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"We have a lot of good things to celebrate at Schurr. Many amazing seniors from the Class of 2012 are going to schools like Yale, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Notre Dame and many more," said Kenneth Seto, Renaissance coordinator.

"This upcoming rally is set up in a different way, and we're trying to incorporate many different elements in it," said Rudy Duarte, senior Renaissance member. "We always try to better ourselves and the school, so hopefully we meet our goal and put on a good show."

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Teacher receives Golden Apple award

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In recognition of his outstanding student teaching, the Charter School of Education at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) awarded the Golden Apple Award to Deepak Gulati during its annual "Day of the Teacher" reception May 11.

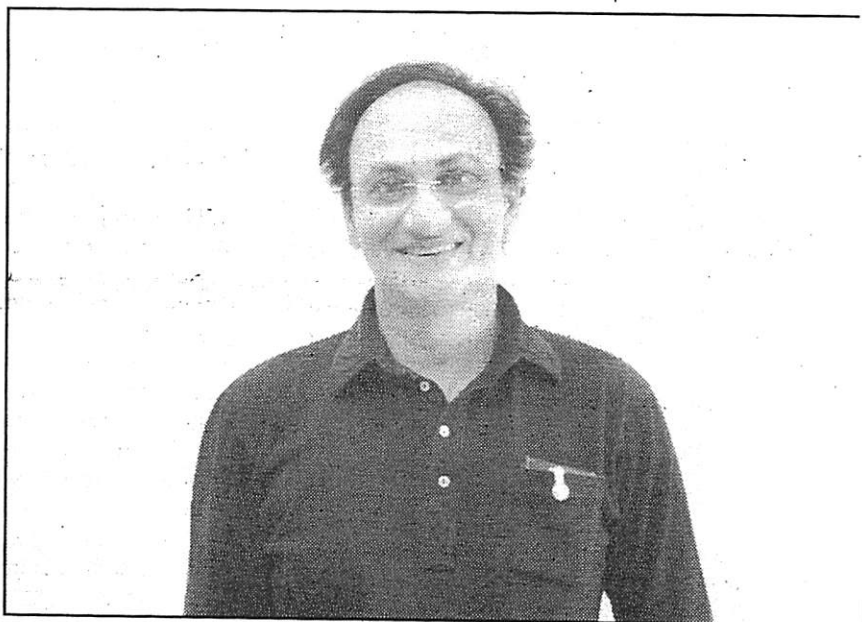
Gulati is a first-year teacher currently teaching American literature and READ 180, a reading program that helps students raise reading achievement and prepare them for standardized tests, such as the California High School Exit Exam, and college coursework.

"I was pleasantly surprised. I knew it took a lot of work, and I was fortunate that I had one of the best master teachers [Elizabeth Rodarte] that trained me with instructional strategies and practice," said Gulati.

Upon the recommendation of Rodarte, Gulati was nominated for the award, based on his exemplary work as a student teacher.

"This recognition is also a tribute to all those who made it possible. My heartiest gratitude to my former professors at CSULA for their inspiring instruction, Ms. Honda, our captain, for welcoming me onboard the 'Spartan ship' and Ms. Rodarte, my remarkably qualified master teacher and mentor, for her invaluable guidance," said Gulati.

According to the CSULA website, nominees must have been rated in the top 10% of student teachers during



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RECOGNIZED: Teacher Deepak Gulati received the Golden Apple Award from CSULA May 11 for his outstanding student teaching.

the past academic year and must have provided excellent work in the following practices: development of learning opportunities that effectively address the needs of children with special needs, instruction that encourages students to think, integration of cultural values within the classroom and completion of all the Directed Teaching competencies at an exemplary level.

To improve classroom learning, student reading and writing competency, Gulati uses a combination of visual, auditory, tactile and

kinesthetic methods. He also utilizes technology in the classroom consistently and effectively by giving PowerPoint presentations to help strengthen and cement acquired skills.

"It [the award] has definitely energized me towards doing my very best for the students at Schurr," said Gulati. "In my classroom, I wish to apply the effective and powerful strategies in the classroom gained through the elite faculty at CSULA and my master teacher and mentor Ms. Rodarte to help students gain advanced reading and writing skills."

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Senior activities schedule

June 11-14 Seniors will take their finals during the regular school schedule throughout the week.

June 14 Grad Night will be held at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Tickets cost \$75 per person and sales are from May 29 to June 12. Only 250 spots will be available.

June 15 Breakfast will be served for seniors at 7:30 a.m. in Byers Gymnasium.

June 18-19 Seniors pick up caps and gowns at Byers Gymnasium 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

June 19 The senior panorama picture will be taken in Byers Gymnasium and will cost \$25. Seniors must bring their gowns.

June 20-21 Mandatory graduation rehearsal will be held at Byers Gymnasium June 20 and the K...