

# Around Campus

## Abraxas High School Rededication

Abraxas High School reconstruction is complete! To commemorate the completion Abraxas High School was rededicated on Monday, December 1, 2008.

Greg Christensen was the student speaker. He described the Abraxas campus when he first came to Abraxas as gloomy. Then the renovation started. "We put up with moving classrooms, shortened library hours, living out of packing boxes, and general chaos." As time passed, "everyday I walked on campus I grew to like it more and more. It wasn't so gloomy, there was life, the buildings looked nicer and the new building is great, all the teachers in it love it". "...when I got here I was going through a rough time in my life and it looked like Abraxas was going through a rough patch as well. I changed at this school; I grew and while I was growing, so was Abraxas. We are both still in transition, but the best is yet to come".

Another student, Angela Palumbo led the flag salute and gave the opening remarks.

Other speakers were: Don Phillips, Superintendent, Andy Patapow, Board of Education Member and past principal, John Collins, Deputy Superintendent and Chris Rowe, President of Echo Pacific Construction, Inc. Faculty member Ken O'Leno also spoke.

Many other dignitaries were also present including Board of Education members; PUSD Representatives; Mel Robertson, Assistant Superintendent; Doug Mann, Executive Director of Facilities; members of the Building for Success-Citizen's Oversight Committee; Program Construction Management and Architect, Fernando Mesquita.

Abraxas staff and students would like to thank all responsible for their commitment to working together to create our new campus.



### Success Assembly

Once per quarter ABX High School has an assembly to reward students who are making good progress in completing their goals or are good citizens. The following students were recognized by their teachers and peers: (alpha order by last name) Anthony Abad, Michelle Alvarez, Courtney Brown, Donald Card, Samantha Carlettini, Greg Christensen, Melissa Clark, Tierney Eggert, Krystina Evans, Carissa Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Casey Higgins, Dennis Jiter, Jimmy Josan, Hannah Mallaby, Geisha Martinez, Omero Martinez-Cedillo, Stephanie McFadyen, Melody Miller, Zahra Mowahed-Hunt, Victoria Mullen, Samantha Murguia, Josh Nichols, Andrea Nieves, Laura Ortiz, Angela Palumbo, Efrain Pastrana, Jake Patrao, Ryan Sesma, Grant Smith, Anima Srivastava, William Stumpff and Steven vonDerAhe.



Casey Higgins receives an award from his teacher, Scott Renner.



### Thanksgiving Feast Thank you RB Baptist Church!

All of Abraxas High School students, teachers and staff were treated to a scrumptious Thanksgiving Feast graciously served to us by the Rancho Bernardo Baptist Church. There was turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, cranberry, green beans and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.



Pumpkin pie anyone?



Lining up for the feast.