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Santa Paula Brings the Holiday Cheer

Francisco Ortiz

On December 17, 2016, seven Human Services Academy juniors volunteered with the Santa Paula Community Center to help them with their annual Santa Claus photo event. Some of these juniors helped decorate the Community Center, while others helped manage the stream of people lined up to have their picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. These juniors also helped the Community Center run a series of stations where children were able to decorate their pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and make frames for these pictures, using various supplies including popsicle sticks, crayons, markers, and glitter glue. Over 200 children had their picture taken with Santa Claus, along with their parents and families; making this annual event a total success for the Santa Paula Community Center.

Dressed For the Job

Written by Leslie Magaña

Last semester, 32 HSA freshmen conducted and experienced a series of mock interviews as they applied for a hypothetical job at Target in Ventura. Freshmen were put into groups of seven to eight, from which only two people got the job. They were asked four questions in total and were able to agree or disagree with another’s response, so long as they supported their responses with examples. Freshmen also had to dress professionally, like they would for a real interview. The freshmen who got the job, knew exactly what to do in a real interview; while the ones who didn’t get the job, now know exactly what they need to do to be successful in the future.

Freshmen Prepare for Finals

Written by Jose Llamas

As the end of the first semester rolled around, tensions rose as Freshmen began preparing for their first set of final exams. To help alleviate the stress however, the Health and Human Services Academy Junior class, alongside SPHS Link Crew, attended the annual Cookie Cram event on December 15, 2016. At the event, HSA Juniors and Link Crew students met with their freshmen links and tutored them in preparation for upcoming exams. They too, helped freshmen organize study schedules and set goals for each of their exams, all while providing them with warm cookies and hot chocolate. In the end, freshmen were more prepared for their final exams and appreciated what the HSA Juniors and Link Crew had done for them over the course of first semester.

Juniors Celebrate First Semester

Written by Jorge Montelongo

On December 20th, the Health and Human Services Academy Junior class came to together to eat good food and celebrate the end of their first semester internships. Now an annual tradition, this awards breakfast is organized every year to celebrate the Junior class after having worked across the community for several months. These 31 juniors interned for nearly four months across various community hospitals, clinics, offices, schools, and city departments as part of their Internships course at Santa Paula High School. At the conclusion of their meal, academy teachers presented the Junior class with awards based on their grades in the Internship class. These gifts include sports bags and pull-over sweaters. It was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

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



TOP: 32 HSA Freshmen pose with CSUCI admissions counselor, Brenda Estrada.

CENTER: Rocio Magaña (9) and Alyssa Castillo (9) study for finals alongside Sergio Hernandez (11) and Regina Hernandez (11).

BOTTOM: Juniors who earned an A in the Internships class, pose with Mr. Gomez, Ms. McPherson, and Mr. Rico.