

**Writers:**

- Carlos Gomez, Edith Ibarra, Valeria Medrano, & Jessica Rodriguez

**Editors:**

- Tiffani Herbst & Nicola Lamb

**Editor-in-chief:**

- Armando Rico



**SOPHOMORES  
EXPLORE THE LA ZOO**  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS



**"HSA SPOOKS  
THE KIDS"**  
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



**HSA TAKES ON  
HOMECOMING**  
STARS COLLIDE

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



## Seniors Interview the Candidates

Written by Carlos Gomez

On October 26, the Seniors in Mr. Gomez's HSA government class held a public forum to educate voters on all 8 candidates running for the SPUSD school board. Candidates included Tim Hicks, Derek Luna, Michelle Kolbeck, Jerri Mead, Kelsey Stewart, Pam Thompson, Tina Urias, and Chris Wilson. These Seniors helped with various aspects of the event. Some of the students were assigned the job of making posters and flyers to publicize the event, others were tasked with creating the forum set, and others ushered patrons to their seats. Yarelin Cantu was the forum's time-keeper and made sure each speaker responded for only two minutes, while the event's six moderators were Humberto Cancino, Christopher Magaña, Natasha Martinez, Jessenia Montiel, Larry Renteria, and Josue Rodriguez. These students presented all 8 candidates with 5 questions, pre-determined by the HSA government class, that focused on student support, school safety, facilities and bond money, comprehensive sex education, and air conditioning. Approximately 100 people left the auditorium that night, ready to make an informed decision come election day.

## Sophomores Explore the LA Zoo

Written by Valeria Medrano

Sophomore HSA students attended the annual field trip to the LA Zoo on Tuesday, October 25. The student's observed a plethora of amphibians, birds, fish, mammals, and reptiles. From these many exhibits, HSA students were inspired to write a children's book. The requirements of the book included a central theme, rising action, a climax, and a falling action aimed at entertaining children of preschool and kindergarten age. The purpose of this assignment is to help Health and Human Service students relate to the children they will be working with during their second semester's preschool and kindergarten job shadowing experiences. They will get hands-on experience while working with children, delivering nutritious snacks, coordinating outdoor games, designing a worksheet, and singing a song or writing a book to their students.

## “HSA Spooks the Kids”

Written by Jessica Rodriguez

Over 20 Health and Human Services Academy students volunteered at the annual Halloween Carnival that took place at the Santa Paula Community Center on Monday, October 31. Students handed out candy to participants, prepared goody bags, and ran an assortment of carnival games for the hundreds of children that attended. Carnival games included Angry Birds, Hot Pumpkin, Bean Bag Toss, Football Throw, Bowling Alley, and Go Fish. The game Angry Birds for example, had children launching a stuffed bird into a pile of boxes using a slingshot; the purpose was to knock over at least one box. Children also participated in a dance contest where three winners were selected and awarded a chocolate bar and goody bag. After the event, HSA students also stayed to help city staff clean-up and leave the Community Center as good as new.

## HSA Takes On Homecoming

Written by Edith Ibarra

After weeks of preparation and dance rehearsals, over 50 HSA students joined their fellow Cardinals for a celebration of school spirit. Each class, led by Academy students like Junior Class President Carlos Gomez and Senior Class President Natasha Martinez, participated in a number of lunch rallies and prepared dance routines, to score points and secure a victory in this year's Homecoming celebrations. Freshmen danced to a string of Elvis hits, while the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors choreographed routine to Madonna, Prince, and Michael Jackson. In the end, the Senior class won this year's Homecoming celebrations with an impressive display of spirit and dance at the school's big rally, Main Street parade, and halftime show.

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



**Top:** Kamila Vargas (10) takes a selfie at the LA Zoo.

**Center:** Mrs. Garcia & Officer Cagnacci pose for a picture after speaking to one of the Freshmen HSA classes.

**Bottom:** Natasha Martinez (12), Christopher Magaña (12), & Yarelin Cantu (12) celebrate with their class, after winning this year's Homecoming.