



HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

October 2015



FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHTS

Fourteen sophomores showed up on Monday, Sept. 21st, for the hour-and-a-half training in the Santa Paula High School cafeteria. Do's and Don'ts for Activities were overviewed. Certificates were printed, signed by Ms. Wilkinson, and a group photo was taken.

On Monday, September 28th, students gathered at Grace Thille Elementary School around 5:00 to set up the science experiments. Children started showing up at 6:00. The high school students learned to interact with the young participants. It was a win-win situation because everyone involved simply loved experimenting with science concepts: 7 biology, 6 chemistry, 5 energy & magnetism, plus 9 pressure & forces.

At 7:30, teen volunteers re-packed the activity materials into the boxes for storage. All wet towels were separate.

On October 8th, they did it all over again at Glenn City Elementary School. Ms. Wilkinson made sure Academy lab coats were available.



TOTEM POLE

Freshmen did some serious thinking about How Do You Want To Be Remembered? They got a totem pole design that required them to locate an icon on the internet or a picture from a magazine that related directly to this question. There were seven different segments on the pole:

- Passion
- Work Value
- Personality Strength
- Skill Category
- Role
- Occupation
- Vocation

Then, they did a bucket list!



“Taking challenging academic courses and reading is the best way to prepare!”

PSAT

In September, every H.S.A. junior signed up for the PSAT and SPHS covered the cost. Five sophomores paid the \$15 fee to take it this year. An Official Student Guide was available for them to begin studying for the PSAT. They should have been highlighting important information regarding directions for each of the five sections.

All juniors showed up in the SPHS cafeteria at 8:00 on Wednesday, October 14th. The test took 4 hours with a break half way through the exam. Students that do well may be offered the opportunity to obtain a scholarship.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER AIDE PROGRAM

Eleven juniors are currently in a double-blocked course period 5 and 6. Two days per week they stay on the Santa Paula High School campus with the lead teacher, Ms. Gregory, to work on their portfolio. It contains Employability Skills based on SCANS: personal skills, interpersonal skills, thinking and problem solving skills, communication skills, occupational safety, curriculum, and instructional relevance. The Personal Information has twelve forms completed and signed by the student, parent, mentor teacher, and the lead teacher before they could leave campus for their community-based internship. Resume Information will be covered in December. Certificated Employee Requirements had twelve actual handouts from elementary school districts that were completed, highlighted, signed, and dated by each intern. Students complete their Unit Block Calendars along with reflection papers and Academy Link **Reflection forms. Each junior has two frosh "Buddies" that they link with at least two times per week.**

Three days per week, the interns work at a local school under the direct supervision of a mentor teacher. Curriculum Activities include: art projects, bulletin boards, academic lesson plans, record keeping, in addition to several intern produced worksheets and keys. Interns just received their first Evaluation in the form of a mentor report card.

COMMUNITY-BASED INTERNSHIPS

Martin Alvarado
w/ Ms. Rachel McCullum
@ McKeveitt School



Kenia Molina
w/Ms. Laurie Berget
@ McKeveitt Elementary



Humberto Cancino
w/ Ms. Marisela Favila
@ Isbell Middle School



Leslie Moreno
w/ Ms. Dara Stork
@ Briggs Elementary



Lizette Gonzalez
w/ Ms. Kathy Simpson
@ Briggs Elementary



Ian Montiel
w/ Mr. Mark Robertson
Isbell Middle School



Jesus Juarez
w/ Mr. John Donahue
@ Isbell Middle School



Araceli Navarro
w/ Ms. Teresa Villa
@ McKeveitt Elementary



Joshua Lara
w/ Mr. Kurt Wilkinson
@ Isbell Middle School



Alyssa Romero
w/ Mr. Mark Lopez
@ Isbell Middle School



Judy Mendoza
w/ Ms. Janice Fournier
@ Blanchard Elementary



We are on-the-job!