



# The San Juan Journal

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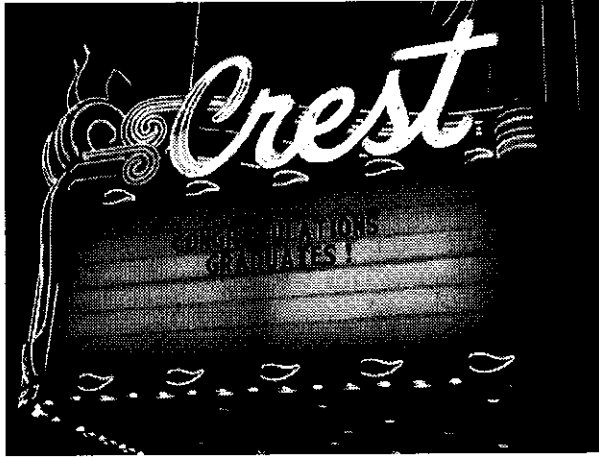
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**OFY Core Values:**

Mutual Trust  
Mutual Respect  
Compassion  
Integrity



**Graduation, 2007**

Held at the historic Crest Theatre

Graduation announcement on the Crest Theatre Marquee Photo by Gloria Sattler, teacher, Arden Center

## Graduation at OFY: An Emotional and Powerful Event

Graduation at Options for Youth is always an exciting and elaborate occasion – and the November '07 graduation was no exception. Held at the historic Crest theater in downtown Sacramento, one could not

help but be filled with a sense of wonder and anticipation. The Crest Theater has been host to OFY's graduations for the past several years, and it never fails to please both graduates and parents alike.

### Graduation: It's About Setting Goals

All of the seniors who graduate from OFY use a goal chart to track their progress throughout their career (pictured right).

A goal chart such as this allows students to have a visual representation of different graduation scenarios based on their individual progress.

Potential graduates simply "plug in" how many credits they already have, and a computer-driven spreadsheet can then calculate how long it will take to graduate based on their individual productivity.

**Reaching Your Goal at Options For Youth**

My dream is \_\_\_\_\_

All Options For Youth, you can complete anywhere between 4 and 10 credits each school month. You need to complete a total of 220 credits to graduate. This gives you the opportunity to work toward achieving your dream at your own pace - *the choice is up to you!*

Your current grade level is determined by the number of credits completed:  
0 - 80 Freshman      121 - 170 Junior  
81 - 120 Sophomore      171 - 220 Senior

As of today, you have completed 36 credits, so you will need to complete 185 more credits to graduate.

**When do you want to graduate?**

- If you complete 4 units a month, you will graduate in 3 years and 11 months ( December-11 ).
- If you complete 5 units a month, you will graduate in 3 years and 1 months ( February-11 ).
- If you complete 6 units a month, you will graduate in 2 years and 7 months ( August-10 ).
- If you complete 7 units a month, you will graduate in 2 years and 3 months ( April-10 ).
- If you complete 8 units a month, you will graduate in 2 years and 0 months ( January-10 ).
- If you complete 9 units a month, you will graduate in 1 year and 9 months ( October-09 ).
- If you complete 10 units a month, you will graduate in 1 years and 7 months ( August-09 ).

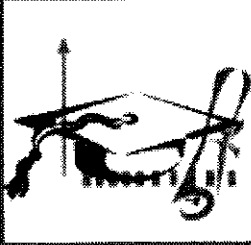
**Scenario 1: Graduate from OFY**

I would like to graduate in \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, I will complete \_\_\_\_\_ credits per month to achieve my graduation goal.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Gonzalez

**Scenario 2: Complete \_\_\_\_\_ credits by June-09 to return to another High School.**  
I would like to return to another High School in June-09. Therefore, I will complete \_\_\_\_\_ credits per month to achieve my goal.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Gonzalez



*Options for Youth  
Expected Schoolwide  
Learning Results (ESLRs):*

- 1.) *Be Responsible*
- 2.) *Be a Good Citizen*
- 3.) *Be a Good Communicator*
- 4.) *Be an Independent Achiever*

*Cards for the Troops*

*By Christina H & Robin R.*

For the 2007 holiday season the Student Ambassador group got together to make cards for the troops over seas. The cards that were made were for individuals who hadn't received any Christmas mail. The Options for Youth Student Ambassador crew was able to make over 40 holiday cards in just a few hours. This was a great experience because, not only did we spend a lot of time working together and hanging out, we were also able to make a video to send with our cards. It felt really good to send cards to the troops to let them know how much we care for them because they risk their lives and make sacrifices for our country and deserve recognition for it. The cards were sent to a local organization that has contacts with the Air Force overseas. He was able to make sure the cards were given to the men and women who had not received any Christmas cards. These cards marked the beginning of a pen pal program



with the recipients, and we hope to get back some letters soon. We had an article written about our cards for the troops in the local Carmichael paper. If your student is interested in joining the OFY Student Ambassador group, please have him/her talk to his or her teacher.

*Counselor's Corner*

**Who we are:**

Options for Youth has two counselors: Leticia Gallardo and Marisela Guzman. They are here to help you with any academic, career, social or personal concerns.

**Upcoming events:**

Career Day will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District's Hall. The hall is located on the corner of Cottage Way and Howe. Please stop by anytime from 10-12 and 1-3pm. Come learn about different careers and colleges.

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