

## **Interview with SVA student Jacob Ward**

**What was it like coming from Auburn, eighty miles away, to Lake Tahoe?  
How was that transition for you?**

The change from Auburn to Lake Tahoe was pretty difficult at first, especially trying to live on my own in the dorms. After the first two weeks, I really started to enjoy it. This place gives you a chance to be your own person, be who you want to be. I like how everyone in the dorm is really close, kind of like a big family. The scenery is also beautiful; I love living in the mountains.

**What is one thing that you like about being a part of Squaw Valley Academy?**

I like how all of the teachers and the administration take a personal interest in you, since the school is so small; they are really here to help you and see you succeed. I feel like I get a lot of help with my academics, and I am always being pushed to do better. We do a lot of outdoor activities, and the weekend trips are fun.

**Name one Lake Tahoe activity that you really enjoy.**

Besides the snowboarding, which I am looking forward to, I like riding bikes down to Squaw Valley Village. Being in nature and riding on the trails is one of my favorite things to do.

**What do you see yourself doing in the next few years? How has this changed since you arrived?**

At first I was a little apprehensive about SVA. I didn't know anyone, and I wasn't sure if I wanted to stay at the school for very long. I now realize that this is the best place for me. I want to graduate from Squaw Valley Academy and go on to college, possibly pursuing a degree in Computer Science.