



HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014



Boys State

Boy's State is an American

Legion supported educational conference that teaches youth about our government. It was a wonderful experience for Matthew Ramirez. His knowledge and appreciation for our government system grew significantly as a participant in a group project. The students created their own municipal, county, and state government's. By the end of the week, it felt like they were their own sovereign state. He met with a District Attorney and Supreme Court Justice. This young man spoke in front of 900+ fellow students which enhanced his public speaking skills greatly. At the end of the week, he traveled to the state capital to receive an award from his Assemblyman and Senator. It was a magnificent, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Most importantly, he made tons of friends from all over the state of California.



H.S. ACADEMY LINK

During the last week of summer, Mr. Buck trained the Link leaders by providing them with leadership skills and preparing them for Freshmen Orientation. Each day, training began with some warm-up exercises and ice breakers so the Link Leaders could get to know each other better. The Link Leaders performed all of the activities with each other as practice to be used eventually with their Link Buddies. These were designed so the Links can get to know their freshmen as well as for the freshmen to get to know one another. Freshmen year, especially the beginning, can be tough. Link Crew tries to make the transition as easy and smooth as possible. Orientation was a large undertaking, with over 350 freshmen in attendance. They filled most of the bleachers in the McMahan Gym and 125 large pizzas were ordered for lunch! Orientation was a great success and many of the freshmen could be seen taking a tour with their Link leaders around campus in a variety of costumes and outfits.



PAID INTERNSHIPS

Jessica Castaneda, Cesar Medrano, and Marisol Tellez completed an application for Santa Clara Valley Foundation and were selected for summer paid internships in health careers. It provided amazing opportunities for these students going into this pathway. It provided insight into the many facilities in town; from small clinic offices to busy departments at the hospital. They started by job shadowing a professional but also got hands-on experience working along side licensed caregivers. They observed everything from surgical procedures to processing patient information. All three of them learned to appreciate the work these people do for the health of others. Not to mention learning about giving back to those in their own community. **They agree that, "Everyone should apply next year!"**



Family Health Fair

Das Williams, State Assembly Member, met with a group of Human Services Academy juniors that had volunteered to assist from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 16th. Booths were set up by health care providers from the county. Health screenings included dental, cholesterol, blood sugar, and vision. Ms. Gregory, HSA lead teacher, made contacts for educational guest speakers to come into the classrooms.

The Introduction to Human Services classes may get two. Lizet Garcia on nutrition in the next unit. Kelly Lara, Prevention Coordinator, is will lecture on drug addiction next May.

Child Development and Care will get a representative from CHDP Oral Health Program to talk on dental care for children and the effects of lead poisoning. Patricia Cervantes, First 5 Ventura County, is hoping to get a group of students to do job shadowing and service-learning at her site.

Internship students had the pleasure of Emperatriz Pinedo, VCHD, discussing nutrition with them on August 22. Adriana Gonzalez spoke on August 28th with some of the students about training them to assist with nutrition education and health services. Orlando Cuesta from Walgreens will come into the class and bring a pharmacist.



California Business Venture

Mr. Moraza contacted Luis Velasquez following a spring event on campus. Mr. Castaniero transported him to California State University at San Marcos to attend the program July 15-19. The goal was to teach the students about business. He was put into teams with students from all over Southern California. They worked together to run a fictional company. Presenters lectured on:

- ◆ Making PowerPoints
- ◆ Giving a Good Sales Pitch, and
- ◆ How to Keep the Audiences Attention

The Lincoln Financial Group hosted a Stock Market Challenge that involved making decisions on how to invest their monies. Teams did two presentations; One for stock holders and another for marketing. His company won! He felt it is was a very educational, interactive, positive experience.



Health Career Job

Elizabeth Barajas gained paid employment from her second semester mentor, at Santa Paula

Orthodontics with Dr. Lee. She got a close up look at the every day routines related to braces.

She also was a mentor for the incoming freshmen in the Algebra Academy over the summer. She helped the students enhance their math skills along with to introducing them to the transition needed to be a successful high school 9th grader. She is grateful for these experiences that maximized her learning potential.



L.E.A.P Conference

Amy Rodriguez and Jessenia Montiel were identified as promising young adults by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County. Their application got them monetary support to attend the six-day conference at U.C.L.A. July 27-Aug. 2, 2014. They stayed on campus in the dorms and ate in the cafeteria.

The mission was to guide young adults in new directions by exposing them to skills that are not specifically taught in the traditional educational setting. The objective was to actively engage them in LEAP curriculum important to creating success in their lives.



Upward Bound

Over the summer, Bailey Van Buren had

the privilege of spending six weeks at California Lutheran University. She earned credit for a Bioengineering class in addition to the Senior Seminar, where she continued to update her personal statement and did SAT prep. Enrichment included going to the Dodger Stadium, the beach, and a Shakespeare's play.