

## Graduates of ROP Process Plant Operator Class Get Jobs at Chevron Refinery



Philip Dawson and ROP Instructor Nathaniel "Butter" Simms

Photo courtesy of Chevron

More than a dozen adult ROP students have gotten jobs in the oil refinery business since taking the ROP Process Plant Operator class at **Kennedy High** last year, reports ROP Instructor Nathaniel "Butter" Simms.

ROP Graduate Philip Dawson was hired by the Chevron Richmond Refinery in June. He works at the power

plant as an Operator Trainee with a starting salary of approximately \$50,000 per year.

"My job is absolutely phenomenal," he says. "The job setting is great, the people are great. I have been working toward this for awhile. Words can't express how I feel about my accomplishment."

"I'm very excited about what we've done with the ROP program," says Mr. Simms. "My whole intention is to prepare students to meet the career preparation standards, which include understanding safety, communication, employment literacy, and lifelong learning."

## ROP Offers Sports Medicine at Heritage High



Matt Milam & Britney Sams



Noelle Huddleston & Hannah Hilgers



Kimberly McCowan & Kendra Wren

ROP is offering several classes at the new **Heritage High** in Brentwood, including Sports Medicine.

"This class has been good so far," says Matt Milam, speaking of Jennifer Heinz's ROP Sports Medicine class. "I want to become a fire fighter and EMT, so this class will help prepare me for my future."

Hannah Hilgers agrees. "It's been

interesting so far. Hopefully, this class will help me get into the medical field."

## Hercules High Award

**Hercules High** yearbook editors took first place at Yearbook University, a three-day summer camp workshop held at Menlo College. The award acknowledges an outstanding theme for Hercules High's upcoming yearbook, including graphics and design. Seniors Brenda Ho and Patricia Mora will serve as editors-in-chief this year, supervised by ROP Instructor Natalie Wojinski.

## Disney Pixar Comes to De Anza High



Jeremy Vicary

Jeremy Vicary, of Disney Pixar, was just finishing his work on *Ratatouille* when he gave a talk to Larry Hatfield's ROP Art & Animation class at **De Anza High** last May, discussing light, color, and shadows for animated films. "It was one of the best presentations ever," said Mr. Hatfield.



Sports Medicine interns for San Francisco Dragons, a major league lacrosse team

## Sports Med Interns

Once again, current and former ROP Sports Medicine students had summer internships with the San Francisco Dragons, giving them the invaluable experience of working with some of the best lacrosse players in the world. Pictured here at a Los Angeles game are Mike Chisar, Director of Sports Medicine at Diablo Valley College, and Glen Barker, ROP Instructor at **Northgate High**, along with interns Claire Ely, Jen Choi, Paula Anderson, John Murkovich, and Catherine Durant.

## Teacher Retires



Judy Moon  
Serendipity  
Mt. Diablo  
High

After many years working with ROP culinary students at **Mt. Diablo High's** Serendipity Restaurant, Judy Moon is retiring. At the County Office of Education celebration thanking her for years of service, she had this to say:

"Whether you're a teacher or you work in an office, you need to realize the incredible potential you have for changing someone's life."

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