

## ROP Fire Science Challenge



Combat Challenge Day for ROP Fire Science at **California High**—In this photo, students play water ball tug of war to practice fire fighting skills with the water hose. See back page for story.

## ROP Internship Leads to Medical Career

Last summer Julieann Murella, an **Alhambra High** graduate, took part in the ROP internship program at Kaiser Permanente, then went off to Sonoma State to study pre-med. This summer, she returned to take an actual job at Kaiser, as administrative assistant to the on-site internship coordinator.

“Looking back,” says Julieann, who plans to become a pediatrician, “I really liked the internship program. I feel like it was such a good opportunity. It gives the students a head start. They are ahead of the game because they have

Julieann Murella  
Summer job at  
Kaiser Permanente



all those options given to them. Now, coming back to the program, it’s really great sharing my experience and being a help to the interns. This program has allowed me to build my career.”

See inside for more stories on ROP medical internships.

## From Auto Internship to Full-Time Job



Blake  
Bonner  
Walnut  
Creek  
Honda

Felix  
Elizondo  
Concord  
BMW



These two ROP Auto Technology graduates from **Alhambra High** are among those who landed full-time jobs right out of high school. See inside for story.

### What's New

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Contra Costa County ROP closed the 2006-07 year with several stellar accomplishments. Here are a few examples:

- Earned approval for the 34th UC “a-g” course, the highest number among the 74 ROPs in California
- Achieved the highest enrollment ever—over 13,000—and demand for new classes continues to exceed supply
- Added business partners who support ROP programs and students, including Chevron, Bank of America, Citicorp, John Muir Health, Kaiser Permanente and many others
- Recognized students and teachers who earned local and state awards for their ROP accomplishments

This issue introduces a few of the students and teachers who capture the essence of ROP. We hope you will link these stories with people you know who need ROP to open their eyes to new career opportunities.

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