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## Wood Works for Campo Students at State Fair

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Campolindo High School student Christy Faoro's chessboard made of maple and padauk, framed in walnut. Photos provided

her mother as a gift.

"The chessboard only took about a month and the chess pieces took two and a half months [to make]," Faoro explained.

Faoro had not entered at the state fair level before, and was "really surprised" to learn she'd won.

"It was fun seeing other people's entries," she said. Faoro said woodworking classes, "have helped me process my [other school] work."

"It's been a great class," agreed her mother Liz Faoro, who said it has given her daughter a skill to share with her father and uncles, all of whom work with wood.

Campolindo students Erwin Gove, Matthew Tuan, and Patrick White earned second place awards at the state fair. Four students - Kyle Gavce, Weston Gillbanks and Bonny Pennell - earned third place awards, and eight more students - Drew Gustafson, Tyler More, Alex Oeth, Alyssa Parsons, Robin Slovak, Matthew Stickle, Caitlin Burnite and Chase Ingersol - received Honorable Mention.

Dupont said his third year woodworking class, Furniture Design, History and Construction, satisfies an entrance requirement in visual and performing arts for the University of California and California State University systems. Campolindo's woodworking classes are completely funded through the Moraga Education Foundation (<http://moragaeducation.org/>), said Stacy Giglio, MEF Promotions. All MEF funds come from private donations.



Work by Campolindo student Jessie Thompson.



Work by Campolindo student Matin Amanat.

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