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Over a century of Scouting has offered unique opportunities to young men for spiritual, mental and physical growth. Generations of scouts have been beneficiaries of the camaraderie and skills associated with prescribed levels of achievement. At the pinnacle of Boy Scout accomplishments is the rank of Eagle, attained by a small percentage of participants who demonstrate through personal skills, leadership and commitment to their community, exceptional aptitude, motivation and perseverance.

Among the many Troops in the Bay Area, Boy Scouts of America Troop 110, under the leadership of past and present Scoutmasters Bruce Chan, John Gillen and Shawn Smith has assembled an impressive fraternity of Eagles. A group of Eagles recently gathered to remember past achievements and share their progress toward future goals. Brief resumes and comments of these elite scouts are indicative of their potential.

Currently a Freshman at UC Merced, James A. Lopez became an Eagle Scout March 10, 2011. He joined the Boy Scouts when he was 12 years old. As a Scout, he has participated in soccer, volunteered as a teacher and spent three summers at Summer Math & Science Honor Academy in Berkeley. For his Eagle Scout project, he led a group of volunteers to construct planters at Graham Elementary School in Newark that serve a dual purpose: beautification and a teaching tool for the school's "Green Team."

Evan Lola was awarded status as an Eagle July 26, 2011. Currently a Junior at Newark Memorial High School, he produced and directed a rock musical, "The Environmental Show," that teaches elementary school-age children to help protect their environment by reducing waste through reuse and recycling of resources. A performance at Kennedy Elementary School was recorded and DVDs were sent to schools and libraries in the Tri-City area.

Adam Dadouh, honored as an Eagle Scout May 17, 2011 is a Freshman at Ohlone College. His project is a practical and vital solution to the confusion that often accompanies an emergency. Adam made 200 hand-held classroom identification signs for James Logan High School that can be used by teachers to keep their classes together during a crisis.

Allen Chan, an Eagle Scout since August 3, 2010, is now a Sophomore at Ohlone College. Allen's project included the renovation of a courtyard for the VA hospital in Menlo Park. He has also led his troop to visit injured veterans. Troop 110 maintains this tradition by regularly assisting the Tri-City Veterans Post. Allen went undefeated in MVAL wrestling in both his junior and senior years at James Logan High School and competed in the CIF state wrestling championships. He also earned the Scholar Athlete award. This past year, his team finished second in the state collegiate forensics tournament. He will be transferring to UC Davis in the Fall.

A Senior at Moreau Catholic High School, Nicholas Sivilay Rodden earned the rank of Eagle November 25, 2011. His Eagle project involved construction of raised planter boxes and a compost box for Lake Elizabeth in Fremont. The boxes are to be used in summer programs at the lake to teach children about the importance of local plants and insects, as well as water conservation.

Kevin Gillen became an Eagle July 28, 2011. Currently a Senior at James Logan High School, his Eagle project took place at the Alvarado Niles Holly Center in Union City. The parking lot in front of the center needed a facelift and Kevin and a group of 25 volunteers did this in two days, replacing old plants with new ones and renovating the fence in front of Fire Station No.6 next to the Holly Center. "We planted 250 plants and replaced the fence with new planks and paint." He raised about \$100 for supplies, food and drink. The project involved 316 hours of planning, preparation and physical labor.

Ryan Natividad, Eagle as of July 21, 2009, is now a Junior at UC Berkeley. He planted 23 native California trees and made several other park enhancements at San Andreas Park in Union City.

Martin Re Gonzales, who became an Eagle July 28, 2011, is a Senior at Newark Memorial High School. His project involved building an open air storage cabinet for science specimens and three freestanding planter boxes for the Newark Unified School District at the Instructional Material Center. The planters are used to grow vegetables.

Additional Troop 110 Eagle Scouts from 2009:

Eric Brown, December 22, 2009 Sophomore at Northwestern University
Michael Haskin, September 8, 2009 Junior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Brian Le, August 25, 2009 Sophomore at UC Riverside
Patrick Wilson, July 28, 2009 Senior at UC Santa Barbara
Glenn Gillen, July 21, 2009 Sophomore at Ohlone College



Photo Caption: (Left to right) Eagles: Ryan, Kevin, Adam, Allen, Nicholas, Evan and James.