

# Colleges of Choice for Lamorinda Seniors

By Cathy Tyson

**S**eniors from Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte have at this point, attended Senior Prom, made it through finals week, experienced graduation, and enjoyed the eight plus hour Grad night party. What next for the young men and women of Lamorinda? The vast majority, an average of just over 97%, of graduates from our three high schools go on to either a 4 or 2 year college. Many will stay in California, the three high schools average 24% attending one of the University of California campuses, and 18.6% attending a California State University. See chart for a specific breakdown of who is going where. Roughly 2% are undecided or considering travel or a Gap year.

A number of students will be studying internationally, at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland, American University of Paris, three schools in Canada - McGill University, Malaspina College and University of British Columbia, EPCC in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China.

Gwenly Carrel, College/Career Center Advisor at Campolindo, reflects on the selection process. "It is absolutely more difficult to get into one of the UCs this year. As the number of students who apply goes up, the number accepted goes down. Last year at Campo, 33 students got into a UC, this year it's 22. The size and strength of the class along with external factors help determine choice.

For example, last year 12 students went to USC, this year only 1. The difference could be attributed to the price, which just went up to \$50,000 per year." In addition, the "friend factor" can help rule out a school if a student has a number of pals planning on attending. "Overall kids are looking for a new experience," says Carrel.

With regard to out of state public schools, the unanimous choice was University of Oregon, Acalanes has 17 students going there, Miramonte, 13, and Campolindo 9. Second place was University of Colorado, Boulder for Campolindo and Miramonte, and University of Arizona for Acalanes. University of Washington and Oregon State

also will have a handful of Lamorinda students.

Terrence O'Neill and Taylor Neason are both the lucky recipients of track scholarships at Syracuse and Penn, respectively. While they were happy to receive the scholarships, Taylor expresses both boys sentiment, "They own you."

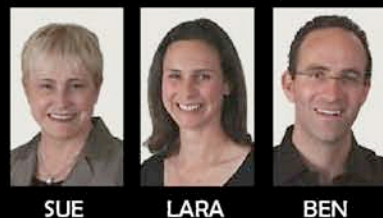
Looking at private schools across the country, our students are all over the map. Harvard is the destination of 3, 8 at Stanford, 9 at St. Mary's in Moraga, and one or more students at the following: Baylor, Brigham Young, Columbia, Duke, Earlham, Georgetown, MIT, Notre Dame, NYU, Oberlin, Pepperdine, Reed, Tulane, Vanderbilt, and many, many others.



From left, Terrence O'Neill, Tyler Carlson, Taylor Neason all graduates of Miramonte

## Congratulations Class of 2007

	Acalanes	Campolindo	Miramonte
% Going to College	96.5%	96%	99%
% Going to 4-Year School	73.5%	82%	85%
% Going to 2-Year School	23%	18%	14%
% at a Univ. of California	25%	22%	25%
% at a California State University	22%	16%	18%
Most Popular UC	Davis	Berkeley	Santa Cruz
Second Most Popular UC	Berkeley	Santa Cruz	Davis
Most Popular CSU	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	Sonoma
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