

Orinda Academy Announces 2008 Graduates



Orinda, CA. Orinda Academy celebrated its 26th commencement exercise on Friday, June 13th, as 28 seniors walked the stage before a crowd of proud parents, family members and friends. Leading the Class of 2008 was Valedictorian, Eden Castro, who came to Orinda Academy in the eighth grade and will attend Brown University.

The 2008 graduates include Omran Al-Mesned, Pinole; Matt Bohnsack, Alameda; Eden Castro, Berkeley; Kira Condey, Kensington; Ben Cook, Lafayette; Kyle Drewes, Berkeley; Tri Duong, Vietnam; Xochilena Edgerton-Benitez,

Oakland; Katherine Ellis, Moraga; Cody Flowers, Oakland; Nicolas Gracia, Alamo; Chris Hansen, Concord; Kiera Jeuit, Oakland; Max Jowett, Oakland; Kevin Kim, South Korea; Tae Kim, San Francisco; Anna Luber, Danville; Devin Marcus, Oakland; Michael Peterson, Martinez; Aiyana Price-Pauline, Berkeley; Miranda Reilly, Orinda; Anya Rose-Ramo, Berkeley; Chris Sarmiento, Orinda; Collin Spencer, Antioch; Evan Valavanis, Oakland; Andrew Widess, El Cerrito; Hannah Wilkinson, El Cerrito; and Pinky Yuan, China.

Along with Orinda Academy's graduation ceremonies, the

following students received academic achievement awards: Most Outstanding 12th Grade Student – Eden Castro, Berkeley; Most Outstanding 11th Grade Student – Anh Su, Concord; Most Outstanding 10th Grade Student – Dylan Kimssey-Hutchinson, El Cerrito; Most Outstanding 9th Grade Student – Talia Gross; Oakland and Most Outstanding 8th Grade Student – Jeremy Hansen, Richmond. Zach Scheffler, Berkeley, received the award for Most Improved Student, while Zeke Nierenberg, El Cerrito, received the award for Volunteer of the Year as well as the School Spirit Award.