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Graduating seniors receive \$1.1 million in scholarship

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WENDY PIERRO/Acorn Newspapers TOP STUDENT-Senior Megan Rayzor, right, receives the Raymond Hebel Performing Arts Scholarship from Mark Bergmann Thursday at the Moorpark High School Class of 2008 Senior Awards Night.

Moorpark High School honored 110 of its best and brightest students at Senior Awards Night in the Performing Arts Theatre last Thursday.

After opening remarks by Principal Kirk Miyashiro, Megan Rayzor sang a subdued but emotional "Spangled Banner." Following the anthem, award scholarships were distributed.

In a year the school won the National Decathlon Musketeers were presented with more than \$1.1 million in scholarships.

"Thank you for all you've done to represent Moorpark," Principal Miyashiro said. "In a couple of weeks, you'll all be on the 50-yard line for graduation."

College and career advisor Diana Prickett led the ceremony last night for the eighth time.

A senior and the youngest of Prickett's four sons won six scholarships.

"This has been a good night- for me too," the advisor said as students and parents shuffled to the parking lot. "Not all scholarship winners informed me they won. Some seniors didn't want to be recognized."

Megan Rayzor, who is 17, will attend Moorpark College and hopes to transfer to Boston University to study musical theater and American history. She collected an MHS VOICES performing arts scholarship, the Raymond Hebel performing arts scholarship, a Robin Stark-Thompson memorial scholarship and an MHS PTSA

Scholarship.

"It feels awesome to be gathered together with your friends and get awards," said Megan, who's performed in 35 musicals over the last six years. "This is such a great experience. It feels wonderful."

In addition to her dream of performing on Broadway, Megan said, she'd like to earn a teaching credential so she can pass along her enthusiasm and love for the fine arts.

Siblings Kim and Andrew Kolibas were also honored.

Kim, 17, earned the Provost Scholarship at California Lutheran University for \$11,000 a year for four years. She plans to study exercise science and will play on the Regals' tennis team.

Andrew won the Camarillo/ Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions Club Scholarship and will study interactive media at California Design College in Los Angeles.

"I'm happy my sister and I won scholarships," said Andrew, who would like to be designer or game programmer. "It's nice to see our class is being rewarded for a and to know we all have a good future."

Senior Justin Tung had a memorable evening, collecting 11 scholarships, including James C. Basile Scholarship for \$20,000, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library the Jack and Jeanette Chu Scholarship for \$5,000 a year for up to four years, an award from the Ventura County Scholarship Association.

Athletic scholarships were also announced: Adam Barry earned a full scholarship to play football at Wyoming; Kaitlin Paletta earned a full scholarship to UC Berkeley for soccer; Michael Lorch will swim at UC San Diego; and Westley Wright earned a scholarship to play baseball at Cal State Northridge.



WENDY PIERRO/Acorn Newspapers APPRECIATE Moorpark High School : Jonathan Jerome smile receiving the Bagwell Construction Scholarship Class of 2008 Senior Awards Night on Thursday.