

## Celebrations

### Sarada Symonds Graduates from Campolindo High School



Sarada Symonds Photo provided

High School, participating in basketball, volleyball, Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, La-Puma, and Academic Decathlon; where she was awarded nine out of ten medals at County in 2013, and seven out of 10 medals at County in 2014, as well as a gold and silver medal at state, and four gold, two silver and one bronze medal at Nationals, missing only one medal in one category. She worked part time as a Lifeguard at Moraga Ranch Swim Club for the past three swim seasons. She played club volleyball all four years for Diablo Valley and Pacific Rim serving as team captain. She was a school reporter for two years and, senior year Editor-In-Chief of La-Puma, Campolindo's school paper, wrote articles for Lamorinda Weekly and was an AP Scholar. She will be heading to Northeastern University in Boston where she will be enrolled in their Honors Program and the College of Engineering. In celebration she is headed to a well deserved vacation in Paris and Italy this summer.

After relocating to Moraga from Salt Lake City, Utah in 2010, Sarada attended Campolindo

### Gordon and Gail Nathan Celebrate 50 Years Together



Gordon Nathan and Gail (Goldstein) Nathan will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7. They met at Lincoln High School in San Francisco, began dating their junior year and married in June 1964. The Nathans moved to Moraga in 1969, where they raised their three daughters. Gordon retired in 1995 after 30 years with the American Automobile Association (AAA). Gail continues to work at Krumrei & Ross, where she began in 1984. The couple love to travel, dance, hike and spend time with their six grandchildren. Their daughters, Andrea Lowery and Michelle Williams, both of Portland, Ore., and Shari LaBuwi of Scottsdale, Ariz., will host a party for them later in the month.

### Pettegrew Graduates Magna Cum Laude



Jenna Pettegrew Photo provided

Lafayette resident Jenna Pettegrew, 22, graduated from Santa Clara University, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a minor in sociology. Jenna, an active member of the Alpha Phi Sorority, was also initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Jenna will continue her graduate studies in Counseling at USF in the fall.

## Community Service

### SMC Athletes Featured at Moraga Rotary's 23rd Annual Field Day

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Saint Mary's basketball players Jordan Giusti and Beau Levesque run the new basketball free-throw event at Rotary Field Day with Los Perales Elementary School competitors. Photos provided

Coach Randy Bennett, assistant coaches, and several members of the Saint Mary's College men's basketball team helped conduct Moraga Rotary's 23rd Annual Field Day, a track and field meet held at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School for third, fourth, and fifth grade Moraga students in the local schools. There were 312 athletes this year, a few more than the 302 athletes last year, competing in events such as sprints, relays, sack races, long jumps, and baseball and football throws.

This year, fifth graders competed in a basketball throw event which was judged by the SMC men, who also judged the other events. Several of the children had fun trying to take the ball from Steven Holt as he was dribbling in a game of keep-away. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to the top three contestants in each event, and all athletes earned a blue participant ribbon.

Again this year, Donald Rheem Elementary School won plaques for High Point School, and the High Point Boys and Girls. Two girls tied for High Point: third-grader Charlotte Arnswald and fourth-grader Mia Columbini. Three boys

tied for High Point: third-grader Robbie Mascheroni, fourth-grader Jalen Esteen, and fifth-grader Bradford Martin.

These students and their parents along with the High Point Teacher, Mrs. Bornfleth, and principal, Elaine Frank, both of Rheem School, have been invited to a Moraga Rotary meeting where they will be presented with the plaques honoring their achievements.

Tony Schoemehl, the Rotary Field Day chairman, said the work done by the Saint Mary's athletes was quite an inspiration to the competitors. He really appreciated the work done by the teachers and principals of the schools to promote and encourage participation by the kids, and how some of the parents were helping run the events.

The Moraga Rotary Field Day is a community service project originated by Moraga Rotarian past president Al Simonsen, who chaired the event for its first 21 years. Moraga Rotary is a local service club within Rotary International that meets at noon most Tuesdays at Saint Mary's College. For information, please call Frank May at (925) 376-8195.



Fifth grade Basketball Shoot medalists at Rotary Field Day, from left: Samantha Johnson (CP, silver), Julia Ortega (LP, gold), and Quincy Morgridge (Rheem, bronze).

### Campolindo Honors Students for Volunteer Service

Submitted by Ann Ryles

The First Annual Campolindo Volunteer Service Awards were held on May 27 in the Performing Arts Center at Campolindo High School. This year a total of 127 students received awards for volunteer service to dozens of organizations, including Special Olympics, John Muir Hospital, Lawrence Hall of Science, Shelter Inc., and Foster A Dream, in addition to many more. Mission trips to the East Coast to rebuild after Hurricane Sandy and to Mexico to build homes were other paths to service that students pursued in earning their awards.

To receive recognition, each student volunteered between 25 to 250 hours over a 12-month time period. Collectively, Campolindo students earning awards this year served a grand total of over 13,000 hours. Students who served be-



Campolindo High School Volunteer Service Award recipients.

tween 50 and 250 hours received national recognition and were honored with either Bronze, Silver, or Gold President's Volunteer Service Awards, which are given by the federal government to thank and

honor Americans who by their demonstrated commitment and example inspire others to engage in volunteer service. At the awards ceremony, Campolindo Associate Principal Sharon Bartlett quoted

Gandhi in reflecting upon the value of the students' service: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." She also thanked Campolindo parent Patti Ringlee for establishing this

awards recognition program at Campolindo. Next year, Campolindo students will again be able to apply for these awards to receive recognition for their hours of volunteer service.

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