[A] A CASUAL CHAT Ted Shinta gives a speech to students in the

[B] A TEST OF ENDURANCE Braving 9,500 feet of elevation, Ted Shinta cycles through the Davis Double Century. Shinta rode multiple times across the country, both by himself and with friends. Photo provided by Kode Shinte

[C] IN THE MOUNTAINS Ted Shinta likes through the high sierra region of Alpine County on one of the most challenging routes in the West Coast. While enjoying the beautiful scenery, Shinta biked a total of 103 miles on the trail. Shinta had loved riding biles. from his early childhood and grew up frequently playing sports with his friends in his neighborhood. Photo provided by Koda Shinta







He cares a lot about the fact that a lot of students have a high pressure to maintain their grades and [jugg extracurriculars]. Whenever he notices that a student is feeling especially stressed, he gives them snacks - he always has snacks out for the kids who hang out in his room or are

just in his classes - and that's something that I've never seen another teacher do. It's very nice of him, very generous."

STUDENT MAYA PULLARA (11)

Mr. Shinta is always there to help guide and support the team. Whenever we ask him questions or need his advice, he's always happy to help us out. For instance, he's always there at competitions watching the robot and giving us advice on what we should do, as well as chaperoning us and making sure that everything's running smoothly. To Mr. Shinta, you're pretty much the biggest reason [that] this team [is] as big and successful as it is, and we really, really

> STUDENT PAARTH MISHRA (12)

He's one of the best individuals

appreciate that."

at the school of the most approachable human beings

ever. I just think of him as outstanding in every way, shape, and form. He's very good at woodshop and at engineering - he knows everything. He has humility and humbleness and really just wants [students] to have a better understanding and a better life."

COLLEAGUE PETE PELKEY

"Tthink he's good for the school. He puts so much time into [Robotics] He's committed. He does care. I've [told him.] You know, this is a lot of work for you, and you're getting older.' He's older than me, and I'm tired all the time. He really puts in so much, and I don't think younger teachers realize how hard it is to keep doing that when you get in your 60s."

COLLEAGUE JAY SHELTON

Ted Shinta's family, colleagues, and students reflect on Shinta's impact on their lives

While many know Ted Shinta through has taught Shinta to be more understanding for pursuing engineering in and after towards the women in his life. According to high school. Koda, while Shinta would spend most of his free time biking around the neighborhood with high friends, he always ensured to spend time with [engineering] her as well.

"We just hung out at the house, and we had wasn't completely sure a very large yard," Koda said. "We had a big what I'd be doing in sandbox and Ted would build forts and tunnels the future," Karun in the big mounds of soil, and he had figurines said. "But taking of all kinds of things. We [also] used to climb his classes, doing trees. Our neighbor was an apricot grower, and robotics, learning we were friends with his kids. So, sometimes from him, [and] just during the summers, we would help cut [and seeing how much he's dry] the apricots. And it was just a very simple done [has motivated me] type of childhood we had together."

According to Koda, Shinta's humility and and he has enthusiasm for patience were two of his most admirable what [he] has experienced. Those qualities when they were growing up. She things all just made it pretty obvious believes this is what makes him such a unique, to me, [that] that's what I want to do." loveable teacher.

said. "No matter what, he's always been very uses on a daily basis, training and shaping him about [it]. [He'd never be] like, 'I know more Team, stating that he has contributed his own than you. And you're not smart, because you're money to buy snacks for and support the team. much younger. And I know so much more than Yet according to Photography Teacher and [goes] along." you.' He's always really patient in explaining colleague Brian Chow, Shinta's contributions to everything. I would say he's confident about the team run far deeper than that. what he knows, but he's very humble about it. Even at a young age, he was really patient with other people."

Having spent all four years of high school

"When I joined school. was a possibility, and I he was a machinist himself,

According to Karun, Shinta has helped

"He's really dedicated," Chow said. "A lot of Robotics or his Engineering courses, few know with Shinta as his mentor, senior and Robotics the things that the students are using in his of his childhood spent on orchards. Shinta was Vice President Naveen Karun voices his lab he paid for [with] his own money. We're not the only boy amongst his four sisters, with appreciation for Shinta's endless support, talking a small amount. We're talking major Gwen Koda being the youngest of the four, According to Naveen, Shinta's overt passion for pieces of equipment, 10s of 1000s of dollars of and Koda stated that growing up with sisters engineering is amongst his primary motivators equipment that he's put his own money and time on maintaining and fixing and even

purchasing." Chow voices his admiration for

> noting that Shinta's dedication to his job is an inspiration to him. Furthermore, Chow states that Shinta has reinvented the Engineering Department and is always looking for ways to improve, yet also understands his boundaries and does not get easily discouraged, which Chow believes is rare and

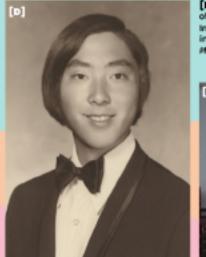
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Shinta's teaching skills as well,

his coworker has. According to Koda. Shinta has always been very ambitious, with him embarking on the journey of a lifetime in the 1980s.

"He decided to go bicycling across the "Ted has always been really smart," Koda familiarize him with the machinery he now country by himself," Koda said. "That was around 1984. He rode all by himself the first time, and intelligent [and] very much an academic, into the person he is today. He makes particular then he rode again, across the country a few His good quality is that he never was a snob note of Shinta's contributions to the Robotics years later with a friend. A good memory for me is thinking, 'well, he's going off and doing this bicycle ride all by himself, [and] camping as he





[D] SUAVE IN A SUIT Ted Shinte pases in front of the camera for his high school yearbook photo. In high school, Shinta grew up amongst orchards in Fremont and later moved to Las Palmas Park. Photo provided by Koda Shinta



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-Sister Gwen Kode

[E] AN AMIABLE MENTOR Ted Shinta instructs junior Chloe Hung on how to use the manual mill to shape and cut solid materials. Throughout the years, Shinta was more than willing to pass his knowledge onto his students, as he patiently guided them step-by-step. Photo by Neveen Kerun