

Shopper Scholarship Winner is a Golden Bear

Alison Jarvis Becomes a UC Berkeley Civil Engineering Student this Fall



Musician and Honor Student Alison Jarvis accepted the 2011 Shopper Scholarship at River Valley High's Senior Scholarship & Awards Night May 26.

The Shopper Scholarship was the first scholarship offered to River Valley High School's first graduating class. Shopper Publisher Clark Buschmann said, "It goes every year to a student who shows amazing promise in at least two distinct disciplines."

Alison earned this year's Shopper Scholarship by posting amazing achievements in math and physics, and in music.

"My most time-consuming extra-curricular activity is my violin," she said. Her musical activities include being concert master for the Yuba-Sutter Youth Symphony, and playing first chair and first violin with the River Valley High School Orchestra. The Yuba Sutter Oratorio Symphony, led by Keith Lawrie, honored Alison as the Young Artist Soloist in their February 2011 concert.

She played violin in the pit orchestra last month for the River Valley High production of *Willie Wonka*.

Alison said academics, especially math and physics, are her second area of excellence. Her achievements speak for themselves. She's taken 14 AP and honors

courses, and maintained outstanding grades. And she did it while keeping up her music and playing varsity tennis.

River Valley High Tennis Coach Jim King said she's an amazing tennis player.

Alison was unable to attend regular orchestra class during her senior year because she had to attend AP calculus and AP English at the same time period. But she remained very active in the orchestra, and played violin at all their concerts, according to music teacher Jan Roberts.

Alison is looking forward to studying civil engineering at Cal Berkeley, the top civil engineering department in the nation. She also plans to minor in music and play violin for the UC Berkeley Symphony. "I went to Cal Day (at UC Berkeley last month), and it was really exciting," she said.

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