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**2010-11 SCHOOL PREFECTS AT MIDLAND SCHOOL**



Midland Seniors Shue Him Lau and Mariah Chen

**Los Olivos, CA**—Seniors Shue Him Lau and Mariah Chen have been named by Will Graham, Midland's Head of School, as this year's School Prefects. Lau, 17, son of Stanley & Evelyn Lau, is from Hong Kong, and Chen, 17, daughter of Spencer and Julia Chen, is from Sunnyvale, CA. Lau in his fourth year at Midland, and Chen in her third year, will be overseeing a great deal of student life.

As School Prefects, the two will serve as the leaders of the school's daily operation, including assemblies, jobs, room inspections, evening check-ins, and routine discipline. The first three years at Midland are the experiential preparation for senior leadership, when underclassmen learn from, observe, and work with seniors. The School Prefects are also responsible for instilling Midland's tenets into the lives of other students throughout the year.

"There is no other high school that gives students so much freedom to create. Being in a leadership position at Midland is distinct in that some of the responsibilities are outlined, but the filling in is left to the student. Moreover, in such a small, supportive community, our presence and advice is acknowledged and heard, effectively bridging the gap between the faculty and students," said Chen.

Lau added, "Midland is the 'home' that encourages a student to grow fully, to learn sensibly and even more importantly, it's a place for students to practice leadership roles that provide invaluable experience for the future. Midland is not a 'normal' boarding school, but rather a place where students imagine."

### **About Midland School**

Founded in 1932, Midland School is a coeducational, college preparatory boarding school for grades 9-12. It is located in the Santa Ynez Valley 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. Midland enrolls 88 students and employs 20 teachers, all of whom live on campus. **For more information about Midland School, please visit [www.midland-school.org](http://www.midland-school.org).**

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