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ECHS Archiving Project Newsletter

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June 2013

2013 Archiving Scholarship Recipients

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, July 4, 2013 - Archiving booth at EC annual July 4th celebration
- Grand Opening for the Athletic Stadium -TBD

The El Cerrito High Archiving Project celebrated eight years of awarding scholarships on June 4, 2013, at the traditional Senior Awards Night held in the Performing Arts Center. We proudly presented three \$1,000.00 scholarships.

The recipients are Rebecca Dao, Ajah Fredzess, and Amara Hans. All will be attending California colleges: UC San Diego, UC Davis, and Humboldt State University, respectively.

Thank you to the committee for their dedication and time-Howard Mackey (alumnus '44); Kathie Weinstein (alumnus '58, parent alumnus '82, '87); Roddy Lee (alumnus '67, parent alumnus '97, '00); Gregg Mayer (alumnus '76, parent alumnus '06, '08); Bobbi Griggs (alumnus '72, parent alumnus '98); Lu Tipping (parent alumnus '96,'98, '03); Joann Steck-Bayat (parent alumnus '02,'03); Donna Houser (parent alumnus '04,'08, '10).

Your generous financial support has helped toward this effort. Please help us sustain our scholarship giving for future Gauchos graduates. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to ECHS Archiving Project and send to:

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New Museum Acquisition



George Harsch

1951 Recipient of The
Kenneth Tavalara Award-
George Harsch



El Cerrito 4th of July Celebration 2013

Join your friends and neighbors at the joyous, fun-filled City of El

Kenny Tavalara was the only ECHS student killed in combat in WWII. After his death, Kenny's Kensington parents started an annual award in his honor for their only child.

The award went to the graduating class's outstanding senior boy. The award was active from 1946 to 1958.

In March, the ECHS Archiving Committee received the following email-

"I am George Harsch, ECHS Spring Class of 1951. I was the recipient of the Kenny Tavalara Award for that year, outstanding senior boy. The award is a small watch fob. It is a little larger than a nickel. I had 4 varsity letters in football and was president of a number of school organizations. In my senior year we only lost one game and that was to Berkeley. That was the best team that ECHS had to that date. I went on to Cal Berkeley and graduated in Engineering and Bus Ad. By the way, two other ECHS grads from 1951 live near us in Rio Linda. They both also went to Cal and are married. We all read the ECHS mailings!"

Thank you, George Harsch, for your donation to the ECHS museum. We have proudly hung your framed graduation picture, newspaper article and award pin beside the original Kenneth Tavalara award.

Thank you Justin



The Archiving Project Committee would like to thank Justin Tipping for his work, support, time and

Cerrito's July 4th Celebration

Thursday July 4, 2013,
10 am to 6 pm,
Cerrito Vista Park,
Moeser Lane,
El Cerrito.

The Archiving Project Booth will be located on Pomona. Win a prize! Visit the scores of booths for arts and crafts, information from local organizations and plenty of food!

The El Cerrito Archiving Project will sell DVDs of "Green and White: The Gaucho Story," as well as ECHS memorabilia.

In Memoriam,



Maria Robledo, ECHS Principal, 1988-1992

August 12, 1944-April 6, 2013.

At rest on April 6, 2013. Maria Robledo was born in Los Angeles on August 12, 1944. She was predeceased by her parents, Aurora and Joe, her sister, Kathy, her brother, Joe and her very good friend, Patricia (Dominica) Madden. Maria was raised in East Los Angeles, attended Divine Savior Elementary School and Sacred Heart High School. After graduating from Sacred Heart she entered the Mission San Jose Dominican Postulancy. She remained a Dominican Sister for ten years and taught at St. James in San Francisco and the School of the Madeleine in Berkeley. After leaving the Dominican Sisters, Maria was hired by the West Contra Costa School District where she served as a teacher at Juan Crespi Junior High School, as Vice-Principal and Dean of Students at De Anza and as principal at El Cerrito High School, 1988-1992.

Maria also worked part time at Juvenile Hall as a Night Group Supervisor to save money for the purchase of her first home. She was a talented educator who enjoyed working with children. She loved people and had a generous heart. Her home was always open to her family and friends. Preparing tasty meals and entertaining friends brought special joy to her. She is survived by her brother, Raymond, nephew, Dale Maddox, her cousin Theresa Centi, other family members and many good friends.

dedication in allowing the Project to screen his film NANI, last March 29th. It was a very successful fundraiser and entertaining evening. Thank you to the community for attending and supporting our scholarship fund!

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In Memoriam



Charlotte Rogato, Class of '58

November 15, 1940-April 4, 2013

We were saddened by the news of Charlotte Rogato's passing April 4, 2013.

Charlotte was a very special Gaucho-she truly maintained the Gaucho spirit even though she made her residence in NYC since 1977 to work and be closer to her future husband, Jim Talleos.

Charlotte established the Edna May Bull scholarship in 1999, to honor her mother's memory. She cared about students, especially those that were the quiet ones who were in need, faced adversity, but determined to pursue higher education at any institution, not necessarily four year colleges. Charlotte was also instrumental with the efforts to create an alumni scholarship.

Lastly, she was a major and generous donor to the Archiving Project Scholarship fund and participated on the selection committee through the Internet. Charlotte carried the Gaucho spirit with her through life, and generously supported future Gauchos. Thank you Charlotte for leaving a legacy of giving back, inspiration, and love of life!

For your information

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:
Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School.

Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.
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