

## Orinda Academy Celebrates 25 Years

Submitted by Orinda Academy Staff

Orinda Academy, a fully accredited college preparatory school located in the heart of downtown Orinda, is celebrating its 25th year of helping students, 7th through 12th grade, discover a love of higher learning in a safe and nurturing environment. Orinda Academy challenges every student to reach their full potential, academically and individually. In celebrating its success, Orinda Academy is proud to announce the addition of several new faculty and staff members.



Elaine Hester

Robyn Lindner joins Orinda Academy after teaching for several years at Mt. Diablo and San Ramon High Schools. Robyn will be teaching dance, English I and II, and ESL. Robyn attended St. Mary's College and received a BA in Communications and Performing Arts, with an emphasis in dance. She also earned her single subject teaching

credential in English and dance.

Elaine Chu comes to Orinda Academy from previously teaching at Galileo High School in San Francisco. She will be teaching Geography, Modern World History, and Women's Literature. Elaine has a B.A. in History from UC Berkeley and a social studies single subject credential from San Francisco State.

Elaine Hester will be Orinda Academy's Computer Teacher/Technology Coordinator. Elaine's extensive computer background has supported her role as a digital artist in various projects including feature film animation in *The Matrix Reloaded*. She earned a BFA in Computer Arts from the Academy of Art in San Francisco and an MS in Educational Technology Leadership, magna cum laude, from California State University East Bay.

Debbie Parish, a resident of Moraga, joins our staff as Director of Admissions. Debbie has previous experience in independent school admissions and has an extensive background in educational sales and marketing. Debbie received a BA in Marketing from Northeastern University.

Orinda Academy is excited to welcome these new additions to the school and is looking forward to another 25 years of success and growth.



Debbie Parish with daughter Emily



# *Food Scrap Recycling in Lamorinda!*

Food recycling begins in Lamorinda on September 1!  
Residents are encouraged to use this  
new program to recycle food scraps  
with yard waste on a weekly basis.

- **Table Scraps**
- **Fruits**
- **Vegetables**
- **Meat Scraps**
- **Cheese/Dairy**
- **Much More**



Store scraps in the handy  
container you will receive in August.

Place food scraps in your yard waste cart  
beginning **September 1 st !**



**Visit [www.wastediversion.org](http://www.wastediversion.org) or  
call 938-8900 for info.**

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