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# KIPP: Adelante Journal



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*The mission of KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy is to ensure that our students develop the academic skills, intellectual habits, and character traits needed to succeed in top-quality high schools, colleges, and the competitive world beyond.*

Dear Friends,

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and with state standardized testing completed, our students anxiously await their year-end college field trips. These field lessons represent our culminating experiential learning opportunity for the year. Our students will go to Los Angeles, CA, the San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, WA and Boston, MA.

Read on to learn more about what's happening at KIPP Adelante and join us in our efforts to provide our students with a high-quality, college-preparatory education.

## **Members of the Class of 2016 Earn Top High School Acceptances**

Our members of the Class of 2016 (the year they will graduate from college) are receiving acceptance letters and scholarships from the area's top high schools. With each letter, comes validation that hard work does pay off. Due to the extraordinary guidance of **Ms. Christa Coleman, Director of High School Placement**, and the diligent efforts of our students, over 85% of the Class of 2016 have been admitted into San Diego's top college-preparatory high schools. In fact, next fall one student will join a member of our founding class (Class of 2015) at **La Jolla Country Day**. We are also pleased to share that some members of the Class of 2016 will attend some of the nation's top boarding schools including **The Hotchkiss School** in Connecticut, **The Webb Schools** in Southern California and **Eden Prairie High School** in Minnesota.

As more of the members of the Class of 2016 await their high school acceptance letters, we remain confident each student will be successful at whatever high school he/she chooses to attend.

## **KIPP Adelante's String Orchestra Took Center Stage**

Here at KIPP Adelante we believe that music instruction provides not only valuable enrichment but also an alternative and creative venue for students to succeed, build esteem, and develop self-discipline. Under the direction of our **Orchestra Director, Mr. Thomas Duncan**, all of our students take an orchestra class and have learned how to play the violin. Some students even have the opportunity to play the viola, cello and bass.

Earlier this month students showcased their talents at the **third annual Spring Recital** held at the **Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park**. Students performed a repertoire of songs such as My Heart Will Go On, Colors of the Winds, The Magic Flute, Russian Music Box, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, Ode to Joy, The Toreador Song, Themes from Harry Potter, Orpheus in the Underworld, Star Wars, and Cielito Lindo (accompanied by **Principal Elena Luna** on vocals).

“Our Spring Recital is an opportunity for our students to feel what it's like to work hard at learning to master a song and then present it for the enjoyment of an audience”, explains Mr. Duncan. “It gives them a chance to show off for Mom and Dad!

## **MC Tech Featured Lesson**

As a result of the addition of our **Multimedia Computer Technology Class (MC Tech)** earlier this year, our students continue to develop their multimedia computer literacy skills while simultaneously receiving enhanced instruction in subjects such as Math, Science, History, English Language Arts, and Art. As an example, members of the Class of 2017 (seventh graders) recently visited the science department at the University of Virginia to virtually dissect a frog. The Net Frog Dissection application included audio, video, and a do it yourself frog dissection. Students examined organs ranging from the liver, heart, gall bladder, stomach, intestines and kidneys. In addition, students answered questions throughout the laboratory experience. This lesson aligned with California State Standards culminated with students developing a lab report on their observations. To learn more about this MC Tech project and others, please visit the following website <http://web.mac.com/kippadelante>

## **KIPPmunity Artists Share their Artwork Worldwide**

**Ms. Camie Lau**, KIPP Adelante's 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade art teacher, has teamed up with **Artsonia**, the world's largest online kid's art museum ([www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)) to display our students' artwork. Our KIPPsters join thousands of students from over 100 countries whose artwork is showcased on Artsonia. "This program is a wonderful way to get parents, family members, and the community more involved in art education," exclaims Ms. Lau.

Artsonia provides several online features such as fan clubs and personal guestbooks, as a way for supporters to encourage the creativity and imaginations of their young artists. In addition, supporters can purchase keepsakes imprinted with our artists' artwork, with Artsonia donating 15 percent of their annual product revenue back to KIPP Adelante's art programs.

To view KIPP Adelante's art gallery and to support our young artists, visit: [www.artsonia.com/schools/kippadelantepreparatory1](http://www.artsonia.com/schools/kippadelantepreparatory1)

These are just a few examples of the dynamic programs offered at KIPP Adelante as we prepare our youth for high school, college and beyond. As always, we thank you for your support! Adelante!

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KIPP Adelante was founded in 2003 and currently serves 320 students in grades five through eight. Under the direction of School Leader, Elena Luna, KIPP Adelante students are outperforming students in the San Diego Unified School District and the state of California on a consistent basis. KIPP Adelante is an affiliate of the nationally recognized Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) – a network of free open-enrollment college-preparatory public schools in under-resourced communities throughout the United States. There are 59 locally-run KIPP schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia serving over 14,000 students.

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