

Almaden Country School celebrates 23rd graduating class

Filled with hope for the future, the Almaden Country School community gathered to celebrate the graduation of 31 talented young people as they transitioned from middle school to high school. Led by Steve Hayden, head of schools, the gathering of family, friends, and teachers was welcomed and thanked for their support of the graduating class.

After an invocation by outgoing science teacher Charu Gulati, co-valedictorians Austin Connelly, who will be attending Bellarmine, and Victoria Ray, who will be attending Presentation High School, each talked about the fond memories of their years at Almaden Country School, including class trips to Yosemite and Washington, DC, spending time with their little buddies and the International Fair. Each student attributed the sense of confidence that comes from being part of the ACS community to the devotion of the teachers and encouraged their classmates to take positive risks while using the skills they have learned at ACS to help them achieve success in high school.



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In recognition of the support and encouragement given them, each graduate took the opportunity to thank those who had helped them at Almaden Country School. Each teacher and staff member who had worked with the class of 2007 from Preschool through eighth grade was recognized by a graduate for his or her dedication and care. Many past teachers returned for this ceremony.

Nan Hunter, who started Almaden Country School 25 years ago, made the final presentation of the evening by selecting one student to receive the Founder's Award. This award is given to one student who best represents the ideals of service, respect and support upon which ACS was founded. Rachel Hendricks-Key, who will be attending Notre Dame in the fall, was the recipient.

Jennifer Uible, upper school principal, commented that, "The class of 2007 has many gifts to share with the new school communities they will be joining. I am hopeful and encouraged as we send these students off to experience new things." Members of this graduating class will be attending high schools including Bellarmine, St. Francis, Presentation, Archbishop Mitty, Leland, Notre Dame, Pinewood, Lincoln and St. Lawrence.