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MESA

Several HSA students participated in the Science & Technology MESA Day Preliminary contest that was held on Saturday, March 1st at UCSB. Some went on to compete at the 2014 MESA Regional Finals that was held on Saturday, April 5th held at UCSC.



Jesus Juarez, 9th grader, won 1st place for Solo Math Algebra I.

Karina Valencia was a member of the Team Math Algebra I group that came in 2nd.



Bailey Van Buren and Victor Rodriguez came in 3rd for the Prosthetic Arm competition that involved dropping off their academic display and device, doing a presentation, and then demonstrating the specific tasks using the prosthetic arm.



MELODY HALL EXHIBIT

The sophomores in HSA volunteered almost two hundred hours on the Melody Hall exhibit at the California Oil Museum.



They have been mounting photos, keyboarding the names of clubs, researching silhouettes, painting walls, making tissue paper flowers, and dressing the manikins. The opening day event was free to the public on Saturday, April 26th. Since it was a tribute to musicians from Santa Paula, many celebrities, relatives, and friends attended. Students manned the barricades, assisted with instruments, and video taped. Bands played throughout the day.



Migrant Debate Team

Yaritza Magana, HSA freshman, is on the SPHS Migrant Education English Debate Team. She dedicated time at lunch and after school to research a specific topic with teammates. "Should undocumented immigrants be eligible for citizenship?" Their confidence built as they prepared an argument demonstrating their power of persuasion. Hours of preparation was necessary to maximize their skills in public speaking. This was an opportunity to compete academically in an analytical, safe, and supportive environment. The tournament was held on March 15th at Buena High School. She is holding the 2nd place trophy. This was a unique experience that allowed bonding with peers while exploring new opportunities that expanded her educational abilities.

Junior State of America



Three HSA students, Natalie Mendez, Mathew Ramirez, and Sara Martinez, attended the

Junior State of America conference that took place April 25-27. JSA is a national student-led organization with Ms. Jablonski as the advisor. The conference allowed students to experience first-hand the drama and power of politics as well as the challenges and responsibilities of leadership. They gathered ideas to bring back to SPHS that challenge the members to think critically and civically. Learning to advocate for their personal opinions is an unique skill that is encouraged. Possibly the most important attribute will be developing respect for opposing views. Ultimately, these young adults are learning to promote ideas that are good for everyone while setting aside self-interest. They have the skills to be active and informed in order to become responsible citizens.



Rotary Junior Achievement



Each department at Santa Paula High School gets to nominate an eleventh grader for the

award. Teachers usually nominate a top student in the department. They may take into account their grades, leadership abilities, volunteerism, along with participation in clubs and sports programs. On Monday, April 28th, Sarah Martinez joined the group of Rotarians for lunch.

She was presented with two awards! It seems that this young lady was nominated by the Social Science Department and Science Department. What an honor!

Elizabeth Barajas was nominated by the lead teacher of the Human Services Academy because she not only has outstanding grades in her vocational classes but has also participated in three community-based internships this year in the dental pathway with:



-Dr. Yamamoto

-Dr. Hollenback

-Dr. Jared Lee

Santa Clara Valley Wellness

Three H.S.A. students, Jessica Castaneda, Cesar Medrano, and Marisol Tellez, completed an application, interviewed at the Santa Paula Hospital, and were selected to participate in the Dr. Sam's Summer Internship Program. Orientation will follow the opening ceremony on June 19th. These paid internships will give the students a good chunk of monies to put towards their college education. Closing ceremony is on July 24th.



Boys State



Matthew Ramirez interviewed with the American Legion post in Ventura on Saturday, March 15th.

He was chosen to represent SPHS at the week long summer conference in Sacramento. The participants examine the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizens. He will be grouped with peers to design hypothetical city, county, and state governments. As a senior, he can apply for the Legion scholarship worth \$20,000.