st Place Mottoes, Abbrv. & Quotes Academic HS-1
	3rd Place Derivatives Academic HS-1
Rachel N. Huang:	3rd Place Slogan English (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
Jake Kaplan:	2nd Place Other Textiles Arts HS
surre rapiani	2nd Place Slogan English (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Theresa E. Kaplan:	2nd Place Decorative Stitching Arts HS
	3rd Place Photography Traditional Arts HS
Julian C. Kelly:	2nd Place Models (Large) Arts HS 2 The Trojan Horse
Wesley K. Lau:	1st Place Ancient Geography Academic HS-1
Diya Li:	2nd Place T-Shirt
2.74 -	3rd Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
Andra Lim:	1st Place Costume Couples
Eric V. Liu:	1st Place Pentathlon Academic HS-2
Natalie M. Liu:	3rd Place Maps Arts HS

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	Elena P. Loke:	3rd Place Original Poetry (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
	Alan A. Long:	1st Place Ancient Geography Academic HS-2
	Jared R. Madnick:	1st Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 9-10
		3rd Place Certamen (Team) HS-1 Academic HS 1
	Marina M. Mai:	2nd Place Art Miscellaneous Arts HS
'	Devon McDonald:	3rd Place Art Miscellaneous Arts HS
	Aydin Mehrage:	1st Place Maps Arts HS
		1st Place Brass / Winds Arts HS
	James B. Ostrom:	1st Place Slogan Latin (Pre-Conv) Arts HS 11-12
	Kristin F. Park:	3rd Place Vocabulary Academic HS-3
	Morgan S. Pavey:	1st Place Essay Arts HS 11-12
		3rd Place Dramatic Interpretation HS
		HM Vocabulary Academic HS-Adv Individual
	Ann M. Pister:	1st Place Arts Overall HS 1
		1st Place Watercolor Arts HS
		1st Place Colored Pencil Arts HS
		1st Place Mixed Media Arts HS
		1st Place Charcoal Arts HS
		HM Vocabulary Academic HS-1
	Stark K. Pister:	1st Place Glass Arts HS
		2nd Place Mottoes, Abbrv. & Quotes Academic HS-Adv
		3rd Place Models (Small) Arts HS
		2nd Place Models (Large) Arts HS 2 The Trojan Horse
	Michael C. Sappio:	HM Ancient Geography Academic HS-2
	Philip Shamash:	2nd Place Pentathlon Academic HS-1
		3rd Place Board Games Arts HS
		3rd Place Reading Comprehension I Academic HS-1
	Christine Shin:	2nd Place Mixed Media Arts HS
	Stoltenberg:	2nd Place Scrapbook HS
		3rd Place Grammar II and above Academic HS-Adv
	Valerie L. Su:	3rd Place Grammar I Academic HS-1
		HM Reading Comprehension   Academic HS-1
	Arielle R. Swernoff:	1st Place Costume Female HS 9-12 Arts HS
	Hannan S. Swernon:	3rd Place Certamen (Team) HS-1 Academic HS 1 3rd Place Pentathlon Academic HS-1
	Brian P. Tan:	1st Place Individual Athletics Overall HS 1
	Dridri P. Idri:	
		1st Place Tennis Athletics HS-Boys
	John J. Toman:	2nd Place Reading Comprehension I Academic HS-1 3rd Place Reading Comprehension Adv Academic HS-Adv
	Tiffany Tu:	1st Place Sculpture Arts HS
	findity fu.	3rd Place Jewelry Arts HS
	Hannah S Waldschm	idt: HM Vocabulary Academic HS-3
	Julia L. Withers:	1st Place Vocabulary Academic HS-1
	Julia E. Withers.	3rd Place 1600 Meters Athletics HS-Girls
	Beverly Worth:	3rd Place Costume Female HS 9-12 Arts
	Alex J. Yeh:	1st Place Reading Comprehension I Academic HS-1
		2nd Place Ancient Geography Academic HS-1
	Cecilia J. Zoll:	1st Place Acrylic/Oil Arts HS
		2nd Place Daily Life Academic HS-2
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### Announcing Orinda Idol 2009 Auditions!

#### Submitted by Susan Garrell

The Orinda Arts Council dents attending school in

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(OAC) invites K-12th graders to sing for a chance to be an Orinda Idol finalist at auditions on May 29 and 30 at Orinda Intermediate School (80 Ivy Drive, Orinda). Auditions for the High School Solo and Group Categories (K-5 & 6-12) are open to all residents of and/or those attending school in Lamorinda, while the Elementary (K-2 & 3-5) and Middle School Solo Categories are open only to residents of and/or stu-

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Submitted by Jake Bodden

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Orinda. For reservations (which open April 17 and close May 24), e-mail your name, grade, school, and e-mail address to orindaidol@bluestar.com. Cash prizes for winners include \$750 (high school), \$500 (middle school), \$300 (3rd to 5th grade), \$200 (K to 2nd grade) and \$300 and \$500 for groups. Finals will be held on Sept. 13 at the Orinda Theatre. For more information, visit the OAC Web site at www.orindaartscouncil.org

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"It's been a whirlwind this year for our school," says Principal Karen Goodshaw, who joined St. Perpetua in 2008. "We have been fortunate to be able to invest in our school and our students during a difficult economic climate. The changes to the technology, the curriculum, and the teaching staff have all had an immediate impact on our students."

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