

# NEWSLETTER

Community Partnerships Academy  
Berkeley High School



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## We Mourn Ivoryana Valentin

by Susannah Bell

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Alex Aguiar, her classmate from CP Academy 2007 said, "She's like a Valkyrie." It's true. A Valkyrie is a figure from Norse mythology, a powerful female goddess on a winged horse who carried slain warriors to Valhalla. The shimmering metal on her shield is said to account for the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis.

Like the Northern Lights, Ivoryana was rare, mysterious, powerful, so beautiful as to shock those who saw her for the first time. She was an old soul, one of the few fourteen-year-olds able to laugh at herself when I first met her as a ninth grader.

She was too young to die, but she was one of those people who was never going to get old anyway. She saw much tragedy in her short life, but she always put on a brave face. She was beautiful and smart, at once delicate and powerful, her firm voice trembling only slightly through her tears at those who hid behind their ignorance, making victims of the already weak.

As a student, she was consistent, but knew herself enough not to push too hard. I tried to get her to take AP, but she knew that balancing her Children's Hospital internship with her regular schoolwork was going to be challenging already. So she gave a hundred percent. In everything. All the time. And I could see her in the pediatric oncology ward, her wacky sense of humor bringing smiles to the faces of the little kids with sunken eyes, bald from chemo, momentarily replacing their troubles with bold laughter, her heart-shaped face and bright almond-eyes looking into theirs, saying, "You can do this, kid." Flora Russ always said, "If I were in the hospital, I'd want her standing over me." She was a protector.

Yeah. A winged horse. Aurora Borealis. Her goodness brought that kind of light to the world. And her memory will forever fill the skies with flashes of brilliant color.

*We would like to announce the Community Partnerships Academy Ivoryana Valentin Scholarship for Health Careers. To contribute, write a check to BHS*

*Development Group and write "CPA Ivoryana Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Send your check to Susannah Bell, Berkeley High School, 1980 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.*

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## California Budget Crisis Update

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The Governor's proposed \$5 billion cuts to the education budget will devastate our already under-funded schools. These cuts will happen if we don't actively protest them. Here's what you can do:

- Send a letter every week to your elected officials. The CP Academy website has sample letters. Go to our website and click the Budget Letters button. You can also find letters and more information on this website: <http://www.adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/budget/default.aspx>.
- Join the statewide PTA Rally in Sacramento on April 24th. To reserve a seat on a bus, contact Mark van Krieken at [markvk4@comcast.net](mailto:markvk4@comcast.net) right away.
- Join the Day of Action Against the Governor's Attacks on Education on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento to demand the Governor keep his promise to make 2008 the "Year of Education." Contact Carmen Iniguez at (510) 452-2728 or [Carmen@caljustice.org](mailto:Carmen@caljustice.org) for details.

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## Announcements

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- The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Thursday, April 17th from 7 pm to 9 pm in the College and Career Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the "D" Building.
- The CP Academy Annual Barbecue and Showcase of Student Work will be Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and let Tory Jenner ([vajenner@yahoo.com](mailto:vajenner@yahoo.com)) know if you can help.
- CPA parent Bo Orloff, who will be taking over website maintenance and updating duties from Rich Hemphill when Rich's son, Elijah, graduates this spring, wants to hear suggestions from parents, students, and staff for additions and improvements to our website. Email him at [bo@wub-fur.us](mailto:bo@wub-fur.us) and use "CPA Website" as the subject of your email.

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## Senior Acceptances

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Not everyone has heard from colleges, but here's a preliminary list of our CPA Academy seniors' college acceptances. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone!

Al-Ariemy, Arafat	UC Davis, Cal Poly, Cal Pomona, SF State, UC Merced
Bekele, Teddy	SF State, Sacramento, Chico
Bremer, Tyler	UC Davis
Brew, Yasmeen	Sacramento, Texas A&M, Santa Monica, St. Mary's, Southern, Spelman, Loyola Marymont
Campos, Alicia	SF State, CSUEB, San Jose State
Cuevas, Mayra	SF City College
Davis, Louis	Chico, Sacramento State, Sonoma, Fresno, Cathage University, Dominican College, SJ State
Durniak, Christina	Sacramento, SF State, Fresno State, SJ State
Essien, Eddie	College of San Mateo
Fields, Shannon	Texas Southern
Flores, Vanessa	UCLA, SF State
Galvan-Rodriguez, Martin	Diablo Valley College
Garcia Velazquez, Sandra	St. Mary's, UC Davis
Hamilton, Ben	One of the Peralta Colleges
Hardee, Adrienne	St. Mary's, Santa Clara, Notre Dame, Chico
Harvey, Timothy	Gavlin College-Gilroy
Hemphill, Elijah	Hampton, Howard, Morehouse
Henry, Loretha	CSLA, SF State, Domingos Hills, CSUEB, UCLA, UCD, UC Merced
Jackson, Gabe	SFSU, SJSU
Jackson, Lamontica	CSLA, Northridge, SF State
Jamison, Mykalia	SF State, Texas A&M, Sacramento, CSUEB, Hawaii Pacific
Jaimson, Sarafina	Chico State
Lang, Phillip	Texas Southern
Lua, Yelitza	Dominican, Mills, UC Merced, UCLA, USF
Martinez, Aron	San Jose State, Sonoma State, Sacramento State
Mayo, Sierra	Alameda College
Mcallister, Aujanie	SF City College
Miller, Philandrew	San Diego Christian College
Mitchell, Shantel	SF State, Cal State LA, Dominquez Hills
Moore, Geneva	CSUEB, Dominguez Hills, Northridge, Xavier, Tuskegee, Alabama A&M, St. Xavier - Chicago
Moreno, Neoma	SF State
Moreno, Sylvia	Fresno State, SF State, Saint Mary's College (High Potential Program)
Okereke, Chinyere	Humboldt, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Davis, USF, UC Berkeley (2008 incentive award)
Pollard, Shyloe	Humboldt State
Prejean, Jon-Jon	Berkeley City College
Rodriquez, Jorge	Sonoma State, SF State, SJ State, CSUEB
Stewart, Brittany	SF State
Thompson, LaShawnda	SF State, Dominquez Hills, Northridge
Tucker, Kevin	San Mateo City
Van Brunt, Alex	Humboldt, Chico, SF State, SJ State, U Oregon, Portland State
Veitch, Victoria	Humboldt State, UC Merced, Clark
Walker, Krushetta	Merritt College
Wallace, Logan	Santa Monica City, Santa Barbara City
Williams, Marques	Diablo Valley College, Gavlin
Wotton, Zoe	SF State, Chico State, Sonoma State, University of Hawaii
Wyrick, Damien	Boston College, CSUEB, CSU Northridge, St. Mary's (High Potential Program)
Young, DariAna	Laney College