



INSTILLING GOODNESS DEVELOPING VIRTUE NEWSLETTER

WINTER
2026

Year of the Wood Snake

2025 began with cheer, music, lively performances, crafts, and our favorite dishes from Jyun Kang. Co-hosted with Visit Ukiah, hundreds of guest from all over the county and the Bay Area came to join the festivities. We look forward to more community collaborations!



Welcoming Year of the Fire Horse @ CTTB
Saturday, February 28, 2026

Senior Spotlight: Matthew Wong



Started at IGDVS: August 2014
Something Memorable: performing Lion Dance for the first time at the Oakland Museum
Interesting School Project: growing succulents with the help of biology class
Hopes Post-Graduation: being a good person and having a good life and career

About an Alumni: Shari Epstein

Attended IGDVS from 1976-1988

Currently professor and Associate Dean of Program Development at Dharma Realm Buddhist University and live in Ukiah with husband, Tom, and son, Samadhi

A memory from school... attending Master Hua's morning classes in Wonderful Words Hall, him recognizing everyone's potential, and asking us kids to give lectures on the Analects passages

Key lesson learned... if you want something to happen, you should go for it and make it happen!

First encounter with AI... when the Stanford professor who invented the phrase "artificial intelligence," John McCarthy, backed into my car at a gas station in Palo Alto and left a pretty big dent!



Where Art Meets Tech: Business Women Club Masters Digital Entrepreneurship



This semester, the IGDVS Business Women Club is pioneering a cutting-edge project: "Watch Faces by IGDVS." Using the Wear OS platform, students are designing, developing, and deploying digital watch faces that allow users of Android smartwatches (like the Pixel and Galaxy Watch) to personalize their device's appearance. This 12-member club is gaining invaluable experience in interdisciplinary learning, integrating digital art and creativity with the complete lifecycle of a business product. Students are executing every step, from feasibility studies and competitive analysis to the final technical deployment on the Google Play Store.

We welcome you back for the 50th Anniversary!

Call for Photos

You're invited to share your favorite photo(s) from your time at IGDVS that will be displayed in a virtual exhibit. Please email us at igdvs@igdvs.org ASAP!



Save the Date

- IGDVS Storytelling February 28, 2026, 7:30-9:00 PM
- IGDVS Birthday March 1, 2026
- Venerable Master Hua's Education Legacy June 20, 2026
- IGDVS Reunion October 24, 2026