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## Moraga Lions Club Awards Students for Academic Effort

Submitted by Dan Hagan



Four Lamorinda students were recently awarded the Moraga Lions Club Pride Award for demonstrating outstanding academic effort. The award is presented to a student between fifth and eighth grade who has demonstrated perseverance, diligence, and teamwork in striving to overcome academic obstacles to the best of their ability. Stanley Middle School eighth-grader Drew Kuzmin-Batchelor, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School sixth-graders Randall Gee and Mateo Larson, and Gennifer Birkenfield-Malpass from St. Perpetua School in Lafayette each received a plaque and a \$50 check as part of their award. Students were selected by their teachers for such things as improving their GPAs, serving as role models, showing hard work and determination, going the extra mile, and showing insight and empathy. Teachers were also recognized for their dedication to improve the outcome of each student.

From left: Dan Hagan, president Moraga Lions Club, Stanley Middle School student Drew Kuzmin-Batchelor and his mother Diane Batchelor. Not pictured, Gennifer Birkenfield-Malpass. Photo provided



Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School students Randall Gee and Mateo Larson (center) hold plaques presented by the Moraga Lion's Club. Photo Andy Scheck

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