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Two Midland School Students Receive Scholarships



Micah Kalem and Diego Marcogliese (Photo courtesy of Midland School)

Los Olivos, CA - Two new Midland students received scholarships to attend the college preparatory boarding school. Micah Kalem, of San Leandro, CA, and Diego Marcogliese, of Los Angeles, CA, both Class of 2013, were named Donald Whittier '53 Scholars for their tremendous middle school accomplishments, in and out of the classroom, and because of their strong characters. Kalem and Marcogliese each received a two-year full scholarship. Both of the students visited and applied to Midland last year, and then were selected as finalists for the two scholarships. Their strong follow-up interviews, their understanding of and excitement for the Midland philosophies, and their performances during the second half of their 8th grade years solidified their selections.

Kalem is a bathroom cleaner and Marcogliese is a dishwasher in the Dish House within Midland's student-run job system. Both are runners on Midland's cross-country team.

“Micah is a conscientious and diligent young man who fits in perfectly with the Midland ethics of hard work and service,” said Derek Svennungsen, Director of Admissions. “He wants to be involved, he takes his work seriously, and leads by quiet example.”

“Diego is an absolute spark in and out of the classroom,” said Svennungsen. “He's fully engaged, his enthusiasm is contagious, and he absolutely makes the school a better place.”

About Midland School

Founded in 1932, Midland School is a coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9-12. It is located in Santa Barbara County on a 2,860-acre working ranch. The school combines rigorous academics with intensive immersion in the environment, and maintains a philosophical commitment to authentic student leadership, simplicity, self-reliance and environmental stewardship. It is the blending of coursework and ecological practices at Midland that makes this school unique. In addition, Midland offers competitive athletics, an equestrian program, arts and metals programs, countless extracurricular clubs and a guest speaker program. Midland graduates are attending some of the most selective colleges including Stanford, Princeton, Wellesley, Williams, UCLA, Cal Berkeley, Occidental and the University of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Midland enrolls 90 students and employs 20 teachers, all of whom live on campus. Midland is a recipient of the 2009 Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award. For more information about Midland School, please visit www.midland-school.org.

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