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THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR MARKS A NEW BEGINNING FOR GRADUATING SENIORS



From left: Graduating seniors Martin, Fiona and John Cruz

After another fun and educational school year, the annual Promotions and Awards Ceremony will soon be honoring students in all grade levels for their talents and achievements. This year, our senior student body, Martin C., Fiona B. and JohnCruz E., will also be honored during their well deserved Graduation Ceremony.

Fiona, who was featured in last month's newsletter, has attended Pacific Valley (PV) School since kindergarten and looks forward to her new beginnings at UCLA. Read more about Fiona on our website's news page in the newsletter archives. In this newsletter, the other two graduating seniors are highlighted, John Cruz and Martin. Both are excited to graduate but will miss what they say has become "their extended family."

John Cruz (JC) came to PV School as a fifth grader when his family moved from Atascadero for his father's new job. On his first night in Big Sur, JC was not happy. He said, "The pitch black night and no city lights" made him declare 'I'm not a beautiful place kind of guy.' Then, JC says, "When I woke up that first morning, I looked out the window at the ocean and said to myself, 'I think this is going to work out. It's gonna be okay.'"

John Cruz is anxious and a little sad about graduating. He feels that PV School has become like his family and his fellow students and good friends will be missed. "In such a small community, you spend a lot of time with the same people. I'll miss seeing them."

Everyone who knows JC knows he is fun, often being the comical MC during the Winter Show and hamming it up on and off stage. After traveling around California, JC plans to study film appreciation and acting. He is an

aspiring director and film writer. He wants to "change the predictability of films".

JC's favorite subject is language arts, much to the delight of his teacher, Karen. Karen describes JC as "witty" and "keen". She says, "When it comes to his writing, it is very well developed, he has an excellent reading voice and has been a great tutor for math."

Then, there is Martin. Martin came to PV School from his home in Salinas. He was working at Lucia supporting himself over the summer when he decided he wanted a different kind of education than the one he was used to in large schools. He researched and did some homework before choosing to attend PV. He has never regretted his decision.

Martin's favorite things about PV School are "the other kids, everyone really, the combined grade atmosphere and the fact that PV's system is weird and different." The unconventional system is "fulfilling and engaging" Martin states.

Martin, who JC lovingly describes as a "nerd", played a perfect Prince Charming during the Winter Show. Teacher Karen says, "He truly is charming, thoughtful, full of compassion and a wonderful classroom presence." He has become a "big brother" to many students.

Martin is "obsessed with astronomy" and wants to "find life in space." He declares, "I'm an astrology junkie. It's my thing." JC says he often finds Martin staring at the night sky. However, before going into space, Martin will be going to Alaska to commercial fish with his father for King Crab. Then, he will attend Hartnell to study astronomy. It's been a pleasure getting to know these students who have contributed so much to PV School!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TUESDAY 6/14

End of Year Beach Day & BBQ
at Sanddollar Beach 10-3:00pm

Birthday Celebrations:

June: Gordon and Susi, July: Lisa E.,
August: Karen B.

WEDNESDAY 6/15

School Nurse Visits

THURSDAY 6/16

Last Day of School:
Promotions Awards 10:30 am,
Graduation 12:00 pm &
Community Lunch 12:30 pm

SUNDAY 6/19

Father's Day

JUNE 20-30 (DATE TBD)

BSUSD Board Meeting 6:30 pm
LCAP & Budget Adoption

Quote of the Month!

Wherever you go,
go with all of your heart.
—Confucius



Visit our website's [Helpful Links page](#)
for summer education, activity and
community events information.
Have a fun and safe summer!

JOB POSTING

We currently have a job opening
for the following position:

**TK-3rd Grade & HS Spanish
Language Teacher**

Visit our website

www.bigsurunified.org or

EdJoin.org for a full

job description and for more
information about our unique school.