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Concord High School — in the News

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BARRIOS WINS HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARD

Barry Barrios has won a **2003 Hispanic Heritage Youth Award for Academic Excellence**. The awards focused on leadership through role modeling and accomplishment. Winning students are eligible for education grants, computers, trips to Washington, D.C. or



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Florida, features on national television and on the Hispanic Heritage Awards website. There were only 144 winners nationwide. The 12 Los Angeles Regional Winners, including Barry, were recognized by the Honorable James Hahn, Mayor of Los Angeles, during a May 1st ceremony at the Mayor's official residence, the Getty House.

Read more about Barry at: www.HispanicHeritageAwards.org

THREE GEMS AT CONCORD

Three 10th graders at Concord High School, **Sheris Patterson**, **Cristina Pickett** and **Petra Szilagyi**, have won the **Santa**



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Monica Gems Award for "outstanding educational achievements during the 2002-2003 school year."

They were honored at the 28th

Annual "A Black Experience" Program, held at Lincoln Middle School, in Santa Monica, on February 22nd.



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They were chosen from among the largest number of nominees in the history of the program.

BERENS PLAYS BACH

Scott Berens, a 9th-grader at Concord High School, placed **3rd** in the **Esther M. Johnson Music Awards Competition**, held annually in Santa Monica, on February 21st. Scott performed *Solfeggiato* by C.P.E. Bach on piano. Along with the live performance, Scott was required to submit a short essay



SUSAN PACKER DAVIS/HILLE CONGRATULATES SCOTT BERENS

on what music means to him. He mentioned his struggle with music lessons when he was younger, but he decided to "stick with it." He wrote, "I know now that even if I am getting to a tough part, I have to keep going and I will love the result. I will

never think about quitting, because I love music." Scott received \$100 as his prize and will attend an awards ceremony at the Riviera Country Club in June.

THE POWER OF AMY'S ART

The **43rd Annual Literature and Arts Program** of the **National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)** held its awards ceremony on April 30th this year in Santa Monica. Concord High School's **Amy Unterman** was one of only three 11th graders chosen in **Art** in the Santa



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Monica area. The NCCJ, formerly the *National Conference of Christians and Jews*, chose "The Power of Diversity" as this year's theme to reflect the courage and commitment needed to foster social justice and recognize strengths from differences. Honorees received on-stage recognition during the ceremony, as well as an award certificate.

COLLEGE PROJECT BECOMES CONCORD ART LESSON

Lea Clearihue (Class of 2000), currently a junior at **Rhode Island School of Design**, was in L.A. this winter to perform an inde-



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pendent study project with the textiles department. Lea was teaching herself how to silkscreen. She says it was a tough process, but persevered and received an A+ on her work. Her process involved using a digital camera to frame her compositions. She then turned the digital images into prints on fabric. She made clothes from the prints, which were featured in a fashion show. Lea also made a **movie** of this process which is now being shown to the **Advanced Art classes at Concord!**

LINDSAY LOVES UCLA



SPANN

We heard from alumna **Lindsay Spann** (Class of 2002) recently. She is attending **UCLA**. She writes: "I found out very quickly that UCLA is such a great school!!!! I think

this is one of the best decisions I have ever made. UCLA has so much to offer." After a trip to Norway and Denmark, Lindsay was pleased to discover that UCLA has a Scandinavian Cultures and Literatures department. She enrolled in a class and says, "It is amazing!!"

Lindsay also has plans to combine her travel experience with her UCLA culture class and the senior English (Politics and Media) class she took at Concord last year into a research project on disability culture around the world. She will compare her findings to the culture in America, and will then create a presentation for students and faculty and propose the creation of a Disabilities Studies Minor.

One more thing — Lindsay is now a reporter for UCLA's Daily Bruin news-

paper; she was chosen for the staff in her first quarter at UCLA!

Her first story is at: www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/sections.asp?Id=32.

NEWS FLASH!



WASSERMAN

Concord High School's **Nicole Wasserman** was just elected **President** of the **Palisades YMCA** chapter of **Youth and Government**.

At an annual mock legislature, the YMCA Youth and Government spends a week in the Sacramento capitol. The students follow standard government procedure. A great way to learn hands-on how our government functions!

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"BORN IN THE PALISADES"

Some of the most talented young adults compete yearly for the titles of "Miss and Mr. Palisades." The annual talent competition was held on March 12th at the Pierson Playhouse and is sponsored by the Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce. Concord High School's **Michael Hoskin** was named **runner-up** for his original song and film "Born in the Palisades." In



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full tuxedo, Hoskin sang and played guitar to accompany the film he produced and edited.

"It was so difficult," said judge Frances Fisher, "It's like the Academy Awards — how are you going to choose between comedy and drama? Each one is unique."

THE MIGHTY CONCORD/CULVERS!

There's a new **high school roller hockey team** in town! The **Concord/Culver** team is unofficially



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known as **CCC** because it has team members from Concord, Culver and Crossroads High Schools. From Concord comes the team captain, representative, and founder, **Yan Lhert**, along with **Zak Forrest**. Another Concord student, **Phillip Bolnick** signed on for his first season of hockey and will participate in the games when he is ready. The CCC will compete in a league of 7 teams, including Venice and Santa Monica High Schools. With two exhibition and ten



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regular season games held at the Healthsouth Training Center in Torrance, there will be lots of opportunities to support your school-mates. For more info:

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