



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD.** Jefferson High Junior G.J. Hart receives the Principal's Award from CEI Founder Spencer Holeman.

## Smaller is better for SLCs at Jefferson

The Smaller Learning Communities (SLCs) are having a positive impact in their first year of operation at Jefferson High School, according to both teachers and students.

All freshman students at Jefferson are assigned to one of three SLCs or "houses." They take all their classes within their house with the same teachers, who are also assigned to specific houses. Classes are smaller, rarely larger than 15, and parents are much more involved.

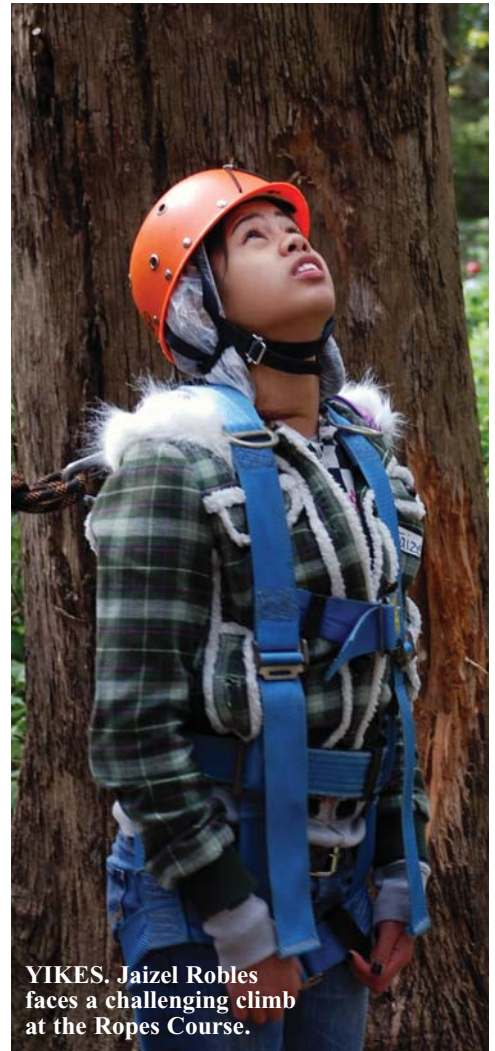
Teachers get to know each student and meet regularly to discuss each student's progress and/or problems. Teachers also work more closely with parents in the SLCs.

"We get to know the kids and they get to know you," according to Team Leader Linda McClain from SLC 2. "We can really help them. We can work with kids closely one-on-one. We can focus on their individual needs."

Helen Ogilvie, Team Leader for SLC 1 said the program is "absolutely" worth

doing. "For our students, many of whom are academically unprepared and lacking in family support, the SLC provides them with a structure in which they can thrive socially and academically."

She feels SLC are better suited to Jefferson than ordinary instruction methods because "teachers can focus  
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**YIKES.** Jaizel Robles faces a challenging climb at the Ropes Course.



**TOP SOPH GRADES:** Front (from left) Kathrina Bermudez, Stefano Tabios, Maritza Martin and Ernesto Lomeli. Back row (from left) Solomon Egipto, Patrick Huang, Brian Le and Gabriel Gutierrez. Full listings of honorees at CEI awards dinner on pages 3 and 4.

## Students Like Smaller Classes, Teacher Attention

Most students find a lot of things to like about the SLCs, particularly the smaller class sizes and the extra attention from teachers. Here's a sampling of student opinions:

Samantha Paulo: "It makes it possible for the teachers to provide their utmost attention upon the students, aiding them throughout the entire learning experience."

Irish Galvez: "I have noticed that students have done better and I believe they are going to get better while doing SLCs."

C.J. Pasi: "It's easier to concentrate and there is more attention from the teacher."

Asdrual Iraheta: "There are not many distractions. Teachers really pay attention to your needs."

Keith Sacchao: "I get to interact with the teachers more and have more knowledge of my grades."

Lisette Leyson: "The classes have less students. The teachers are able to focus on individual students more."

Meyer B.: "All classes are small."

Christian Parta: "The best part about the SLC is how a classroom can stay under control."

Marlene Restauero: "It's not all crowded in one classroom."

Cassie Mosteller: "I like that it's not too loud in class."

Misty Sumbrino: "The SLC gives us an easier opportunity to learn."

*Some students complain that they don't get to spend as much time as they'd like with some of their other friends—the ones not in their SLC—but they admit that the program is better for their grades.*

"It's better because it's easier to do work in class," said Rosie Rocha.

Christy Tran: "I like going to school and seeing the same faces everyday."

Justin Williams: "We get to learn better and do more in the SLC."

Krystal Buen: "It's easy to get to know each other."

Vianka V.: "It is worth doing because it's more organized." ■

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on building a unified learning community with a clear sense of purpose."

"Students have a sense of belonging to a cohesive group with common goals and expectations," she said.

Students also appreciate the SLCs, Ms. Ogilvie said. They like the individual attention and they enjoy the opportunity of working together in groups on common assignments. "They like knowing everybody," she said.

The SLCs are patterned after the successful School Within a School model, developed at Jefferson by Children's Empowerment Inc. (CEI). Next year,

the program expands to both freshman and sophomore classes.

CEI supplements a four-year federal grant that funds the SLCs. CEI pays for special awards and field trips, such as the Ropes Course, to build teamwork and to motivate students. CEI also sponsors one-on-one tutoring, visits to local college campuses and other extra-curricular activities.

McClain said the special treatment is important to her students. "The kids get excited by the recognition," she said. "It's never happened to them before. They feel they're special and they get more excited about learning." ■



**YES! A feeling of accomplishment for SLC climber Jaizel Robles.**

# Jefferson Students Honored with Academic Awards

*Jefferson High School would like to congratulate the following students on their entry to the following Summer Programs:*

## U.C. Berkeley's Academic Talent Development Summer Program (ATDP)

Gabriel Gutierrez Sean MacNab\*  
Jermhel Montero\* Vivian Hou  
Katrina Ramos

## Junior Statesmen of America Summer Program at Stanford

Bea De La Cruz\*+ Claire Alvarenga\*+  
Carolina Jimenez\*+

## COSMOS, University of Santa Cruz

Maritza Martin

## CEI and The Experiment in International Living: Summer 2008 - Chile

Antonino Calabrese\*

\* Denotes student has received a special scholarship from Children's Empowerment Inc. and/or +GATE

## Recognition of Outstanding Academic Achievement Presented by Jefferson High School's Counseling Department

### Freshman Award

SLC 1 Dawn Martinez  
SLC 2 Anadelaine Catalla  
SLC 3 Shannon Dela Cruz

### Sophomore Award

Abigail Hernandez Sean MacNab

### Junior Award

Vanessa Alvarez John Paul Ortega



Edgardo Estrabo Jr. and Vivian Hou received Junior Honors in English. Vivian was also awarded CEI's Scholarship for the Arts and Top Musicianship awards.

## Academic Excellence Awards for Top Grade Point Average 4.0

### Freshman

#### SLC 1

Kris Bolfango Lidia Rodriguez  
Erika Farol Michelle Silva  
Frances Cardenas Karla Temaj  
Kevin Villalta

#### SLC 2

Noel Acasio Krystal Buen  
Joseph Gonzalez Asdrual Iraheta  
Lisette Leyson Samantha Paulo

#### SLC 3

Erick Funes-Barcenas Adam Hicks  
Leslie Igtanloc Edward Mangibin

### Sophomores

Kathrina Bermudez Total GPA 4.0  
Alyssa Mae Bustos Total GPA 4.0  
Solomon Egipto Total GPA 4.0  
Gabriel Gutierrez Total GPA 4.0  
Patrick Huang Total GPA 4.0  
Brian Le Total GPA 3.948  
Stefano Tabios Total GPA 3.909  
Breana Benson Total GPA 3.902  
Ernesto Lomeli Total GPA 3.900  
Kathlene Escalona Total GPA 3.895  
Maritza Martin Total GPA 3.895  
Janeen Bonnevie Total GPA 3.891

### Juniors

Jerome Go Total GPA 4.063  
Jonathan Salim Total GPA 3.942  
Katrina Ramos Total GPA 3.906  
Veronica Gacula Total GPA 3.906  
Julia Ramirez Total GPA 3.973  
Maria Vanessa Guillas Total GPA 3.873  
Vivian Hou Total GPA 3.872  
Janelle Viray Total GPA 3.871  
Edgardo Estrabo Jr. Total GPA 3.841  
Vanessa Alvarez Total GPA 3.813

## English Department Top Student Awards

### Sophomore Honors

Kristine Barrozo Bernadette Tuazon

### Junior Honors

Edgardo Estrabo Jr. Vivian Hou

### Junior Advanced Placement in Language and Composition

Janelle Viray Jerome Go

### Journalism Award for Outstanding Excellence and Dedication

Bongie Matudio

## Social Science Department Top Student Awards

### Sophomore Honors World History

Aaron Dacayanan Jermhel Montero

### Advanced Placement U.S. History

Gabby Villalobos Marco Silva

### Sojourn into the Past Special Recognition

Bongie Matudio Gabriella Villalobos

## Science Department Top Student Awards

### Biology

Martiza Martin  
Aaron Dacayanan  
Judy Adapon  
Solomon Egipto

### Chemistry

Kathrina Bermudez  
Patrick Huang

### Physics

Jerome Go  
John DeLeon

## Math Department JAMMY Awards

### Algebra

Rosemarie Tabungar

### Geometry

Gustavo De Matos  
Erika Farol  
Rohmel Bartolome

### Algebra II

Patrick Huang

# Jefferson Students Honored with Academic Awards

## Foreign Language Department

### Top Student Awards for French

Carlos Orellana  
Jessika Pires

### Top Student Awards for Spanish

Oscar Olivares  
Maritza Martin



**JUNIOR STATESPERSONS:** Winners of the Junior Statesmen of America Summer Program at Stanford University are (from left) Carolina Jimenez, Claire Alvarenga and Bea De La Cruz.

## SLC AWARDS

### SLC 1

<b>English</b>	Erika Farol
<b>Academic Literacy</b>	Lidia Rodrigues
<b>Algebra</b>	Karla Temaj
<b>Geometry</b>	Claudette Vargas-Castro
<b>Earth Science</b>	Pauline Santos

### SLC 2

<b>English</b>	Lisette Leyson
<b>Academic Literacy</b>	Samantha Paulo
<b>Algebra</b>	Asdrual Iraheta
<b>Geometry</b>	Samantha Paulo
<b>Earth Science</b>	Samantha Paulo

### SLC 3

<b>English</b>	Leslie Igtanloc
<b>Academic Literacy</b>	Oliver DeBorja
<b>Algebra</b>	Jonathan Vitug
<b>Geometry</b>	Edward Mangibin
<b>Earth Science</b>	Derick Morales

## Jefferson High School's Special Recognitions As Top Scholar – Student Athletes

**Sophomores**  
Patrick Huang  
Gabriel Guterrez  
Jenna David

**Juniors**  
Johnel Reed  
Andrealiz Afable

## Children's Empowerment Inc. School Within a School

### Academic Recognition

Judy Adapon  
Zully Hernandez  
Ruben Espinel  
Romeo Vergara

### Special Recognition for Academic Excellence

Breanna Benson  
Ernesto Lomeli  
Elizabeth Rios

## Children's Empowerment Inc. Learning Zone Awards

### Tutor of the Year

At Jefferson High School  
Sean MacNab

At Pollicita Middle School  
Andriane Lalucis

## Jim Reed Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Leadership

Emerson Sosa

## GATE Recognition for the Arts

**Symphonic Band Top Musicianship**  
Vivian Hou

**Concert Band Top Musicianship**  
Edgardo Estrabo

**Dance Department**  
Geazul Cardenas  
Janeen Bonnevie

## Children's Empowerment Inc. Scholarship to the SF Conservatory of Music

Vivian Hou

## Children's Empowerment Inc. Jefferson High School's Principal's Award

Georgialeen Hart

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