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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY 2011

by Jim Marxmiller

In early spring, the Mountain View Academy staff reviewed 31 applications for the 2010-2011 National Honor Society and all applicants were accepted into the club. Each



student met the criteria required to be part of NHS, which includes spirituality, intellectual abilities (a minimum 3.7 GPA), social skills (such as leadership), and physical service. Jim Marxmiller, sponsor, held elections; officers were elected, as follows, at the first meeting: President – Amos Kim; Vice-President – Erika Torres; Secretary/Treasurer – Jing Enriquez; and Pastor – Eric Holness.

The Recognition Reception was held on April 18 at the Old Adobe Building in Mountain View, where friends and family came to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of NHS. Each student gave a short speech, which included a creed or Bible verse that has had a personal meaning to them, where they plan to go to college, what career they see themselves in, and any other academic goals they have. This year's National Honor Society is a big group whose members have many ambitions and dreams, and we know that they will always be the best that they can be.

## TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE

by Ray Funada (cont. from pg 2)

are constantly in and out of his classroom throughout the day with questions, working on assignments, seeking advice, or simply to hang out."

Mr. Marxmiller has a busy yearly schedule which includes: sponsoring student science projects which are entered into the county science fair, many of whom win awards and also move on to the state level of judging; Albion marine biology field

trip; various class sponsorships; sponsor of the National Honor Society; school Vice-Principal; involvement with conference committees; and lastly he was recently instrumental in our purchasing of the last remaining home on the block at the academy. It was his relationship which spanned decades with the previous owner that allowed MVA to purchase the home at a significant savings.

Mr. Marxmiller has been a great representative of MVA and we are proud of the AAF's selection of Jim as a "Teacher of Excellence". The official presentation of the award will take place at this year's commencement service.

Congratulations Mr. Marxmiller on being awarded the Teacher of Excellence!

## ROYALAIRES REUNION

by Lori Smith

A special 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Royallaires took place Alumni Sabbath afternoon. It involved a Friday night practice, Sabbath practice and 4:30 PM performance at the Mountain View Central Church.



Earl Johnson was the founder and he along with Milton Wheeler and Doug Knecht (current MVA Music director) all led out in selected songs. There were over 75 current and former Royallaires and former piano accompanists who performed. It was the highlight of the weekend to be able to reminisce, gather and praise God with all of our voices! We look forward to doing it again in the future. Rita Hoshino was behind this wonderful idea and made it all come together beautifully.

Thanks Rita!

## CALENDAR

### 5/27-5/29 FRI-SUN GRADUATION WEEKEND

**FRIDAY:** Consecration

7:30 p.m. Cambrian Park Church

**SABBATH:** Baccalaureate

11 a.m. Mtn. View Central Church

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Class Night

8:00 p.m. MVA gym

**SUNDAY:** Commencement

10 a.m. Campbell Heritage Theatre

**AUGUST – 8/10 WED**

Registration Fair

**8/15 MON**

2011-12 MVA classes begin

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## CHAPEL CAMPAIGN

by Greg Richmond

Mountain View Academy is dedicated to continuous improvement of our entire educational program including our facilities. One of the facility areas used by all students multiple times each week and by our alumni each year is our chapel. The chapel has never been remodeled and the same carpet and chairs that you walked on and sat in as a student are starting to show their age.

The Strategic Planning Committee has worked with the award winning Sullivan Design Studio, ([www.sullivandesignstudio.com](http://www.sullivandesignstudio.com)), established by our own Linda Sullivan (Garcia), class of 1983, to develop a beautiful remodel plan that retains the functionality, sense of community and characteristic, environmentally friendly redwood interior while improving the acoustics and bringing the space into the 21st century. This board approved plan (to take place this summer) includes replacing the carpet, seating, and stage curtain along with coordinated updates to all painted surfaces. A row of new, fully cushioned theater seating for one side is \$1,300 (for a total of \$40,000 for the whole chapel), a bargain by any means and cheaper than reupholstering them. The total estimated cost of the remodel is \$75,000 and it will only be possible with financial support from you, our alumni.



We have already received significant financial commitments from several lead donors towards our goal of reaching a minimum of \$60,000 by the end of June. These dollars will allow us to replace the chairs and the carpet with the remaining \$15,000 to go towards finishing touches including paint once the dollars are received. Let's all pitch in to make this happen for the students, our children, God's children and our next alumni weekend! Please consider sponsoring a row of seats or fraction thereof. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. All donations will be listed at levels of under \$2,500, \$2,500 or more, \$5,000 or more, and \$10,000 or more (so please indicate if you wish your gift to be listed in your name or anonymous).

You can mail or hand-deliver your donation in the enclosed envelope and mark it 'Chapel Remodel'. You can also visit the MVA website, <http://www.mtnview-academy.org/donations>, for quick and easy online donation by credit card (in the company name field put 'Chapel Remodel -list my name' or 'Chapel Remodel -anonymous'). MVA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to provide maximum tax advantages of your gift.

Thanks so much for supporting MVA financially, with your time, and with prayer for God's continued leadership and blessing.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
by Dan Meidinger

God has blessed MVA again this year. Each morning before classes begin, we meet for daily worship and prayer. This not only gives us as staff an outstanding start to each day, but it nurtures a strong spiritual atmosphere for the entire campus. We include prayers for our students and their homes. This year, six students were baptized into their home churches.

MVA has made positive strides towards maintaining our campus environment. Here are some of the developments that have taken place at MVA this past year. We have installed extra lighting outside the chapel for better visibility. New curtains have been installed in the chapel as the first phase of the chapel renovation. Water filters have been installed in the drinking fountains outside around campus, three new round heavy duty metal picnic tables were placed outside the main entrance to the cafeteria, and new round tables have been purchased for inside the cafeteria, thanks to PAC funds supplied by you parents! Also, a new and long overdue phone system has been installed this year, replacing the old system that that was becoming obsolete. A new computer server system has been put in place allowing MVA to operate more efficiently through the phone system and campus computers. The gym was given a new paint face lift, brightening the interior.

MVA is committed to operating with a balanced budget. We realize that these past several years have been financially difficult for many due to loss of employment or work cutbacks. We are very appreciative of the sharing spirit that many churches and individuals have demonstrated to support the school throughout the year. With this in mind, I also need to say thanks for the excellent work of the MVA Business office to keep financial affairs in order.

MVA continues to have an outstanding curriculum and professionally trained teaching staff. This past May, Mountain View Academy was evaluated by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). The visit went very well and we expect the final report and accreditation to be given to MVA sometime this summer. Special thanks to all who were part of this year's WASC Self-Accreditation report. Special thanks goes to Marc Andres, as overall MVA staff WASC report coordinator. We are also happy to report that our enrollment is currently at 152 compared to 141 last year.

MVA standardized test results continue to be very positive. Student overall achievement continues to be above the norm in all grades and all subject areas in the ITED (Iowa Test of Educational Development) national testing. Students at all levels of ability, on average, have higher achievement scores than those predicted by their ability (Cognitive Abilities Tests). It is important to note that MVA's acceptance philosophy is that any student desiring a Christian education will be considered for acceptance in our school family.

MVA has the highest commitment to Christian education in the bay area community. MVA teachers are taking care of their teaching responsibilities daily, and we see the power of God's Spirit working in student lives as they work with your students.

JOHN THOMPSON  
FEATURED ALUMNUS  
by Ray Funada

Mountain View Academy is blessed with alumni and friends who are always willing to help when called upon.



Recently, when the last remaining piece of property on our campus' block was potentially to become available for sale, it was apparent that we would need expert ad-

vice to make an offer for this property that wasn't offensively low, yet affordable for our limited budget. MVA's Strategic Planning Committee targeted the expertise of John Thompson, class of 1981.

John is the Founder and Principal of Intero Real Estate Services. He is a lifelong native of the Mountain View area and parents James and Joyce also raised John's two older sisters, Julie (class of 1974) and Jane (class of 1977). After graduating from MVA, John went on to quickly graduate from UC Berkeley in three years with a business degree!

Upon graduating from Berkeley, John entered the real estate business and realized that he enjoyed the people aspect of the business and decided to form his own company. He, along with a couple of partners, was able to procure funding to establish Intero Real Estate. With a focus on valuing the individual client's needs Intero shot through the ranks of the myriad of real estate firms in the valley. Intero is now one of the top three real

estate firms in the Silicon Valley region!

John has been married now to his lovely wife, Dani, for 16 yrs. They are proud parents of sons, Turner (8 years old) and Trace (6 years old) who, as all parents know, occupy most of his free time. From his early Miramonte School days, John has always been athletic and has a love for sports. Now he enjoys spending time playing sports with his boys and also enjoys working out in the gym.

For how busy John is in managing Intero he has always been willing to offer whatever resources he can to benefit MVA. In past years, MVA has used his facilities and phones to conduct phone-a-thons at no cost.

A proud thanks to you John Thompson for your continued support of Mountain View Academy and continued blessings on your family and career.

MISSION TRIP TO URUGUAY  
by Moises Guerrero

This was Mountain View Academy's tenth annual mission trip which took place March 18-March 28. The destination for this year's trip was Uruguay in South America. We took 37 students and 13 sponsors and worked on different projects at the local Adventist high school. The students were divided into three work crews: painting, digging and cleaning. We painted a fence, dug a trench for water pipes and built an outside basketball court for the school.

God's presence was felt strongly on our trip to Uruguay. Our students showed a wonderful Christ-like spirit that they demonstrated to the local students. They were wonderful witnesses while there and organized worship for the local students, many of whom requested baptism and three of our students were baptized.

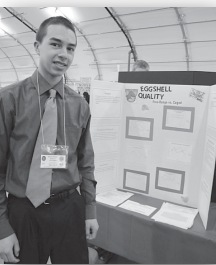
Regardless of where we have taken our students, God has always richly blessed our efforts. The trips have always been a powerful experience for those who have accompanied us. Previous years have taken our MVA students to Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Chile, Paraguay and Panama. Next year we are scheduled to visit Puerto Rico.

Please continue to pray for our students as God works through their lives not only on our mission trips but all throughout the school year.

MVA STUDENTS WIN  
FIRST PLACE AT  
SCIENCE FAIR

by Jim Marxmiller

Each year, the members of the Honors Chemistry class are required to submit a science fair project to the Santa Clara County Science Fair, which is called the Synopsis Championship. The fair is a part of the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association whose



mission statement is, "to awaken more students to the wonder and power of science and engineering" and to encourage students to look into a scientific vocation.

Students in this honor class always do well in the fair and this year was no exception. Thirteen projects were submitted and accepted to be competitors in the Synopsis Championship. The students attended the fair on March 9, along with their teacher, Jim Marxmiller. Out of those thirteen entries, two were awarded first

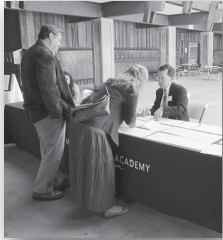


prizes: Gretchen Estoesta won in the category of Environmental Science and Doug Abbot in the category of Chemistry. Both attended a ceremony on April 3 at the Great America theme park theater along with all other Synopsis winners. We are very proud of all the students and their entries, and look forward to another great year.

ALUMNI WEEKEND

by Lori Smith

The Mountain View Academy Alumni Homecoming was Sabbath, April 10. This year's honor classes were: 2001, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1961, 1951, and 1941. Alumni Sabbath started in the chapel



with a piano prelude by Jayson Tsuchiya, class of 1978 which was followed by a rousing song service with Ted Nieto, class of 1981 and friends (which included Eric

Holness, who is from the class of 2012). The Royalaires and Concert Choir shared their talents with us which was followed by our traditional joint song with the alumni singing *Amazing Grace*. The roll was called by Richard Anderson, class of 1951 and Susan (Magill) Singer, class of 1986. The offering call was for the Worthy Student Fund and presented by Gerson Perla, class of 1987. Two academy students shared their brief testimony on how they have been blessed by being able to attend MVA through the Worthy Student Fund.

A special part of Alumni Sabbath every year is the Teacher of the Year award which was given to Pastor Curtis Wright. He served as a chaplain, Bible teacher, guidance counselor and varsity coach from 1989 to 1993 and then from 1996 to 2005. In addition, the Alumnus of the Year was awarded to Joanne (Acierto) Rosales, class of 1986. Joanne completed her AA in Allied Health, Vocational Nursing, BA in Education and has been an advocate for youth in the community working with Bill Wilson Center, HandOn Bay Area, Community Services Agency - Alpha/Omega Homeless Services, Julian Street Inn, Advent Group Ministries. She was also MVA Alumni President.

Special music was presented by Pastor Wright on his electric guitar and the piano. The scripture of Romans 12:10 was read by James Ho, class of 1986. Arthur Narita, class of 1981 presented the reflection.

Ronda (Sandow) Garner, class of 1976 led us in the closing hymn that was selected by a member of the class of 1951, *When We All Get to Heaven* with closing prayer being offered by Alondra (Martinez) Youngberg, class of 2001. After the morning program, honor year class photos were taken.

A delicious hospitality luncheon was prepared and served by Debbie Richmond and the PAC (Parents Advisory Committee), MVA Staff and volunteers. Alumni Homecoming could not happen without the dedicated and hard-working MVA Faculty and all the roles and responsibilities they take up so willingly and enthusiastically. A great big thank you goes out to each person who participated!

Special recognition goes to the following individuals who helped coordinate alumni weekend:

- Dr. Alfred Fayard, Class of 1951 (60 years)
- Leah (Shelton) Novakovich, Class of 1951 (60 years)
- Ronda (Sandow) Garner, Class of 1976 (35 years)
- John Frey, Class of 1981 (30 years)
- Susan (Magill) Singer, Class of 1986 (25 years)

TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE  
by Ray Funada

Mountain View Academy is proud to announce the selection of Jim Marxmiller as a "Teacher of Excellence" by the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF). Each year the AAF selects ten recipients



out of all the nominations from across North America for the Teacher

of Excellence award. The AAF has established this award to celebrate the contributions teachers make towards our student's educational experience.

While the nomination process is involved and detailed, it was quite simple to list the multitude of areas of excellence which Jim Marxmiller has provided for our students here at MVA. Mr. Marxmiller has committed over 38 years of his professional life to MVA as our science teacher. Currently he teaches Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and Marine Science.

Principal Dan Meidinger shares that "Jim still exudes a level of enthusiasm for teaching as if he were teaching 30 years ago. Students

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