

ROP Art and Animation Tour



Photo by Cookie Teat

Uriel Valencia and Jesus Buenrostro, from Mario Ferarri's ROP Art and Animation class at Richmond High, tour *Pixar* studios

Over the years, ROP has been fortunate to have talented artists and directors from *Pixar* visit ROP classrooms as guest speakers, giving students tips on creating animation and inspiring further studies. In June students from Richmond High got a chance to tour the *Pixar* studios in Emeryville.

ROP Architectural Design Awards



Brittany Magoon receives award from Jena Shore of Autodesk



Ryan Mack receives award from Bolan Wong of Gensler

Three students from Jeffrey Smith's ROP Architectural Design class at **Alhambra High** received awards from the Architectural Foundation of San Francisco design competition last spring, as well as prizes from Gensler and Autodesk. The students are Brittany Magoon, Ryan Mack, and Nate Holben.

Welcome Back!

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2008-09 was a banner year for Contra Costa County ROP. Here are a few examples:

- ROP teachers helped over 13,000 juniors and seniors in 32 high schools expand their talents and knowledge about careers
- High enrollment in 34 UC-approved "a-g" ROP courses illustrated demand for courses that fulfill both career and college requirements
- Industry partners supported expansion of emerging technology courses that prepare students for math, science, and communication careers
- Major industry partners, including Chevron, Bank of America, Citicorp, John Muir Health, Kaiser Permanente, BMW, Walnut Creek Honda, and others, provided opportunities to ROP students
- ROP surveyed over 4,000 stakeholders for the WASC accreditation study

Enjoy this issue's student highlights!

ROP Biotechnology



Photo by Maria Fletcher

Students from Maria Fletcher's ROP Biotechnology class at **Ygnacio Valley High** on a field trip to the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Biotechnology Scholarships—

Four ROP seniors from Evy Kavalier's Biotechnology class at **Berkeley High** won \$1,000 scholarships from the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce last June. This is an amazing accomplish-

ment from one class. The students are Jose Gonzalez, Veronica Hernandez-Rodriguez, Edwardo Mendoza, and Jorge Perez. Congratulations to the students and their outstanding ROP teacher!

Mission

ROP delivers state-of-the-art educational programs to high school and adult students to prepare them for challenging careers, higher education, and lifelong learning.

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