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Juniors Explore Their Options

Written by Roman Manriquez

Over the course of August, the Junior HSA class was visited by three guest speakers. The first speaker visited on August 12, when Allegra Roth spoke about her job at Das Williams’s office (Representative of District 37 in the California Legislature). She talked about how she was helping the community by learning about the environment and listening to people’s complaints or ideas on how to better the community. The second guest speaker was Rita Rubin from the Ventura County Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention Program. She spoke to the Juniors on August 18 about the importance of a healthy diet. She also spoke about how she cooks for people to show them how easy and affordable it is to be healthy. The third guest speaker was Sargent Robert of the United States Marines who spoke to the Juniors about joining the military and his experiences as a marine, like being on duty in multiple places like Haiti and Japan. He too, spoke about traveling and educational opportunities of the military. The overall sentiment of the Juniors was contemplative as these speakers helped to open their eyes to other possible careers related to human services.

Juniors & Seniors Take Action

Written by Michael Schouten

Over the summer, twelve Junior and Senior HSA students went to the Ronald Reagan Library to participate in their Youth Leadership Program. There, students engaged in group activities focused on the tools they will need to become America's future leaders and were also asked to come up with a service project designed to help their community. Since then, these HSA students have decided to design their projects around the issues of homelessness, opportunities for minorities, and personal growth. Next Spring, the HSA students who attended this program will be returning to the Ronald Reagan Library to evaluate their projects and reflect upon how these have changed.

Freshmen Meet Their Junior Links

Written by Miguel Rodriguez

For the past four weeks, Junior HSA students have met with their Freshmen links at sporting events, club meetings, and classrooms for tutoring, checking student connect, and planning for future clubs meetings, tutoring, etc. The Juniors and Freshmen meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays to check and discuss their grades on Student Connect. They also met in classrooms in order to tutor their Freshmen in subjects they do not understand or need help in. In addition, the Freshmen have been attending club meetings with their Junior links to learn what clubs are about and stay informed about upcoming events. On August 26, the Juniors also walked their Freshmen to the school's Tailgate Party. They ate some good food, participated in the raffle, and later went out to the bleachers to watch the football game.

New Year, New Coordinator

Written by David Ordoñez

This year, a huge change has occurred in the Human Services Academy. After thirty-nine years of teaching at Santa Paula High School, and fifteen years of coordinating and leading the Human Services Academy, Jill Sweet Gregory, the founder of the Human Services Academy, has happily retired. Mrs. Gregory had a wonderful final year and received a warm farewell from her students. She will be missed by everyone at Santa Paula High School. Since then, Armando Rico, a former student of the Human Services Academy, has become the new academy coordinator. Over the last few months, Mr. Rico has led the academy as it continues to evolve, welcoming new staff members to the HSA team, including Ed Gomez, Matt Buck, Tiffani Herbst, and Justin Smith. These teachers join Amber McPherson, Nicola Lamb, Christine Wilkinson, Jeff Colborn, and Daniella Martinez as the academy's staff team.

Since 2001, the Health & Human Services Academy is designed to help students pursuing careers in Health/Medicine, Education, of Human Services.



Top: Judy Mendoza (12), Diana Martinez (11), & Yarelin Cantu (12) enjoying dinner with their mentor at the Ronald Reagan Library.

Center: Jill Sweet Gregory on the last day of school.

Bottom: Valeria Medrano (11), Michael Schouten (11), Regina Hernandez (11), Sarai Galindo (11), Osvaldo Ambriz (12) posing with their mentor over the summer.