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Sophomores Visit The Getty & LACMA Museums

Written by Kamila Vargas

On Tuesday, January 30th, 34 Sophomores in the Health and Human Services Academy got to visit the J. Paul Getty Museum and Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Sophomores were assigned a children’s art history assignment that asks them to analyze the historical background of an art piece of their choice and connect it to future lesson they will be teaching at a local preschool. Throughout this experience, students were able to learn more about the complicated and interesting world of art, while exploring art across multiple centuries, and gaining a stronger sense of art’s connection to various cultures and histories. Sophomore, Alondra Carrasco-Hernandez, remarked, “Getting to visit two museums I had never been to before, to see art of different sizes, shapes, colors, and materials, really gave me a new perspective.” This experience, and integrated assignment, will definitely benefit the Sophomores in HSA because it will spur various creative lessons as they prepare for their job showing/service learning experience in April and May.

Key Club & HSA Get Their Spirit On

Written by Hailey Bautista

On Saturday, November 11th, twenty-three HSA students (Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors) showed their Key Club spirit by attending Fall Rally South at Six Flags Magic Mountain. At nine o'clock, Key Club members across Division 42, Districts 7 & 10, met at the Golden Bear Theater to experience a divisional spirit rally filled with a lot of excitement and fun. During the rally, divisions performed cheers, while executive officers were auctioned off to competing divisions. Auctions were based on fundraising efforts over the last year - these efforts will ultimately benefit the Pediatric Trauma Program and Eliminate Project. A portion of each ticket sale also went to benefit these programs. After the rally, SPHS Key Club members were led through a variety of activities by club officers Valeria Medrano and Jessica Rodriguez, two Seniors in the Health & Human Services Academy.

Santa Paula Fights The Thomas Fire

Written by Daisy Magaña

As we all know, the Thomas Fire quickly became the largest fire in California's history and affected many people throughout Santa Paula. Hundreds of volunteers however, stepped up to the challenge and donated their time to help those affected at the Santa Paula Community Center and Limoneira Visitor Center. Volunteers, including students in the Health and Human Services Academy, helped gather various donations including food, clothes, toys, furniture, and even plasma TV's, which were donated to families who lost their homes. Kamila Vargas, one of many volunteers, described this as a moving experience because she was able to help her community at a time when many people were in need of assistance. Students like her were also involved in various activities such as outdoor games, face painting, and a visit from Santa Claus that helped spread joy and spirit during such a difficult time.

Juniors Participate In Mock Interviews

Written by Maria Romo

On Thursday, January 18th, the HSA Junior class participated in mock group interviews designed to help prepare them for future job/scholarship interviews. Every Junior was required to dress professionally and properly introduce themselves to their peers and interviewer. Juniors were then separated according to their academy pathway, before being asked a series of interview questions. Every individual was asked about themselves, their work/leadership experience, and their qualifications. Additional questions involved group discussions concerning work habits, problem solving skills, and overcoming personal setbacks. At the end of each group interview, a winner was formally announced.

Get to Know HSA Teachers

Written by Jasmin Tapia

Nine teachers at Santa Paula High School regularly collaborate to support students in the Health and Human Services Academy. Mr. Buck, Mrs. Herbst, Mr. Rico, and Mrs. Wilkinson teach the Sophomore HSA classes, while Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. McPherson, and Mr. Wilkinson teach the Junior classes. Then there are Mr. Smith and Mr. Gomez, who teach the Freshmen and Senior classes. All of these teachers make a huge difference both inside and outside of the Academy because they care a lot about students at Santa Paula High School. For

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TOP: Key Club officers Jessica Rodriguez (12) & Valeria Medrano (12) at Fall Rally South 2017.

CENTER: HSA Juniors - Lizeth Tellez, Jasmine Magaña, Emily Chavez, Angeliqe Mendez, Janelly Valencia, & Pedro Bazán - about to interview.

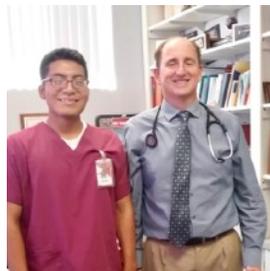
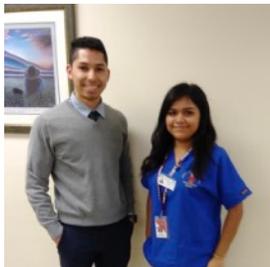
BOTTOM: The Academy's Advisory Committee poses for a picture.

example, outside of HSA, most of these teachers have other responsibilities, like Mr. Buck who is in charge of Link Crew, Mr. Rico who is advisor for Key Club, and Mrs. Wilkinson who is chair of the Science Dept. Then there are Mrs. Lamb, who is advisor for AVID Club, Mrs. McPherson who is advisor for CSF and serves as Vice President for teacher's AFT Union, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Gomez who both coach football. In all honesty, the Health and Human Services Academy wouldn't be as successful without each and every one of these wonderful and caring teachers.

Juniors Experience Health Internships

Written by Jasmine Magaña

Last September, eleven HSA Juniors began interning across local dental, medical, and optometry offices. Over the last few months, these Juniors have learned how to use various pieces of medical equipment including scales, sterilizers, sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, and fax machines. As they continue their internships this semester, Juniors continually get to experience what its like to work in the medical field on a regular daily basis. To help, internship mentors guide Juniors until they are able to perform various tasks on their own. For example, mentors often guide Juniors until they can take blood pressure, access and update patient files, and apply medical terminology without assistance. Overall, Juniors currently completing these health interns will gain several job skills that will likely help them succeed in future occupations.



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TOP: HSA Sophomores - María Rivera, Allan Almaraz, Imanol Ruvalcaba, Alejandro Arana, Daniel Aguilar, & Rocio Magaña - overlooking the Los Angeles skyline.

CENTER: The Health & Human Services Academy poses for their annual yearbook picture.

BOTTOM: HSA Sophomores - Alexandra Zamudio, Gabriela Gomez, Cindy Ramos, Crystal Nava, & Natalia Arroyo - visiting one of LACMA's installations.