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CHAMBER / SCHOOLS / STUDENTS CELEBRATE “2017 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS”

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The Brisbane Chamber of Commerce celebrated the excellence of the Brisbane School District and our local students at its’ annual “Excellence in Education Scholarship Recognition Awards” event, held at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton on Wednesday evening, June 7. The achievements of thirteen outstanding students and a Brisbane School District educator were highlighted during the evening. Ronan Collver, the Superintendent of the Brisbane School District was the keynote speaker for the event. Collver, who took the reins of the school district in November of 2016 spoke on the challenges of education in today’s world and how it takes the involvement of students, parents, teachers and the community-at-large. His remarks echoed the collaborative partnership that has to exist for students and communities to excel in today’s multi-cultural and fast paced environment.

Brisbane School District Awards:
Outstanding students were recognized from each of the schools within the Brisbane School District. Lipman Middle School Principal Jolene Heckerman, Andrea Katofakis, Principal of Brisbane Elementary School, and Sarah Neidhart, Principal of Panorama Elementary School were on hand to present the following awards:

Elementary School awardees:
(Submitted by the BSD and edited for space allowances)

Chaya Bella David, who attends Brisbane Elementary School, was named the outstanding 5th grade student at her school. She is a most rounded student whose academic successes are outweighed only by her life skills. She is a deep math thinker, curious scientist, strong reader, and a writer who uses creativity and organization. Her personal warmth, humor and caring make her an extraordinary human being. She has an incredible mind and a heart of gold and is truly one of our most thoughtful citizens.

The outstanding 5th grade student at Panorama Elementary School is Sarah Penny. She was selected for her academic and leadership skills. As one of her teacher’s “go to” persons, Sarah is a leader within her class and school. She ran for “Mayor” of her class and was elected, leading an all-female “City Council.” She is an active volunteer and has many interests outside of school, including sports, and her dog, Rosie. Well spoken, thoughtful, and full of energy, it is a great honor for Sarah to be selected as the Panorama School Student of the Year.

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LIPMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL Awardees:
(Supplied by the BSD and edited for space allowances)

Two Lipman Middle School Students were selected and recognized as the outstanding 8th grade students at the school.

Gheada Elguheim was named as an Outstanding 8th grade student at Lipman. Gheada is an incredibly kind, thoughtful and creative student. She is constantly pushing herself academically, always taking on challenging problems willingly and putting in time outside of class to complete them.

Bruno Gheno was honored as the second Outstanding 8th grade award recipients. He was recognized as being the type of student that you only come across so often, exemplifying what it is to be a student, constantly yearning to learn more. He is a leader both in and out of the classroom. He has participated in:

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

This year, the Outstanding Educator Award for the Brisbane School District was presented to a teacher who has been a mainstay in the district for many years, Joseph Condon, who teaches mathematics at Lipman Middle School.

Joseph is an exceptional teacher who has earned the respect of the children, his colleagues, and the parent community.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION AWARDS:

The evening continued with the recognition of 9 outstanding students who were selected as recipients of a Brisbane Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Recognition Award. This award program, now in its 22nd year, is made possible through the generosity and support of our local businesses and residents.

This year, the Brisbane Chamber raised over $10,000 in donations. These grants were made available to student applicants who either live in Brisbane, or whose parents work for a company affiliated with the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce. The chamber thanks all of the businesses and individuals who made the contributions that make it possible to encourage these outstanding scholars to move forward with their educational goals and to help make their passions a reality. Over the 22 year history of the program, the Chamber has granted 212 awards to local scholars totaling more than $265,000.

I MUST SAY...

BY: CURTIS ROE, Treasurer and Board Member Brisbane Chamber of Commerce,
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A couple of really interesting things happened since my last article. First, I received a call from Senator Jerry Hill. He wanted to comment on my last article regarding the twelve cent gasoline tax. Wait, who did what? That’s really how I feel! I thought the call was a prank until he got to talking. He wanted me (us) to know that the existing gas taxes we pay were put in place over 20 years ago and that they haven’t changed since then. Additionally one should consider that at that time, the average car only got nine miles to the gallon. Then we need to consider inflation. Arguably, one might say that tax is effectively less today compared to when it was implemented. Regarding the governors promise to earmark the twelve cent tax for roads, there will be a ballot measure coming up where we can all vote on whether those funds will be committed for that purpose or not. Finally, regarding taxation without representation, he reminded me that we all have the right to vote. Those votes elect our officials who do indeed represent us.

Next, I don’t know if you remember an article I wrote back in May, 2016. I had a rant about news I heard that the San Mateo public golf course, Poplar Creek was losing money. I did some research and found some records of the financial reporting. Under governmental accounting guidelines, the course is reported by itself as an enterprise fund. That reflects the fact that it generates revenue unlike many other services provided by the government. I asserted that by itself, the golf course was more than paying for itself and actually contributing to the overall cost for the City. It was only when the expenses from other governmental activities were allocated against the golf course did it actually turn in a loss. Closing the course all together would mean more expense than keeping it open.

The City appointed a committee who hired a consulting firm to explore the options of keeping the course open or using the space for something else. They held a public meeting on June 7 to hear the results as well as public comments. I felt compelled to attend even though the Warriors were playing that night. The report was very well compiled and presented. It clearly identified the facts that I felt needed to be seen; the course does indeed make money. They also presented several options and calculated the estimated costs. To me and the majority of the people in the room who coincidentally were mostly golfers, the course should remain open. No vote was taken.

Both these events were inspiring for me. Thank you Senator Hill for taking the time to reach out to me. Thank you as well to the golf committee for taking the time to perform your analysis, listen to all sides, and to hear public comment. It is great to live in a country where we are not just allowed but encouraged to participate.

I can’t sign off without mentioning the Brisbane eighth grade. They recently participated in a students day in business of which I was able to participate in again this year. They were broken into groups and interviewed different businesses in the community. The teams then compiled their presentations and we were invited back to hear them. (My comments may be redundant if this has already been covered in this issue.) Every year the students do a wonderful job. This year, they took a leap forward. The presentations were great! Look out everybody else, these kids are sharp and they coming up fast.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS:

These scholars come from diverse high schools and exhibit varied interests and plans for the future. Here is a brief snapshot of each awardee:

Alyssa Castillo – Alyssa, a resident of Brisbane, attended our local schools before entering High School at St. Ignatius High School where she compiled a 4.33GPA while taking college prep and AP – advanced placement courses, while qualifying for the Honor Roll. While at St. Ignatius she also played soccer, ran cross country and served as a camp counselor. Now that her high school career has come to a close, her next step is to attend the University of California-San Diego, where she will start her studies with the goal of having a career in the medical field, or in Biomedical Engineering.

Alyssa is the recipient of the Recology, Inc. Scholarship. Unfortunately, she is on a senior trip and is unable to be with us this evening.

Jennifer Co – The second awardee is also a Brisbane resident. Jennifer Co carried a full schedule of classes and after school activities while compiling a 4.27 GPA at the Summit/Shasta High School and qualifying for Honor Roll and High Honor Roll recognition during her time in school. She has been active in volleyball, leadership, a hip-hop dancer, and as a poet. Jennifer has also served as an intern with a medical lab, learning the many difference facets of the operation. As she graduates to the next level of education, her career goal is to pursue studies in Microbiology and Medical Sciences at University...
of California - Berkeley. Jennifer is the recipient of the Universal Paragon Corporation Scholarship.

Andre Conway – The next awardee, Andre, Conway, has spent a lot of time in a boxing ring, starting when he was young, becoming a World Boxing Champion at the age of 11. A lifelong resident of Brisbane, the Terra Nova High School graduate compiled a 3.86 GPA during his high school career, while also playing basketball, and helping to manage at the Fire In the Ring boxing gym. Andre is planning to attend college with the intent of majoring in the Fire Sciences program at San Francisco State University and becoming a Firefighter. He is the recipient of the BiRite Foodservice Distributors / Brisbane Chamber Director's Scholarship.

Ethan Dalmacio – Ethan, a resident of Brisbane, attended our local schools before entering High School at Terra Nova High School where he compiled a 3.30 GPA while taking college prep and AP – advanced placement courses, while qualifying for the Honor Roll. While at Terra Nova, he also worked on restoring cars and motorcycles, ran cross country, played badminton, and volunteered at a homeless shelter, among other activities. Now, his next step is across the Pacific to the University of Hawai’i-Manoa where he is planning to start his studies in Engineering. Ethan is the recipient of the F.W. Spencer and Son Scholarship.

Noah Glazman-Schillinger – Noah, a resident of Brisbane, attended both our local schools and was homeschooled by his parents before starting classes at Skyline College (part-time) as a sophomore. He has compiled a 3.60 GPA and is planning to continue his education at Skyline College, before transferring to a four-year school to pursue a degree in Psychology, with the intent of working in the burgeoning field of electronic online gaming. Noah has also taught chess for the past three years to young students. Unfortunately, he is not able to be with us tonight as he is on a trip to Europe with his family. Noah is the recipient of the First National Bank of Northern California – Brisbane Scholarship.

Isiah Margate – Isiah, also a resident of Brisbane, attended our local schools before entering High School at Oceana H.S. and Half Moon Bay High School, where he recently graduated. He has played basketball at both Oceana and Half Moon Bay High Schools, and has played and coached the sport in a club league. Isiah was also a standout track and field performer during high school. He has compiled a 3.85 GPA while in high school, and is planning to take the next step in his education by attending San Diego State University where he is planning to major in Accounting. Isiah is the recipient of the Integrated Resources Group/Doubletree Hotel Scholarship.

Christine Pubili – Christine, another resident of Brisbane, attended our local schools before entering High School at Sacred Heart Preparatory High School where she compiled a 3.70 GPA while taking college prep and AP – advanced placement courses, while qualifying for the Honor Roll. While at Sacred Heart she also participated in the Kairos organization, the La Sallian Vincensian Youth Club, and was a high school athlete, competing in swimming. Her next steps have her heading north of the California border, attending the University of Oregon, in Eugene, where she will start her studies with the goal of having a career in the medical-psychology field as a trauma therapist, or a family counselor. Christine is the recipient of the Larry and Christine Purcell/Purcell Murray Scholarship.

Mara Schumann – Mara, yet another resident of Brisbane, attended our local schools before entering High School at the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts in San Francisco. At SOTA she compiled a 4.02 GPA while taking college prep courses, while qualifying for the Honor Roll and being recognized as a member of the top 15% of California Public School students. A student of the performing arts, she was active in musical theatre as a dancer and singer, and as a member of the Peninsula Girls Chorus. She has also participated as a volunteer at the San Francisco Arts Education Summer Camp, and as a Counselor in Training at Mountain Camp in Placerville.

Mara plans to next attend San Diego State University, taking classes to pursue a degree in Clinical Psychology. She is the recipient of the Golden State Lumber Company Scholarship. Mara is also out of town this evening and is unable to be with us.

Jovita Solorio-Fielder – is our final awardee. Yes, another resident of Brisbane, Vita, also attended Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco. She earned a 4.2 GPA while in school and has been active in our local schools before entering high school. While at Sacred Heart, she has been a leader and active participant in both speech and debate competitions. Vita also edited the high school literary magazine, hosted the school’s “spoken word” competitions, and served as a volunteer tutor at a non-profit organization, Reading Partners.

Her next step is to go east and attend Wellesley College, in Massachusetts, with the goal of working within government or as a non-profit executive. Vita is the recipient of the South San Francisco Scavenger’s Scholarship. She is also unable to be here tonight, as she is out of town traveling with her parents in Mexico before heading back east to start her college experience.
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Date  Time  Description
6/20  7pm  Friends of the Brisbane Library
Brisbane Library 240 Visitacion Ave
Info: 415-467-2001

7-10pm  Jazz Night
7 / Mike House – 2800 Bayshore Blvd

6/21  3-6am  Commercial Street Sweeping
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations
Information: dcraven@oci.brisbane.ca.us

6pm  Brisbane School District Board Meeting
Panorama Elementary School
25 Belliveau Ave, Daly City, CA 94014
Info: brisbaneschools@brisbanesd.org

6/22  3pm  -  Brisbane Farmers Market
Thurs  7pm  Community Park Info (560) 290-3549

7-10am  Financial 101 – Building Wealth
Mary Wong Insurance and Financial Services
1831 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010
415-795-7097 www.marywongins.eventbrite.com

7-30pm  Planning Commission
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
Info: Angel Ibarra aibarra@oci.brisbane.ca.us

6/24  9am  -  Habitat Restoration Day
Sat  1pm  Costante Camp
Sponosored by Open Space & Ecology Committee
Info: franco@oci.brisbane.ca.us or 415-657-4221

9am  -  Community Wildlife Awareness
10am  North County Fire Authority and Brisbane Office of
Emergency will conduct annual training exercises
Info: 650-991-8138

11am  -  Green Business Workshop
3pm  Portola Valley Library. 765 Portola Rd Portola Valley
Light lunch will be provided
https://academy_green_business.eventbrite.com

1pm  -  Brisbane Marina Kite Festival
Sierra Point Marina

6/28  3-4am  Commercial Sweeping
Wed  6-7am  Commercial Street Sweeping
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations

6:30pm  Open Space & Ecology Committee
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
Info: Bob Sage bob@oci.brisbane.ca.us

6pm  -  Brisbane Marina Kite Festival
Sierra Point Marina

6/29  3-4am  Commercial Sweeping
Wed  6-7am  Commercial Street Sweeping
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations

6:30pm  Open Space & Ecology Committee
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
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6pm  -  Brisbane Marina Kite Festival
Sierra Point Marina

7/5  3-6am  Commercial Street Sweeping
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations

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7/13  9am  -  San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Thurs  10am  San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Info: Tricia Vaccaro tvaccaro@oci.brisbane.ca.us

7/16  11am  -  Moving Mountains Celebration
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations
Information: dcraven@oci.brisbane.ca.us

7-9pm  Parks & Recreation Commission
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
Info: Tricia Vaccaro tvaccaro@oci.brisbane.ca.us

7/17  11am  -  Silver Anniversary Celebration
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations
Information: dcraven@oci.brisbane.ca.us

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7:30pm  Brisbane Chamber Board Meeting
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
Info & agenda: brisbaneschools@brisbanesd.org

7/11  9am  -  Homeowners Association Board Meeting
Tues  6pm  Homeowners Association Board Meeting

7/12  3-6am  Commercial Street Sweeping
Incluedes Visitacion Avenue Vehicle citations
Information: dcraven@oci.brisbane.ca.us

7-9pm  Parks & Recreation Commission
Community Meeting Room 50 Park Place
Info: Tricia Vaccaro tvaccaro@oci.brisbane.ca.us

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7/14  6pm  -  Concerts in the Park
Fri  8:30pm  Concerts in the Park
André Thimoney Zatotsky  Community Park

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Secondly, on June 5th, I signed the “We Are Still In” open letter, joining over 1,000 governors, mayors, businesses, investors and colleges and universities from across the U.S. pledging to help the U.S. deliver on its international climate commitments. By doing so, we pledged to do our part to continue to ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

In addition, in response to President Trump’s threat to withdraw Federal funding for Caltrain’s Electrification Project, on May 19th, I joined a bipartisan group of Bay Area mayors and local officials in writing to Secretary Elaine Chao of the U.S. Department of Transportation, expressing our strong support for approval of the pending funding for this project. Two days later, after receiving our letter as well as support from a broad coalition of advocates, the Federal Transit Administration agreed to approve a grant to electrify the Caltrain tracks. Electrification will replace Caltrain’s aging diesel fleet with high-performance electric commuter trains, increase the system’s ridership capacity, reduce emissions, decrease traffic congestion, provide faster, more efficient transit service, and foster job and economic growth. Our letter was an example of how our voice matters in protecting the environment.

I am proud and honored to represent a city that takes a hard look at climate change and makes marked advancements toward curbing global warning. And I vow to continue onward in leading our community’s momentum as we work together to support, lead and uphold the commitments to the goals and measures of our Climate Action Plan. I am proud that the City of Brisbane leads by example and puts our planet first.

THINK BRISBANE – KEEP OUR ECONOMY STRONG!
A CITIZEN’S PERSPECTIVE
BY: ANTHONY VERREOS, Chamber member, Brisbane Resident, tony@verreos.com

Dear Editor:

Those of us who are either very long term residents and/or have been closely following the Brisbane Baylands development proceedings understand there are many competing needs in our City, and our region. The concept of responsible leadership is not one that every resident or voter agrees with – there are many differences of opinion on what needs and uses achieve higher purposes. When San Francisco politicians and voters planned for their future after the earthquake of 1906, they were not particularly concerned about the next 100 years, and what dramatic changes their selfish choices would dictate for their City, for Brisbane, or for the region. They had essentially unopposed power, and used it to their advantage. They did many great things, which have proven to stand the test of time, and they also made some equally great mistakes – examples: no loop subway or overhead rapid transit circling the city, dedicating roughly 75% of the City’s buildable land to primarily R-1 housing, filling the S.F. Bay including the Brisbane Bayshore railyard, and the area formerly known as the San Francisco dump, and later effectively creating ghettos out of former military housing – some of which still plague San Francisco to this day.

We are being told that an international, supposedly multi-billion dollar property owner is not, and will not be required to complete full environmental restoration work on the property now known as the Brisbane Baylands unless our City Council (and now questionably – we as voters) agree to approve a housing component previously prohibited from that area, as well as massive commercial development. It seems a fair question to ask: who owns the City, cannot, or has not required the property owner to perform the most important toxic substances cleanup efforts already during their past 25 or more years of ownership?

Though some acknowledge the Baylands property appears to be a large blighted area at present, those same people do not demand the most basic measures be implemented to reduce and eliminate the blight. We are told the developer’s vision is one of “transformation,” however their plans suggest nothing more than common greed, urban sprawl, endless traffic jams, and a shift of voting interests to assure more of the same – all at the expense of what Brisbaniacs want to protect. Developer neglect is at the heart of a great deal of the anger and distrust for what has been presented to us as a “vision of transformation.” Most people may agree with the laundry list of worthy goals presented, however, it would be instructive to learn well from what we see all around us daily - more and more valuable land being directed away from recreation and open space, and covered by concrete and asphalt. Those who would have you think we are preparing to witness a caterpillar transforming itself into a wonder of beauty as a Brisbane butterfly, do not seem to value what makes Brisbane the special place it is.

If what’s most important to you is all of the conveniences we now have to drive 5-15 minutes to shop at, then this place is not much different to you, just less developed.

About 1997 the NE Ridge was approved for three new Brisbane neighborhoods. Most of the same arguments for and against development were voiced then. It ruined the natural , mountain views to the North, and added voters potentially more supportive of growth, but otherwise none of the feared problems came to pass. The current concepts are dramatically different in scope, and share one other negative feature – physical separation. Distance does not foster closeness.

The massive next lifetime (projected 20-30 years+ of constant construction) transformation presented to us should be understood to mean a loss of closeness as in community – many people still enjoy being that, but a growing number of neighbors don’t really seem to care to know each other, and those who do, lament the real or perceived loss of innocence of the great small town they grew up protected by. We hear it whenever our mini crime wave heats up. Being small has distinct advantages.

I wrote more details, but there is very limited space, so suffice it to say that almost everything you can think of that has ever been fouled up, was designed by some respected professional. The only way to prevent that is to be personally active in demanding higher quality results, and not settling for crappy compromises. Who’s stopping UPC from cleaning out the toxics reported in their lagoon, and creating a public access shore dock area where people could wade, swim, row, canoe, or maybe even windsurf? How does that sound to you?

What is the higher purpose for the Baylands? Stores, offices, homes, that are all about cash, or preserving and improving quality of life building the equivalent of Golden Gate Park with major tourist attractions would make a statement of values similar to saving the Mountain, and saving the Bay have.

Future housing growth could easily be accommodated within Crocker Industrial Park serving to bind the two separated halves of town together, through a well-planned natural extension of the Parksline Park. And a non leaning tower complex right on the transit lines at our North border with the developer’s Schlage Lock project could fill all other future needs on the list using just a small fraction of the land.

Our region is not begging us to create more sprawl, but they are telling us to do what they have all refused to do. Reject being bullied by paid activists funded by developers. Many opposed the construction of our own Brisbane Community Park, who would oppose it today? Grand parks are not only sustainable, they can make money, and are a great gift to future generations.

THINK BRISBANE — BE ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE!