



**Independent, locally owned and operated!**

www.lamorindaweekly.com 925-377-0977

Published June 4th, 2014

## Project LPIE Recognizes Student Achievement

By Amanda Kuehn



From left, Will Goldie demonstrates his computer program to Stephenie Teichman and Sam Fraser. Photo provided

The Project LPIE Recognition and Awards Reception Program held May 16 in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Hall marked the culmination of many months of work, not only for students who participated, but also for volunteers and administrators. Talk of doing a Lafayette Partners in Education event that would directly benefit students began last fall. The result was Project LPIE, a platform for students to showcase their talents and share their projects with the community.

Over 200 participants entered in 13 categories including video production, digital art and entrepreneurship. Awards were given for first, second, and third place, as well as many honorable mentions. "We were very excited about how many kids were involved and how many could be recognized for their achievements," said Myrna Kimmelman, executive director of LPIE.

Kimmelman was similarly impressed by the number of community members who volunteered to assist and to judge as experts in the field.

Displays of student work covered the hall. Photos were printed, art was hung, digital design entries flashed on computer screens, creative writing was displayed in notebooks. There were posters of students who participated in performing arts, with a live performance from the first-place winners in vocal music, instrumental music and acting.

According to Caroline Whelehan, a senior who took first place in acting and second in vocal music, "Project LPIE allowed students to not only share their own talents, but also to appreciate the talents of their peers. It was a great experience and I'm very happy that I decided to participate."

Project LPIE First-Place Winners:

Acting: Caroline Whelehan

Applied Design: Marko Helfrich, Jesse Smick

Community Service: Marc Davis

Computer Programming: Tal Ben-Ari, Michael Edlinger, Jesse Smick

Creative Writing: Uma Agrawal

Digital Design: Jackie Nichols

Entrepreneur: Siena Kuan

Instrumental Music: Spencer Tejada

Journalism: Adam Blake

Photography-Digital: Amanda Moylan

Video Production: Kate Kintner

Visual Arts (2D): Raea Gragg

Vocal Music: Andrew Cope

Reach the reporter at: [info@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:info@lamorindaweekly.com)

[back](#)

Copyright © Lamorinda Weekly, Moraga CA