

The Saklan School Unveils 60th Anniversary Sculpture

Submitted by Christine Kuckuk



From left: Ada Martin, Head of School Peter Metzger and 60th Anniversary co-chair Kay Long-Martin
Photo provided

There was an extra level of excitement at the start of the Saklan school year. At the school's annual back to school barbecue, students, parents and faculty all gathered around in the school parking lot to hear about the "surprise" to be announced by head of school, Peter Metzger. "It's Saklan's birthday and Saklan is 60 years old," exclaimed Metzger as children sang "Happy Birthday" to the school and celebrated with 60 candles on two birthday cakes. But there was another surprise unveiled; a 60th Anniversary sculpture of the school's mascot, the "Saklan Sun," created by alumni parents Paul Barendregt and Dan Fahrner. During their time as parents at the Saklan School, Barendregt and Fahrner teamed up many times to create unique items for donation to the school's annual auctions. Although the sculpture contained a few bright spots, Barendregt explained that over time, the sculpture will patina to a pleasant rust color.

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Lamorinda Idol Finals Winners

Submitted by Esther Becker



K-2 Soloist winner Natalie Schroeder Photo Tom Ramlan

The ninth annual Lamorinda Idol Finals took place Sept. 7 at the Orinda Theatre. In the finals, 34 soloists and 11 groups performed in grade-level categories. Awards were given to the winner in each of six grade categories: K-2 solo; 3-5 solo; middle school solo; high school solo; and groups for K-5, middle school and high school. The show was emceed by NBC Bay Area's Diane Dwyer and Amy Hollyfield from ABC7 News.

Winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges who are musical professionals in the Bay Area combined with audience votes. One winner was selected for the category of overall Audience Award. Cash prizes were awarded to each winner.

- Winners were:**
- K-2 soloists: Natalie Schroeder
 - 3-5 soloists: Neijla Ackdoe-Pagey
 - 6-8 soloists: Jennifer McFarlane
 - 9-12 soloists: Lucy Clearwater
 - K-5 groups: Rainbow Harmony (Amelia Chen, Kaitlyn Roach)
 - 6-8 groups: Team Voce (Gianna Capozzi, Isabell Capozzi)
 - 9-12 groups: Maritza & Tosca (Maritza Grillo, Tosca Maltzman)
 - Audience Award: Grace Barmmer

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Celebrations

Campo Alum Megan Caldwell Granted 2014 Health for America Fellowship

Submitted by Kat Clark

Megan Caldwell, Campolindo High School Class of 2008, is a recipient of the prestigious Health for America Fellowship. As part of a team of four Fellows, Caldwell was chosen from a national pool of applicants that included alumni of Brown, Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Stanford, Cornell, MIT, and dozens of other universities across the country. The Health for America Fellowship grants young leaders from diverse academic backgrounds the opportunity to delve deeply into real-world healthcare needs. In partnership with Discover Bank, Christiana Care Health System, Start It Up Delaware, and the Delaware Community Foundation, the 2014-15 HFA Fellows will work together over the course of one year to create and implement a health solution to advance patient care. Fellows will meet with physicians, thought leaders, and community members to identify areas that need the most improvement, specifically within the treatment of chronic heart failure. Caldwell was selected based on her experience as a health policy consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton and her demonstrated initiative, leadership, and altruism in the non-profit sector.



While a student at Indiana University, Caldwell majored in policy analysis and Near Eastern language and culture, studying Arabic for five semesters. She completed her Bachelor of Science in public affairs with honors notation and authored a thesis on Conflict and Underdevelopment in the Third World. She interned with the Department of Homeland Security in the summer of 2010 and worked as a state office intern for Senator Dianne Feinstein during the summer of 2009. Her current work as a senior consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton gives her the opportunity to mediate and implement mergers, analyze legislation and regulations, and identify ways for clients to lead health reform efforts.

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