

# Lafayette Students' Artwork among Caldecott Tunnel's Winning Designs

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Springhill student Chaya Tong holds her winning Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore Medallion design  
Photo Cathy Dausman

Two Lafayette students – Chaya Tong, age 8, of Springhill Elementary School, and Daniell McCann, age 16, of Acalanes High School – will have their artwork permanently displayed over the entrance to the new Caldecott Tunnel as winners in the Caldecott Fourth Bore Project Medallion Design competition.

The competition, which was open to students in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, announced six winners July 23. Tong and McCann joined Pleasant Hill Middle School's Penelope Watson as winners in Contra Costa County. The three Alameda County winners were 8-year-old Nuala Gorshow and 11-year-old Aoife Gorshow of Thornhill Elementary School, and Ellina Bartholomew Couts, age 10, of Frank Otis Elementary School.

Six hexagonal three-foot medallions, three on each side of the tunnel, will be installed. More than 300 elementary, middle, and high school students from throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties submitted their de-

sign proposals. Three judges from each county evaluated entries from their respective counties.

An online survey eliminated all but 70 entries; judges then chose the top six. The Art Deco theme was chosen by an online public survey earlier this year. Contra Costa Transportation Authority Chair, and Lafayette City Council member, Don Tatzin said winning entries also reflected similar 'subthemes' of Mount Diablo, nature and the sun.

Tong, who recently completed third grade in Mrs. Vann's class, is already an old pro at art competitions. Three winning bookmark designs for Lafayette Library and Learning Center decorate her family's wall. "I like to draw," she said. Tong and her mother Moona Nandi researched Art Deco before submitting her simple black and white design of rolling green hills, bright sun, and plants. She plans to "make all my friends drive through 'my tunnel'" when her medallion is installed.

Caldecott Fourth Bore Public Information Officer Ivy Morrison

said an awards ceremony is scheduled for the fall at Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

The Caldecott Fourth Bore construction is a partnership between the

Federal Highway Administration, the California Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation

Commission, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and the

Alameda County Transportation Commission. The new tunnel is scheduled to open late 2013. To view the winning designs, visit [www.caldecott-tunnel.org/medallion](http://www.caldecott-tunnel.org/medallion).

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## Local Students Awarded Scholarships

The Northern California Scholarship Foundation recently awarded Courtney Laurel Tran of Miramonte High School with a \$32,000 scholarship. Tran will receive \$8,000 per year for four years. Additionally, Moraga native Amy Louise Holm, an honor student at Western Washington University, was awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships for the upcoming academic year, and Moraga senior, Annie Ye, was named winner of the Siemens Merit Scholarship in June. A Campolindo High School student, Ye was one of 150 students in 25 states who won the scholarship, which provides each student with \$4,000 for tuition over the course of their college years, given in installments of \$1,000 per academic year.

## Hearing Loss is Prevalent, and No Laughing Matter

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People may seem to be mumbling or talking too quickly," writes Donna S. Wayner, Ph.D., in "An Overview of Hearing Loss – Its Signs, Causes, Implications and Solutions." Wayner goes on to say that you "may hear some people's voices better than others" or "find that facing the speaker helps you to hear better." Another sign is having difficulty making out snippets of conversation in the midst of background noise.

If you think you or a loved one may have a hearing problem, talk to your physician about arranging for an appointment with an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) or an audiologist. You may be required to sign a waiver if you choose to go to an audiologist first before seeing your doctor, due to current FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration) regulations.

Your doctor may be able to determine whether or not you have a problem and its likely cause; however, if your physician does not find

a cause and fails to refer you for further testing, make the appointment yourself. Research your options and have an audiogram done as part of a full evaluation by a qualified hearing professional.

HLAA issues this sound piece of advice: "If anyone, doctor or someone else, tells you that nothing can be done about your hearing loss and you should just learn to live with it, seek another opinion."

**The following resources offer more information about hearing loss:**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: [www.asha.org/](http://www.asha.org/)

Hearing Loss Association of America: [www.hearingloss.org/](http://www.hearingloss.org/)

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