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Orinda Siblings to Attend Summer Academic Programs for the Gifted

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From left: Heath, Haley and John Mark Ozaeta Photo provided

Rising Orinda Intermediate School eighth graders Haley and John Mark Ozaeta, and their brother Heath Ozaeta, a rising fourth grader at Del Rey Elementary School, are spending the summer at the Columbia University Summer Institute for the Gifted, the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, and the UC Berkeley Summer Institute for the Gifted, respectively. The format of the programs makes it possible for bright students to work at an accelerated pace, study topics in depth, and explore subjects that are not usually available to students their age. This summer, John Mark will complete the program in international relations, Haley is enrolled in engineering and technology development courses, and Heath is studying public speaking and writing. The Ozaetas qualified for the gifted programs by participating in the Center for Talented Youth's annual talent search, which accepts applications from early September through

May. For information about the CTY Talent Search, go to www.cty.jhu.edu. For info about the Summer Institute for the Gifted, visit <http://www.giftedstudy.org/>.

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