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## HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2014



### **RYLA**

Juniors completed an application for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in January. Students that were interested in attending the four-day camp in Ojai interviewed with Rotarians. Elizabeth Barajas, Joanna Barrios, and Josefina Cruz were selected to participate in the all-expenses-paid camp April 23-26. The activities involved high school juniors from around the county. They were overwhelmed with presentation, activities, and workshops. Developing basic leadership abilities were emphasized while maintaining ethical behavior. Communication skills were enhanced when they discussed the social issues challenging high school students. Learning to solve problems through managing conflicts in a professional manner were taught. Good citizenship in their community through volunteer efforts was encouraged.

The motivational guest speakers inspired these young adults to bring back what they have learned and to share them with the clubs and sport programs that they are involved in. The overall goal is for them to become more effective servant leaders.

### ***Job Shadowing and Service Learning***

Every tenth grader, in Child Development and Care, picked a concept and developed a sixty minute, three-part lesson plan: name tags, worksheet and key, along with a game or nutritious snack. Classroom presentations were the first step.

Step two is understanding the real world job skills and expectations so on May 5th, sophomores began two days of job shadowing at local preschools observing teachers.

Step three will be discovering what is involved in a typical day on-the-job working with 2-4 year olds. The next sixteen days, of service learning, will be a balance between students providing service while presenting their thematic lessons. They will write reflections related to the curriculum goals learned in their child development class.

The bottom line is that preschoolers in Santa Paula need the interaction with positive role models and these young adults love the hands on learning experiences. Students that were undecided about working with young kids...definitely know after this community based experience!



### **Personal Statements**

Daniella Martinez, SPHS counselor, introduced the juniors to personal statements using a PowerPoint presentation. It is an opportunity to tell others about their ambitions, personal experiences, and what has inspired them. An outline was developed for two prompts:

- ◆ Describe the world you come from: family, community, or school,
- ◆ Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution, or experience.

Oralia Razo, consultant, expanded upon the topic and gave examples, both good and bad, of ones she had read. Students began putting their reflection into sentence format.

Ms. Lamb will finish up the integrated project by sharing her expertise and assisting them in getting each prompt into a 500 word essay format. She will look for sentence structure and grammatical errors.

# PUBLIC SERVICES INTERNSHIPS

Josefina Cruz  
with  
Dianna Miller  
at Santa Paula  
Police  
Department



Internships are one of the best ways for high school juniors to get work experience in their career pathway. The model links the real world of work with on-the-job training. The mentor gets the student involved with a variety of tasks so they understand the many skills needed in addition to observing the many segments of the business in a workplace setting. They are acquainted with career opportunities available within their field of interest.

Iliana  
De La Trinidad  
with staff  
at Building and  
Safety Dept.



Mentors are the key to outstanding internship opportunities within the city of Santa Paula and they want motivated students with a desire to learn.

Griselda Diaz  
with  
Jessie Prado  
at Isbell Middle  
School Security



The objectives are often individualized at the various community-based sites. However, their goal is to assist the juniors in gaining an understanding of the employment literacy and technical equipment available at the worksite. Four employability skills (personal, interpersonal, thinking and problem solving along with communication) are emphasized and will be evaluated in May. Demonstrating good work habits seem to be a priority!

Denise Hernandez  
with  
Steven De Fratus  
at Community  
Services  
Department



The student will also critique the success of the program in terms of their preparation and work-based learning activities that were provided at the facility.

Justin Jimenez  
with  
Nora Perez  
at SPS Library



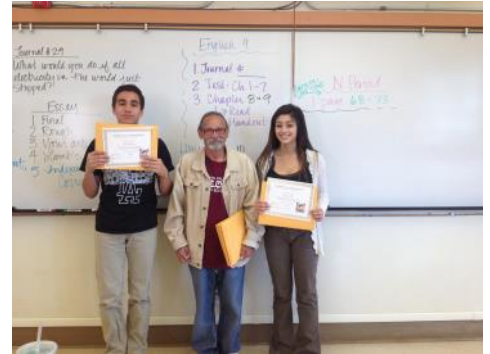
Ericka Magana  
with  
Janessa Pulido  
at California  
Oil  
Museum



Robert Tamayo  
with  
Daniel Molina  
at SPS  
Campus  
Security



# Cesar Chavez Essay Contest



Ray Pineda presented certificates to Justin Jimenez and Marisol Tellez for submitting an essay based around the prompt... "Who is Cesar Chavez and why should we celebrate his birthday?"

## Planned Parenthood



Katalina Navarro, from Planned Parenthood, has visited the Introduction to Human Services classes three times to cover human reproduction, birth

control, and sexually transmitted diseases. Lin came from Positively Speaking to overview the challenges associated with being HIV positive. She emphasized the importance of staying abstinent until they are adults.

