

## Lara Schmeiser, continues acting at Allan Hancock

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*Entertainment Editor*

Cabrillo's campus has been blessed the past three years with the presence of a fun spirited, always smiling, out-going, and extremely involved student known as Lara Schmeiser.

Schmeiser has been involved in many activities on Cabrillo's campus over the course of the past three years. Being musically talented, Schmeiser has been involved in Marching band for three years, Symphonic winds for one year, Concert choir for three years, (this year in which she is the president), and Madrigals for one year. However, she doesn't limit her singing talent to group performances.

Schmeiser has also sung solos for the madrigal auction and in the school musicals.

Acting is a hobby Schmeiser enjoys doing inside and outside of school. Being a drama club member for three years and playing the lead role in many plays on Cabrillo's campus, she also enjoys Civil War reenacting along with her entire family.

"I got into Civil War reenacting

because my father was a Civil War buff, and when I was 13, I convinced him to join a reenacting group and my whole family has been in on the hobby ever since. It's my favorite hobby because I get to educate the public about the past. The look on kids' faces are priceless," says

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Schmeiser has been a Civil War reenactor for five years, and has been involved in the Fort Tejon Historical Association, and California 100th Calvary for three years.

On campus, Schmeiser has been involved in clubs and colorguard as well. A Conqs for Christ member

for one year, German club member for one year, on colorguard for three years and colorguard captain for one and a half years, she has kept herself busy with extra curricular activities.

"I got involved in all of these activities because I thought they looked interesting. I found them to be a great way to get to know people and I encourage everyone to get involved in as many clubs as they can," she said.

Busy with extra-curricular activities and family hobbies, Schmeiser still found time to squeeze in a little volunteer work. She has been on the Lompoc Youth Commission for the Lompoc Public Library for two years.

"The Youth Commission I got into because David Gross said they needed someone from Drama Club to represent Cabrillo," said Schmeiser.

Now that her Cabrillo days are coming to an end, Schmeiser has made plans to attend Allan Hancock for two years and then transfer to Chico State.



Photo by Andria Pendleton

## Carli Dias receives a new kidney for graduation

**Tia Flowers**

*Staff Reporter*

It all started with what seemed like a simple cold. Later this cold grew progressively worse and was labeled pneumonia. After careful examination, doctors agreed that Senior Carli Dias's case of pneumonia was a result of kidney failure.

Imagine waking up your sophomore year and being told you would have to endure kidney dialysis three days a week, two hours a day, in order to live. This scenario is very real to a senior at Cabrillo High School. This special senior is Carli Dias.

Dias was born with VATER Syndrome, a condition that is characterized by vertebral, cardiac, esoph-

ageal, and renal abnormalities. As a result of her disorder, she would experience stunted growth and, later on, kidney failure.

Because her body required dialysis, Dias would have to commute to a kidney center in Santa Barbara. Three days a week Dias would board a bus at 7:45 a.m. and return home

at 6:30 p.m. This routine lasted until January 2000 when the Lompoc Artificial Kidney Center opened. Being able to see a local doctor allowed Dias to return to Cabrillo

High School after being home schooled.

Dialysis can leave Dias completely exhausted. "Sometimes my blood pressure goes down and then I feel weak," she says. She has not let this slow her down. Despite her condition, Dias is a hard worker. At Cabrillo she takes a full load of classes, including a volunteer community

based work education program. For her senior project, Dias studied child development and will present a map of the different stages.

After graduation, Dias will receive

a gift that will change her life forever.

Laura Saucer, Dias's aunt, will grant Dias freedom from dialysis by donating one of her kidneys.

With a new kidney and bright ahead, Dias has a lot to look forward to. She plans on attending Allan Hancock for two years and later continuing her education at a fashion school. Dias enjoys sewing and is interested in designing clothes. Someday she would like to be an exclusive fashion designer.



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## One dream to one reality: Kim Zimmerman shoots for the stars

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She made a wish upon a star. She played soccer and gave it her

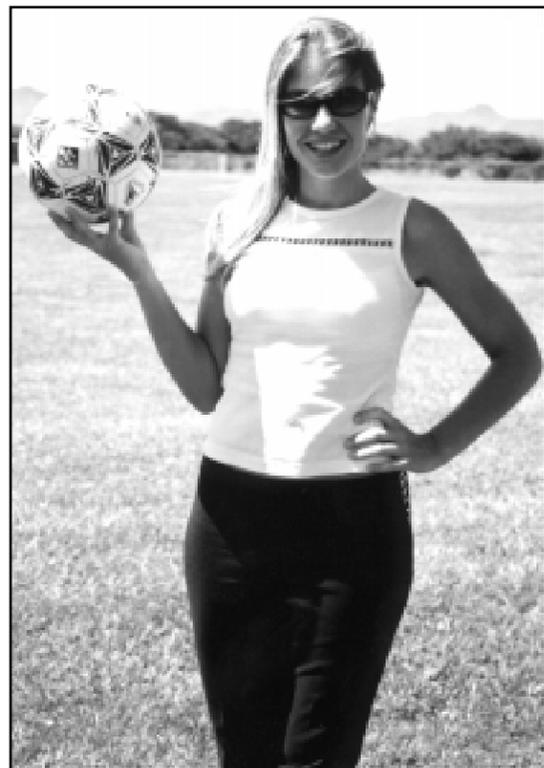


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all.

Her wish came true.

Kim Zimmerman will leave Cabrillo High School as an unforgettable friend, student, athlete, scholar, sister, and daughter to many. Paving the way to a bright successful future, Kim will attend UC Riverside, next fall, pursuing a career in business. She will be attending the University on a soccer scholarship.

Throughout her high school career, Kim blossomed into a well-known, determined, and full-fledged athlete. Beginning with soccer in the third grade, Kim developed a love for sports.

"It gives kids confidence, a way

of fitting in, and builds self-esteem," said Kim.

Kimberly Elaine Zimmerman was born on March 29, 1983 to parents Francis and William. Born and raised in the city of Lompoc, Kim was brought up like any other child. Growing up she was a tomboy; she liked skateboarding, playing Barbies, and sports.

Raised alongside sisters Krista and Kelly, both older, Kim learned a lot about life. According to Kim, her sister Krista played a huge role model in her life.

"Because she broke records here at Cabrillo, received a number of letters, and played so well; coaches knew me in relation to her," said Kim.

Accomplishing an average GPA of about 3.79 Kim will definitely be leaving high school an achiever. Among many accomplishments Kim received Summit Seeker, Elks' Student of the Month, Marines athlete of the year, All-American for soccer, 2 years MVP for soccer, and 11 letters. As a varsity athlete all four years of high school, Kim was captain of the girls' varsity soccer

team for 2 years and varsity cross-country for 1 year.

When people think of Kim, they not only think of her strong athleticism, but of her goofy personality.

"The weirdest thing about me would have to be that I am a goof. Goofy people, my turtles, and the book 'Everybody Poops' makes me smile," said Kim.

Kim admits to playing club soccer as her best decision in life; it's what got her into college. Her fondest memory during high school was scoring a goal for her soccer team during CIF. Although the team didn't win the game, Kim won at heart.

Hopefully Kim will escape to college full of the many fond memories created during her years spent at Cabrillo High School. According

to Kim the only thing she disliked about high school was the way people stereotype athletes.

In the future Kim would like to own a personal business, such as a restaurant. She believes it's something you can pass down onto your

kids, make good money with, and best of all you get to be your own boss.

"I want no more than two kids, a house on Dana Point, chocolate lab, a BMW Z3, and my dream husband Brad Beck," said Kim.

Kim Zimmerman has been an inspiration to many people. She has inspired athletes to play hard and give everything they've got. She has inspired people around her to relax and love life.

"If you want something figure out how to get it and do it. Just put your mind to it, if I can, anyone can," said Kim.

She made a wish.

Her wish came true.

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## Brad Beck's water polo career stays afloat at Cuesta College

**Meghan McKelvey**

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"You eat maggot pie..."

This is the phrase that can be heard around the pool deck from four year swim letterer, three year water polo

of the nicest guys I know," said long time friend, Kim Zimmerman.

Water polo coach Joel Jory agrees, "Brad works hard, one of the rare athletes who gets the most of his natural talent. He

makes the most out of what has been given to him."

Beck has been no stranger to the nautical sports, he has been starting varsity water polo goalie

since his sophomore year and has gone to C.I.F. for the swim team four years in a row.

Perhaps it's the little things that sometimes matter most. When it comes to friendships, Brad's humor and kindness are what his friends

member most.

"When Bradley was little, we (the

Beck family) went to the movies. Brad tried to run and hurtle over the ropes. When he jumped over, his feet got tangled and he fell, knocking down all of the poles," said Mrs. Beck.

All joking aside, according to Mrs. Beck, Brad is very caring and never wants to hurt people's feelings.

"My favorite memories of Brad are his corny jokes and sayings," said senior Josh Gill. "Brad is an all around good guy. There is never a dull moment when you are around him."

Ever since Brad was young, he has shown determination to succeed in anything he tries. He has never let his asthma get in his way of being an athlete. When he was in Cub Scouts he had to blow his little boat across the water. The young Bradley could barely breathe, but he was

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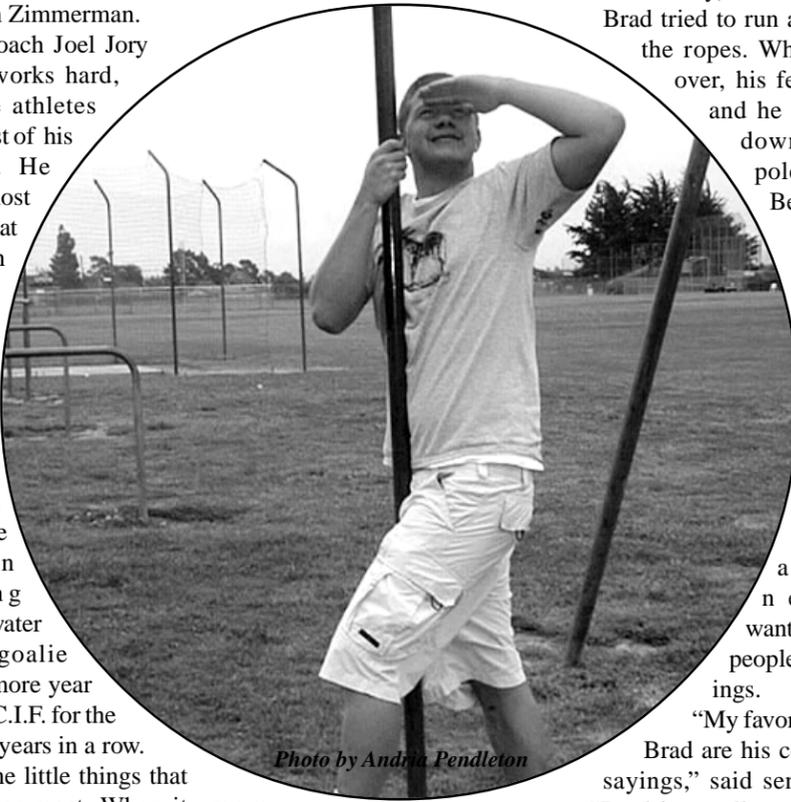


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Josh Gill (12)

Let- terer and 2001 water polo M.V.P., the modest, Brad Beck.

But upon asking his friends to say a word or two on this summit seeker (in and out of the pool) they lauded him endlessly.

"Brad is nice to everyone, he's one

## CHS Aquarium Leader, Chris Ladwig, goes from fish to Bruin at UCLA

**Davin Phoenix**

Staff Reporter

Christopher Ladwig has seen plenty of fish during his four years at Cabrillo. Now the well-rounded student is ready to see some bears... bruins that is.

This soon to be UCLA student has made the most of his four years at Cabrillo. In Ladwig's role as head student curator of the CHS aquarium, he has gained valuable

"Chris is a great guy. He's funny and really entertaining on road trips because he knows a lot about beaches!"

Ambika Badarayan (12)

"I think I'm proudest of all the work we've done on the new building this year. From going to an

Although Ladwig is comfortable rubbing shoulders with influential people, he still knows how to have

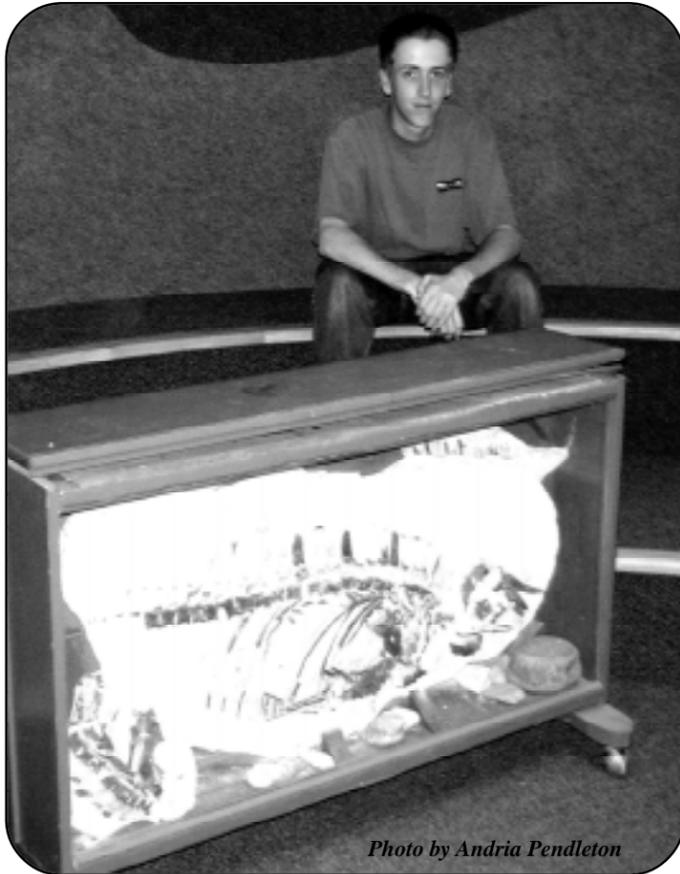


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empty building in the summer to an aquarium with eight exhibits, a theater, computers, and an editing station at this point; I'm very pleased with our progress.

a good time with his friends, "Chris is a great guy. He's funny and really entertaining on road trips because he knows a lot about beaches!" said Ambika Badarayan,

a senior and a good friend of Chris.

Chris says he'll never forget his "band nerd" friends or his buddies on the aquarium staff. He has fond memories of making videos of the band on road trips.

Ladwig was probably the star of many of those videos, seeing as though he's had enough involvement with band for three people. How many students can say they have been a Drum Major for marching band, Conductor for the Musical Pit Orchestra, and, the trombone section leader for four different bands? Chris can. To top it off, Ladwig has even led the band up Disneyland in a night parade.

With his influential role in both Cabrillo's aquarium and band, Ladwig has definitely shown the potential to be a leader. Chris credits his ability to lead to his experience as an Eagle Scout,

"Scouting really developed my leadership skills, which I was then able to apply to all of the other activities I'm involved in," Chris said. Ladwig has been in scouts for ten years. He is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and earlier this year, he led the Boy Scout Patrol and Troop to first place in the annual Camporall Competition held on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

For a person with so many respon-

sibilities on his shoulders, Chris Ladwig is surprisingly laid back. When he isn't wracking his brain trying to solve the latest aquarium dilemma, or blowing on the ol' trombone, Chris keeps his friends entertained with his witty one-liners. However, he takes school seriously, as his class schedule, which is chock full of AP courses, would suggest. Ladwig didn't only take advantage of many activities at Cabrillo he took charge of them,

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Davin Phoenix (12)

"I'm really proud of him, especially getting into UCLA," said Ambika about her friend's work ethic.

Now, Chris is on his way to fulfilling a dream of his, going to UCLA, "My greatest accomplishment is taking advantage of as many activities as possible and then utilizing those skills to get into UCLA and successfully further my academic career."

*Graduation...June 7, 2001, 2:00 p.m.*

*Grad night...June 7, 2001, 7:00 p.m.*

*Remember seniors...only 6 days left*