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FUTURE LEADERS OF AMERICA

On Saturday, October 25th, forty H.S.A. students attended the six hour Job Readiness Career Seminar at Ventura College East Campus. There were three professionals on the career panel: Julie Hernandez, Jose Bernard, and Elaine Gonzales Martinez. Fred Garcia introduced Interview Skills. Ignacio Abeyta got them started on a handout needed to begin compiling information for a resume. Their educational skills, accomplishments, and getting three references was noted. After lunch, twenty adult volunteers assisted with Speed Coaching were the students asked them questions related to their future career goals.

WATER CONSERVATION SUMMIT
Maggy Elsousou met five H.S.A. students at Ventura City Hall on Saturday, October 25th, The event was hosted by Assembly member Das Williams At 9:00, they assisted with setting up tables and organizing free materials related to saving water: drain plugs, valves for toilets, and nozzles for watering plants. As participants entered the door, brochures were distributed. Short sessions were held in several rooms throughout the building.



SP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Larry Renteria and Janet Xicotencatl joined the principal at the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce event on Tuesday, October 28th for an awards luncheon. There was a panel of five entrepreneurs that discussed how they got their business started. They recommended people to do internships in order to gain skills for employment. Several people got awards for giving back to the Santa Paula community through their businesses. They acknowledged that the road may be a bit bumpy but to stay optimistic and strive for career goals.



BILL CLINTON SPEAKS AT OXNARD COLLEGE



Thanks to Lorenzo Moraza and Ms. Garcia, Larry Renteria (10th grader), Janet Xicotencatl (11th grader), along with Matthew Ramirez and Bailey Van Buren (12th graders) had the opportunity to attend the speech given by Bill Clinton at Oxnard College on Wednesday, October 29th. He talked

about how important it was to vote. There was an emphasis on getting the Hispanic community to vote since they represent a large percentage of people in California.

Immigration and the Dream Act was mentioned in addition to the effort to raise minimum wage. He was there to support Julia Brownley for Congress. He expressed his democratic views and how she was going to assist with keeping the college tuition low.





Each 10th grader picked a birth defect that fell into one of the four categories: structural, functional, metabolic, or blood disease. They located

an internet resource, then an encyclopedia, and last a book or magazine article. A works cited page was developed. Students highlighted each reference in a different color as they located facts on the type of birth defect, the cause, statistical numbers, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.



The information was transformed into notes and written onto colored 3 X 5 cards.



The sophomores then placed the information onto a outline that included an introductory statement, three support sentences, and a conclusion.

Last but not least, the research was placed onto an eight slide PowerPoint handout.



Next month, the English 10 class will require them to produce a research paper using this information. Their final project for the semester involves doing an oral PowerPoint presentation on the birth defect they researched.

Phyllis Brady, UCSB MESA Programs, transitioned the activities during the three-hour event held in the SPHS auditorium on Monday, November 3rd. Claudia Martinez welcomed the students. Alfonso Gamino, Superintendent, and Robin freeman, Assistant Superintendent, inspired the kids to strive for attending a University of California. Laura Romo explained that she got pregnant in high school and her children were her motivation to finish school, go to UCLA, and get her masters degree. The Human Services Academy students were amazed at her ability to overcome this challenge. Carl Gutierrez-Jones, Dean of Undergraduate Studies & Professor of English, changed his major in college from becoming a doctor to a pathway in English Literature... since it was more interesting. He liked providing information to others so teaching was a natural progression for him. During the break, they raffled off UCSB sweatshirts, beanies, hats, T-shirts, soccer ball, and stainless steel water bottles. Adrienne Arguijo-Morgan, Office of Education Partnerships, presented a PowerPoint on admissions to the UC system. She mentioned: A-G classes, 3.0 GPAs from the 10th and 11th grade only, along with ACT and ACT college entrance exams. Monique Grant, Financial Aid Advisory, introduced them to the FAFSA that is completed in January of the senior year and backed by parent's W2 information by March 2nd. Ms. Garcia introduced the SPHS Alumni video that showcased several that went directly to a four-year institution. There were three breakout sessions available. 9th graders got an Academic Planner overviewing A-G requirements. The 10th and 11th grades learned about Dual Enrollment related to the VC classes that are being offered on the SPHS campus; they can get high school in addition to college credits. Seniors saw an application used to transfer from VC to UCSB.

How many students from H.S.A attended?

- 9th graders=56
- 10th graders=31
- 11th graders=29
- 12th graders=15

