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Human Services In The Wild

Written by Janelly Valencia

On Tuesday, October 24, thirty-four sophomores traveled to Los Angeles to attend HSA's annual field trip to the LA Zoo. While at the zoo, sophomores were able to see a wide range of animals such as different species of reptiles, fish, birds, and mammals. The purpose of this field trip was to help them find the inspiration to create a children's book, which will be their first major Child Development project of the year. The main character of their children's book will also be based upon one of the animals currently living at the LA Zoo. These books will prepare the sophomores for their job shadowing experience at local preschool and/or kindergarten classrooms next semester, by helping them understand childhood language development, which will then help them relate to the age group they will be working with. Overall, the sophomores had a lot of fun exploring the zoo and creating their children's books.

HSA Volunteers at the Pumpkin Patch

Written by Mauricio Gonzalez

Throughout the month of October, over 50 students in the Health & Human Services Academy volunteered at the Santa Paula Pumpkin Patch (at Limoneira Ranch). Students volunteered across various positions that facilitated the flow of the event - many worked to control entry and exit traffic, others supervised the hay stack maze, a few led tours around the ranch, while others helped sell food and drinks. Overall, students enjoyed their time while volunteering at this community event - many were even allowed to walk around (once their shifts were over) and enjoy the festivities themselves.

HSA Travels the US at Homecoming

Written by Emily Chavez

On October 28, after weeks of preparation, over 40 students in the Health & Human Services Academy performed their class dances at the school's pep rally, Main Street parade, and halftime show in honor of Santa Paula High School's annual homecoming game. The freshmen led the way by performing to Honolulu-themed music, the sophomores "blew up" Miami, the juniors took over Los Angeles, and last but not least, the seniors grooved to the music of New Orleans. Once rally and dance points were added, the senior class won this year's homecoming. After such a spirited night, students rested in anticipation of an exciting homecoming dance held in the McMahan Gym the next day.

A Night of Horror With HSA

Written by Lizeth Tellez

On Tuesday October 31, four seniors, four juniors, and two freshmen in the Health and Human Services Academy volunteered at the City's annual Halloween Carnival, which took place at the Santa Paula Community Center from 5:30 pm to 9:30pm. Each student was assigned a different station, which housed a different game, but the main goal for the children was to obtain as much candy as they could by trying to win the games. Children also participated in a costume contest and musical chairs contest. Everyone who participated was rewarded with a goody bag, but the winners were rewarded with a big chocolate bar. At the end of the event some volunteers stayed to help clean up, and as a reward for their service, the volunteers received a lot of candy.

Leadership Across SPHS

by Celine Garcia

Despite all of their commitments and responsibilities, students in the Health & Human Services Academy have found the time to take on a variety of leadership roles across school clubs. These students are actively taking charge of community events and fundraisers, while juggling academics and/or athletics. All of this takes hard work, dedication, and impressive time management skills. Below, are these student leaders, listed by grade:

10th Grade: Daniel Aguilar, Alejandro Arana, Yessenia Chavez, Isaac Morales, & Nadine Vasquez

11th Grade: Pedro Bazan, Mauricio Gonzalez, & Arianna Reyes

12th Grade: Sandra Bermudez, Michelle Gonzalez, Regina Hernandez, Sergio Hernandez, Valeria Medrano, Isabel Mondragon, Jessica Rodriguez, & Michael Schouten

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



TOP: Hailey Bautista (11), Lizeth Tellez (11), Uriel Juarez (11), Sarah Cornejo (11), & Mauricio Gonzalez (11) posing for a picture at the Santa Paula Pumpkin Patch.

CENTER: Sandra Bermudez (12) dancing alongside Adrian Cancino at the Homecoming Halftime Show.

BOTTOM: Regina Hernandez (12) leading the Key Club pledge during one of the club's meetings.