



GATEWAY FAMILY NEWS

Gateway School mid-month update June 15, 2007

Class of 2007 Graduation

Gateway's eighth grade class graduated on June 7th, a beautiful, breezy day! Each of the fifteen graduates delivered their own impressive speeches with confidence and poise. We're proud to see them off to high schools including Arch Bishop Mitty, Empire Academy, Landmark School, Santa Cruz High, Georgiana Bruce Kirby and Scotts Valley High.

Here are just a couple of excerpts from the graduate speeches:

"I'm grateful for everything Gateway has given to me, especially the encouragement to push beyond my comfort zone and the freedom to follow my passions."

—Luke M.

"Because of Gateway's abundance of enthusiastic mentors and supportive friends, I became what I am today. This caterpillar has become a butterfly." —Reza D.



Reza gives his speech.



Class of 2007 Graduation Ceremony.

"I learned that if I stay with something, I can turn it into something great." —Kyle C.

"On our 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. the day that we visited the Korean and Vietnam War memorials was the hardest. We met a veteran who told us his story. None of us will ever forget that day. It gave us a different outlook on life and helped us to understand the people behind the history." —Emma K.

Class of 2003 off to college

Gateway graduates go on to experience high levels of personal and academic success in a range of private and public high schools and universities. We have heard from several alumni from the Class of 2003 as they graduate from regional high schools this month. Here is some of what we learned.

Maya Hauer-Laurencin (Santa Catalina) applied to Pitzer, UC Davis, UC Merced, Emerson and Lewis & Clark and will attend Tufts University this fall.

Michael Love (SCHS) was accepted at UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, UCSC, Cal Poly (SLO) and Cal Poly (Pomona), Santa Clara University and Colorado School of Mines. After much consideration he will attend UC Santa Barbara, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Kara Dunton (SCHS) will major in Theatre Arts at UCLA.

Zoe Folger (York) applied to UCLA, UC Davis and UCSC, then heard about early decision at Scripps and has decided to go there.

Ari Anthony (SCHS) applied to Redlands, Cal Poly, USF, Whittier, University of Pacific and University of Oregon and will attend Redlands University.

cont. on pg.2

2007-2008 Important Dates

Sept. 4 Open House 1-3pm

Sept. 5 First Day of School

Sept 12 K-5 Back to School Night, 7pm,
New Families 6:30pm

Sept 19 6-8th Back to School Night, 7pm

For full Gateway calendar see
www.gatewaysc.org

School Life

Summer Reading List

Merle has posted an extensive summer reading list on-line at www.gatewaysc.org. Go to Class Pages and sign in to view the Merle's Library Page.

Gateway's Summer Program runs from June 18th through August 10th. There are week long camps or sign up for all 8 weeks! The brochure is available online. If you have any questions contact Rosemary Breedlove at Ext 304 or e-mail rosemary.breedlove@gatewaysc.org

Technology Fund

Thanks to the families who have already donated to our Tech Fund, especially to Bill Bryant and the families in his 6th grade class who, at Bill's request, donated to the Tech Fund in lieu of a year-end faculty gift.

We ask families who have not donated to please consider making a donation on-line at www.gatewaysc.org to help us fund teacher training and replacement of old equipment. We're almost at goal, but still need to raise \$3,000 for this year. Thank you in advance for your support!

Position Opening

Development Assistant (70% time). We are seeking a positive and flexible individual with exceptional organizational skills. A position description can be obtained from Kimara in the Main Office or by e-mailing her at kim@gatewaysc.org.

Life Lab Plant Sale Thanks The Life Lab plant sale was a huge success this year! An enormous thank you goes to Nada Duna, Molly Slete and Luen Miller for their more than generous donations of abundant and beautiful plants!! Also a great big thank you to the very helpful, responsible and knowledgeable students who ran the sale or helped around the garden...Carly Dolgenos, Kiana Hamzehi, Evan Karow, Kate Mendenhall, Naji Samaha, Andrew Adelman, Danny Halperin, Amelia Erickson, Anya Shulman and I know there were others that deserve a big thank you!!

Of course we could not have done it without all the wonderful Gateway community members who shopped and shopped and therefore sup-

ported our life lab program. Thanks so much to all!

Driving on Field Trips in 2007-2008: Every class at Gateway school depends upon parent volunteer drivers to make field trips possible. If you would like to drive on 2007-08 trips, you must provide Gateway School with proof that your driving record is clean. In the June mailing that you are about to receive, you will find a form that allows us to register you with the DMV's Employer Pull Program. Under this program, you fill out a form and pay a \$10 fee once, and we will then receive reports and updates on your driver record automatically for the rest of your child's career at Gateway School. If you went through this process in 2006-07, you are already in our system and don't need to do anything more. If you would like to get into our system for the first time, please follow the directions on the form in your June mailing. Since it can take up to three months for the DMV to get an initial report to us, and since field trips begin in early September, we encourage you to return your form and check to the School as soon as possible, so that we will have your clearance by the time school opens in the fall.

Classifieds

Cindy Zimmerman will be holding **Lego Engineering** (for 6-7 year olds) and Lego Mindstorm Robotics, and Pneumatics classes (for 8 and up) at Santa Cruz Montessori School this summer. Classes will cost \$100 a week. They will run for week long sessions either in the mornings or the afternoons. The schedule, and link to an application, is on my website:kidrobo.com

Spanish/French Tutor Gateway middle school Spanish faculty is available for private and small group tutoring over the summer. Call Patty at 239-9157 or email at patty.lucas@gatewaysc.org

Roz Reymers (768.1042) offers **tutoring in reading, writing, and study skills (all levels)** over the summer and would love to work with Gateway students. She is listed on SantaCruzKids.com under Learning and Literacy.

**Everyone at Gateway wishes you
a great summer!**