

Violin Studio of Elbert Tsai

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Dear Students and Parents, I am pleased to release our most recent and long-overdue newsletter. Due to the number of exceptional achievements, it was not possible to include many (or even most) of them. Please join me in congratulating these students.

Yuli Choi is a sophomore at Archbishop Mitty High School and lives in Cupertino. She was appointed as concertmaster of the California All-State High School Orchestra, performing the celebrated solos from Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade at the CASMEC conference in Fresno. Joining her in the first violin section were studio mates **Eunice Lee** and **Sarah Son**. **Ryan Wu** and **Dillon Huang** played in the second violins while **Tejas**



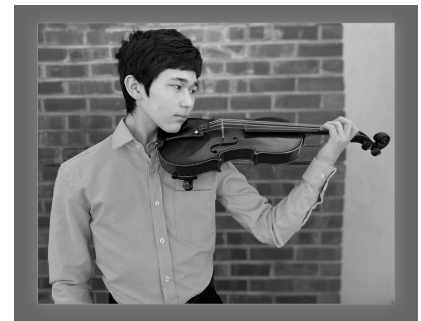
Tirthapura earned the chair of Principal Viola. Yuli has also been accepted to Music@Menlo and will attend the program this summer.

Sarah Son lives in Davis, CA and is a sophomore at Davis High School. She is concertmaster of the Sacramento Youth Symphony Premier Orchestra and won their concerto competition in November, performing Vieuxtemps Concerto No. 5 with the orchestra in January. She also won first place in her division at the Auburn Symphony Young



Artists Competition and served as concertmaster of the KAMSA Youth Orchestra and the California Orchestra Directors Association (CODA) High School Honors Orchestra in August and December, respectively. Sarah will attend Music@Menlo in July.

Joshua Cisneros won first place at the US Open Competition (Instrumental Solo category) and was awarded an additional Gold Medal prize selected from among other first place winners. He is concertmaster of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra and will perform the solo from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Pas de Deux on March 6. Earlier this year, Joshua performed in masterclasses for Indianapolis Competition winner Richard Lin and concert violinist Midori.



Junior Bach Festival

Constance Kuan and **Tina Phan** were chosen to perform duo sonatas with their (student) pianist partners Isaac Choi and Chloe So. Issac and Chloe study with Dr. Chia-Lin Yang of Sunnyvale. **Sydney Li-Jenkins**, **Samantha Cheunkarndee**, **Sarah Son**, and **Joshua Cisneros** were accepted as solo artists.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Soloists

Suvia Li and **Sakurako Ando** have been selected to perform concertos with PACO under the baton of longtime music director Benjamin Simon. Suvia will perform the first movement from Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole while Sakurako will perform The Lark Ascending by Ralph Vaughan Williams.