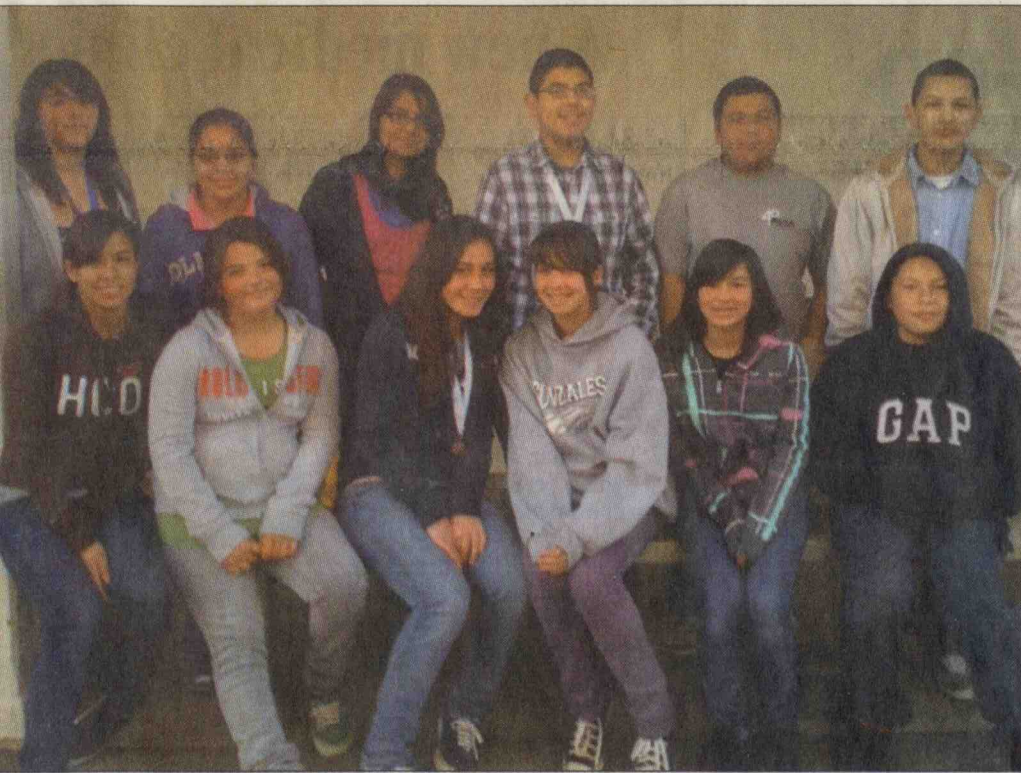


# Fairview cleans up at MESA Competition



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Fairview Middle School students that placed in MESA competitions at UCSC are Jennifer Sicairos (back row, from left), Dahayana Rodriguez, Mercedes Andrade, Lucio Bahena, Juan Guerrero and Francisco Carrillo. Front row, from left: Norma Verduzco, Diana Nielsen, Ashley Morales, Marley Morlet, Katrina Diaz and Francisco Rosas.

## STAFF REPORT

Fairview students attended the all day MESA (Math Engineering, Science Achievement) competition on March 6 at University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), and took away top awards.

"Fairview cleaned up at UCSC MESA competition," said Fairview Principal Al Velasquez.

Winners of the egg drop contest were first place, Mercedes Andrade and Deysy Rios. Francisco Rosas and Francisco Carrillo won second place. Third place went to Norma Verduzco and Katrina Diaz. And fourth place went to Luco Bahena and Nicholas Martinez.

The winners for the seventh grade team math competition were as follows: first place winners were Juan Diego Guerrero, Jennifer Sicairos and Dahayana Rodriguez.

The winners of the Balsa wood gliders were the following: first place winners were Francisco Carrillo and Francisco Rosas; second place went to Nicholas Martinez and Lucio Bahena.

Winners for the model eye contest were the following: second place winners were Diana Nielsen and Marley Morlet and third place went to Ashley Morales.

Egg Drop experiment is an experiment to drop an egg from a specified height anywhere from one to three stories and ensure that it remains unharmed. The students design carriers for the egg to be dropped.

Balsa wood gliders is an event where students design and build a glider made of balsa wood, which will be launched outdoors using a hand-held catapult.

The goal of the Balsa wood contest is to keep the glider aloft for the longest period of time.

Model Eye is a project where students construct an original model of a bisected human eye and will answer questions drawn from an assigned list using the reading material provided in the MESA Day curriculum.

Students who participate in the Fairview MESA program work on projects that demonstrate different mathematical and scientific topics. This year, Fairview

Middle School MESA class competed at UCSC along with 350 other middle school students.

"Fairview has a MESA elective class that allows thirty two students to participate and in addition to these students, three other students joined in. In total, thirty-five students from Fairview participated in the UCSC competition against other schools," said Velasquez.

The primary goal of the UCSC sponsored MESA program is to provide students from educationally disadvantaged and traditionally non-college going families with academic preparation in mathematics and science and college and career awareness opportunities that empower the students to transform their lives.

"I want to thank the Fairview MESA teacher Tina Raeder for her work with the MESA students," Velasquez added.

All students who placed in the competition are eligible to return for the regional competition on April 24 at UCSC.

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