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PREPARING CAREER READY GRADUATES

Scholarships Honor Students' Hard Work and Perseverance

A group of 46 high-achieving seniors from throughout the district -- many of whom overcame extreme hurdles -- were honored May 8 at the annual Student Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

 For video, go to vimeo.com/fresnounified/scholarships2018

The students were awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 totaling \$61,000.

Meet 13 of these outstanding students on pages 4-10, along with information about their high schools.

Scholarship recipients recounted their journey through school, the obstacles they had to overcome and their dreams for the future in their scholarship applications and letters of references.

Many of the students persevered through daunting circumstances, including the loss of parents, illness, poverty and language barriers.

"It is an honor and a privilege to



Superintendent Bob Nelson congratulates Fresno Unified Scholarship recipient Chaille Payne from Edison High School on May 8.

be able to reward these outstanding students with a Fresno Unified Scholarship, which we hope will ease their burden a bit and support the next step in their educational journey," said

Superintendent Bob Nelson.

The Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund was established in 2009, and made possible by generous donations from the community and district employees.

Scholarship Dinner Sponsors

- ACSA
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- City Council President Esmeralda Soria
- Council Member Luis Chavez
- Fresno Adult School
- The Fresno Center
- Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
- Youth Centers of America

A State of Education luncheon in the fall is the largest single fundraiser for the scholarships.

With the 46 winners from last month, the district will have awarded scholarships to 276 college-bound Fresno Unified seniors since its inception.

Patiño Graduates First Class, Opens School to Ninth Graders

■ Patiño recruiting freshman for first time

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship will graduate its first class of seniors on June 6 at the Tower Theatre, marking a milestone for the specialty high school,

 For video, go to vimeo.com/fresnounified/patinopromo2018

believed to be the first of its kind when

it opened in 2015.

Patiño will accomplish another first in the coming academic year when the school welcomes ninth graders. Since opening, the school had offered 10th through 12th grades. Adding ninth grade will allow students to transition immediately to Patiño from middle school and spend all four years of high school at the same campus.

The Fresno Unified Board of Education approved the expansion to ninth grade at its April 11 meeting. The school, on Cambridge Avenue east of Blackstone Avenue, can accommodate 400 students.

Patiño is an applied entrepreneurship high school, designed to equip young entrepreneurs to thrive. The curriculum centers on integrated project-based learning that fosters real world skills

-- critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration.

Its first group of graduating seniors -- 72 -- will all leave Patiño having developed and launched businesses. Businesses range from Viand List (helps customers manage food waste)

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Free Summer Meals Available For Fresno Young People



Students enjoy a free meal provided by Fresno Unified at Roosevelt High School in June 2017. Free meals begin June 8.

Fresno Unified is working to ensure that students maintain good nutrition, even during the summer months.

Free meals will be available to all youth ages 1 through 18 at more than 50 locations throughout the city beginning June 8 through August 12. No registration, application or demonstration of financial need is required, but meals must be eaten on site.

For further information, call the district's Food Services Department at (559) 457-6250. The program is federally funded and administered by the United State Department of Agriculture's Office of Food and Nutrition Services.

Alimentos Gratuitos Disponibles en el Verano para los Niños de Fresno

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno trabaja para asegurar que los estudiantes tengan una buena nutrición, aún durante los meses de verano.

Los alimentos gratuitos estarán disponibles para todos los jóvenes entre las edades de 1 a 18 años en más de 50 localidades a través de la ciudad, comienzan el 8 de junio y terminan el 12 de agosto. No se requiere registración, solicitud ni mostrar la necesidad financiera, nada más que los alimentos se deben consumir en la escuela.

Para más información, llame al Departamento de Servicios de Comida al (559) 457-6250. El programa es auspiciado por fondos federales y administrado por la Oficina de Agricultura del Departamento de los Estados Unidos de Servicios de Alimentos y Nutrición.

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Addams Elementary	2117 W. McKinley Ave. 93728	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Ayer Elementary	5272 E. Lowe Ave. 93727	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Balderas Elementary	4625 E. Florence Ave. 93725	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Bethune Elementary	1616 S. Fruit Ave 93706	6/12/18 - 7/6/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Birney Elementary	3034 E. Cornell Ave 93703	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	11:00-12:00 Mon-Fri
Burroughs Elementary	166 N. Sierra Vista Ave 93702	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Calwa Elementary	4303 E. Jensen Ave. 93704	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Del Mar Elementary	4122 N. Del Mar Ave. 93704	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Easterby Elementary	5211 E. Tulare St. 93727	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Eaton Elementary	1451 E. Sierra Ave. 93710	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Fremont Elementary	1005 W. Weldon Ave. 93705	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Hidalgo Elementary	3550 E. Thomas Ave. 93702	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
King Elementary	1001 E. Florence Ave. 93706	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Lowell Elementary	171 N. Poplar Ave. 93701	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Malloch Elementary	2251 W. Morris Ave. 93711	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Powers Elementary	110 E. Swift Ave. 93704	6/12/18 - 7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Rowell Elementary	3460 E. McKenzie Ave. 93702	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:30 Mon-Fri
Thomas Elementary	4444 N. Millbrook Ave. 93726	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Turner Elementary	5218 E. Clay Ave. 93727	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Vinland Elementary	4666 N. Maple Ave. 93726	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Williams Elementary	525 W. Saginaw Way 93705	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Wilson Elementary	2131 W. Ashlan Ave 93705	6/9/18-8/12/18	12:00-1:00 Sat-Sun
Yokomi Elementary	2323 E. McKenzie Ave. 93701	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Ahwahnee Middle	1127 E. Escalon Ave. 93710	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:15-11:15 Mon-Fri
Baird Middle	5500 N. Maroa Ave. 93704	6/12/18-7/13/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Computech Middle	555 E. Belgravia Ave. 93706	6/12/18-6/26/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Cooper Middle	2277 W. Bellaire Way 93705	6/12/18-6/26/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Fort Middle	1302 E. Dakota Ave. 93704	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:30-11:30 Mon-Fri
Gaston Middle	1100 E. Chuch Ave. 93706	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:15-11:15 Mon-Fri
Scandinavian Middle	3216 N. Sierra Vista Ave 93726	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Sequoia Middle	4050 E. Hamilton Ave. 93702	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:45-11:45 Mon-Fri
Tenaya Middle	1239 W. Mesa Ave. 93711	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Terronez Middle	2300 S. Willow Ave 93725	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Tioga Middle	3232 E. Fairmont Ave. 93726	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Wawona Middle	4524 N. Thorne Ave. 93704	6/9/18-8/12/18	12:00-1:00 Sat-Sun
Yosemite Middle	1292 N. 9th St. 93703	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:30-11:30 Mon-Fri
Bullar High	5445 N. Palm Ave. 93704	6/12/18-8/12/18	10:00-1:00 Mon-Sun
Cambridge High	1001 S. Chestnut Ave. 93727	6/8/18-6/26/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
DeWolf High	2445 W. Dakota Ave. 93705	6/8/18-6/26/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Duncan High	4330 E. Garland Ave. 93726	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Edison High	540 E. California Ave. 93706	6/12/18-8/12/18	10:00-1:00 Mon-Sun
Fresno High	1839 N. Echo Ave. 93704	6/12/18-8/12/18	10:00-1:00 Mon-Sun
Hoover High	5550 N. First St. 93710	6/12/18-8/12/18	10:00-1:00 Mon-Sun
McLane High	2727 N. Cedar Ave. 93703	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Patino High	2000 E. Cambridge Ave 93703	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Phoenix Secondary	5090 E. Church Ave. 93725	6/8/18-6/26/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Roosevelt High	4250 E. Tulare St. 93702	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Sunnyside High	1019 S. Peach Ave. 93727	6/12/18-8/12/18	10:00-1:00 Mon-Sun
Rata High	1373 W. Mesa Ave. 93711	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
J.E Young (Blackstone)	822 N. Abby St. 93701	6/12/18-7/12/18	10:00-11:00 Mon-Fri
Cesar Chavez Adult School	2500 Stanislaus St. 93721	6/12/18-8/10/18	11:00-1:00 Mon-Fri



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SUPERINTENDENT'S *Message*

We are Proud of our Graduates, and all those who Supported their Academic Journey

Field trips, school carnivals, spring concerts, state testing, awards assemblies, scholarship dinners, and final exams -- these are all signs that the school year is coming to a close, but nothing serves as more of a universal c o u n t d o w n than high school graduation ceremonies. From May 24 through June 6, in 15 different ceremonies at six venues, 3,800 students will cross the graduation stage to receive their high school diploma. These wonderful ceremonies serve as the pinnacle of our students' high school accomplishments, but I see this graduation milestone as a launching point to the vast opportunities ahead. Supported by the



Bob Nelson
Superintendent

collective efforts of teachers, counselors, administrators and many others, students are walking across that graduation stage prepared for both college and career, confident for the journey that awaits. Graduations across our district celebrate student success and allow for reflection on the special moments along the academic journey. For some, reaching this milestone and taking the next steps towards college would not have been possible without support and financial resources from scholarships like the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. Last month, we awarded 46 deserving seniors with a total of \$61,000, all in an effort to ensure students have the opportunity to extend their educational learning, no matter the challenges or financial struggles they may face.

Through employee and community support, our Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund provided financial resources to students like:

- Kiranjit, who struggled with tight finances, helping her younger brother do homework and numerous other pressures, but found that community service, competing on Academic Decathlon and class-work helped her stay focused and get through the hard times.
- Ana, who had to go on home studies during her freshman year because she was needed to take care of her little brothers and sisters while her parents worked in the fields. This put her behind in her classes. She attended four different high schools as she tried to catch up. Then her best friend passed away. But she persevered and graduated on time.
- Chaille, who endured a frightening custody battle when her parents

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Message from Wendy McCulley, Executive Director/Office of African American Academic Acceleration Expanded Work Underway to Support African American Students

When I was a kid, every Wednesday I was given a passport to explore worlds beyond my imagination. On those magical days a bookmobile would roll into my neighborhood, and I was there from the moment it opened to the minute it closed. The time I spent in the bookmobile helped me to see a world far beyond the realities of my circumstances. It was an imaginative, creative time that motivated me to create a new future for my life.



Wendy McCulley
Executive Director
Office of African American
Academic Acceleration

Now, as the executive director of the Office of African American Academic Acceleration at Fresno Unified I am

on a mission to create similar life-changing experiences for African American students. One example is the Springboard Collaborative Literacy Program, an intensive five-week summer program for more than 400 elementary and middle school students and their families. Springboard combines daily reading instruction for students with weekly workshops that train parents to teach reading at home. It has been shown to double the annual reading progress for students, which will give them an enormous academic boost when classes resume in the fall.

I can say without a doubt that our African American students are beautiful, smart, capable and generous. It is my goal to ensure they have access to the opportunities and resources they need to achieve the same academic outcomes as their peers. While the current data shows that African American students trail other ethnic groups academically, through

systemic change we can reverse this trend and help our students unleash their potential.

To that end, the African American Academic Acceleration Initiative is taking a comprehensive approach to serving our students. This includes hosting a Black College Expo, where more than 25 historically black colleges and universities offered over 200 on the spot admissions and more than \$900,000 in scholarships to Fresno Unified students. In May, we hosted a Father's Day event where African American fathers and leaders visited 21 participating elementary schools in the district to demonstrate their belief in our students and stand as role models.

These are just a few examples of the work underway to build brighter futures for Fresno Unified's African American students.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Kiranjit Gill

Bullard High School

GPA: 4.00

College: UC San Diego

Career goal: Lawyer

About Kiranjit: English is her second language but she has a passion for reading and writing and is ranked No. 1 in her class of 577 students. She took seven AP classes and four her senior year. She passed six of seven AP exams. Joining Mock Trial convinced her to pursue a law degree.

Her words: “My current financial state forms a barrier to my aspirations...but it does not derail me. In actuality, my predicament drives me to study harder, to manage my time better, to work my way to self-actualization.”

Counselor Angelica Haro: “She pushes herself to step outside of her comfort zone, takes chances, even in areas she may not do her best.”

Bullard High School

Graduation rate: 94%

Enrollment: 2,500

Did you know? Members of Bullard’s Class of 2018 are attending more than 42 different colleges and universities next year.

Big news this past year: Bullard completed two buildings containing 40 new classrooms, administrative offices, counseling offices and the library expansion project, creating state-of-the-art facilities; beautiful quad also added for student activities.

CTE pathways: Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology; Biomedicine; Law & Social Justice

Principal: Carlos Castillo



Ana Montano

Cambridge High School

GPA: 2.54

College: Fresno City College

Career goal: Teacher

About Ana: As Ana began high school, her family was struggling financially so she enrolled in home studies and stayed home to look after her younger siblings while her parents worked in the fields from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m. This put her behind. In her junior year, she was knocked off track again when her best friend committed suicide. However, with the support of teachers and staff at Cambridge, Ana is on target to graduate. Along the way, she realized she loved working with children and will pursue a teaching credential.

Her words: “My inspiration for my career goal was all the teachers I had. I thank...everyone for making me a better and stronger person.”

Cambridge teacher Johnnie McCorvey: “I believe if we open up the doors of opportunity for Ana, the sky’s the limit for her potential.”

Cambridge High School

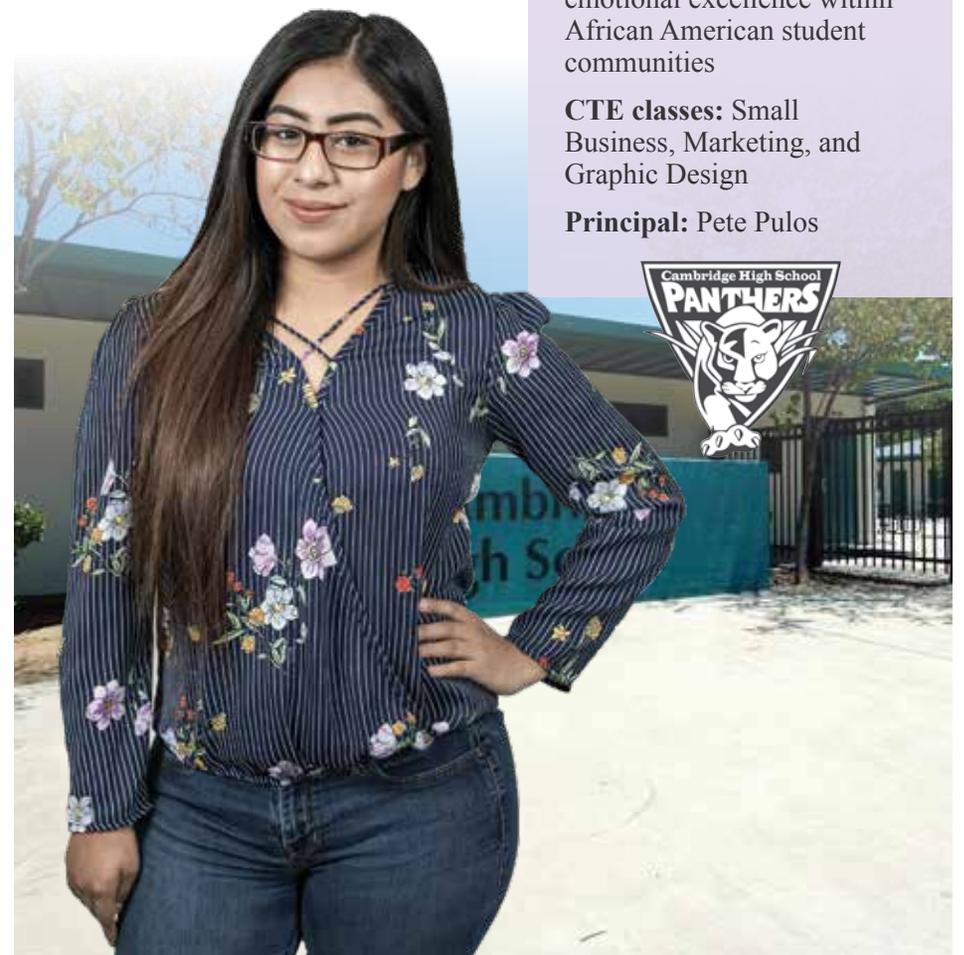
Enrollment: 477

Did you know? Cambridge’s Decathlon team finished third in Division 4, earning a school-record 18 medals. Cambridge continues to be one of the most competitive alternative education schools in the state. Cambridge competes each year with new team members (the average Cambridge student is enrolled for five months) against comprehensive high schools with two-, three- and four-year lettermen.

Big news this year: Junior Kysauna Conley was an active member of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools African American Student Advisory Cabinet that developed a plan of action to ensure academic and social-emotional excellence within African American student communities

CTE classes: Small Business, Marketing, and Graphic Design

Principal: Pete Pulos





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Kayla Gomez

Design Science

Middle College High School

GPA: 3.50

College: American University

Career goal: Legislator

About Kayla: She will be the first in her family to graduate from college. She comes from a single-parent home; her mom also provides for her younger brother and her grandparents. Kayla discovered that volunteering has helped her cope with severe trauma in her personal life. Attending the Sacramento Leadership Conference put on by the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project last summer changed her life and taught her about the power of civic engagement.

Her words: “With a degree, I aspire to one day share my story and advocate for the rights of young women around the world.”

Design Science Principal Tressa Overstreet: “Kayla is an incredible young person with a heart to affect change. She is not content to sit on the sidelines any longer... Kayla will contribute to this world in a powerful way and will without a doubt promote equity and equality for those whose voices have been underrepresented.”



Design Science Middle College High School

Graduation rate: 100%

Enrollment: 261

Did you know? Design Science students can earn college credits while still in high school and that many of the courses have the same honors designation as IB or AP.

Big news this year: For the second year in a row, 100% of students were accepted to four year universities; the school had its first admission offer to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

CTE pathways: Science/technology/engineering/math; fine arts; business/multi-media

Principal: Tressa Overstreet



Hailey Soto

DeWolf High School

GPA: 2.41

College: Fresno City College

Career goal: Phlebotomy

About Hailey: She is a teen parent who has struggled with illness and death in her family and financial difficulties. Hailey attended five different high schools but after turning her life around graduated early through online school at DeWolf.

Her words: “Once I realized my potential, it really got me thinking about how successful I could be in life if I just applied myself. This new sense of self-worth pushed me to make up all the credits I was missing in a matter of months.”

Principal Frank Duran: “With time and the mentoring of two of her teachers, Hailey began to see that there was still hope for her to graduate. Hailey is now on her way to completing her other goal of attending Fresno City College and becoming a phlebotomist.”



DeWolf High School

Enrollment: 180

Did you know? DeWolf is the oldest alternative education site in Fresno.

Big news this year: DeWolf is again serving grades 10-12 (for the past three years they had served only seniors).

CTE pathways: ROP building and construction class and Urban Innovations class (new)

Principal: Frank Duran





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Jesus Panales Castillo

Duncan Polytechnical High School

GPA: 3.98

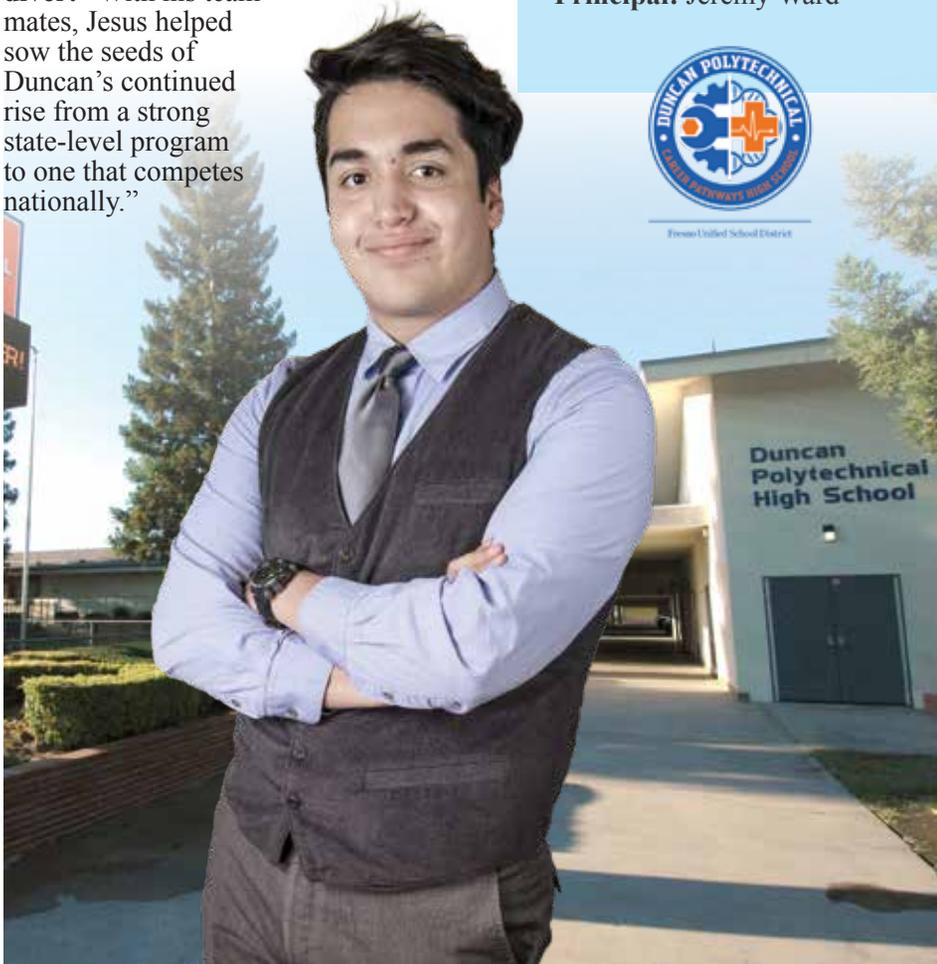
College: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Career goal: Cyber security agent

About Jesus: Jesus has lived in nine cities and towns, including several years in Mexico. He is ranked No. 1 out of 208 in his class and has been an award-winning cadet in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFJROTC) for three years. While living in areas of high crime, he learned that crime rings are now operating in the “dark web,” inspiring him to pursue a degree in computer science and a career fighting crime with roots in the internet.

His words: “My biggest personal dream in life, however, is to someday be able to look a disturbed child or human trafficking victim in the eye and tell them they’re finally safe.”

Duncan AFJROTC instructor Sam Vanders: “With his teammates, Jesus helped sow the seeds of Duncan’s continued rise from a strong state-level program to one that competes nationally.”



Duncan Technical High School

Graduation rate: 100%

Enrollment: 1,100

Did you know? Duncan held an obstacle course challenge in April with nearly 200 contestants, the only one of its kind anywhere.

Big news this year: Duncan broke ground earlier this year on a new state of the art heavy truck and construction technology facility. Existing shop facilities will also be modernized and expanded for automotive, manufacturing and welding and fabrication.

CTE pathways: Nursing; rehabilitation therapy (occupational therapy); welding; manufacturing; construction; and small automotive; heavy truck (starting in 2018-19).

Principal: Jeremy Ward



Chaille Payne Edison High School

GPA: 3.23

College: UC Davis

Career goal: Family attorney

About Chaille: Her family lost their home to a fire last year, creating additional financial difficulties. Chaille was inspired to pursue a career in family law by personal experiences and her participation in Mock Trial for four years. She intends to minor in Spanish.

Her words: “I want to advocate for the silenced voices of children that have been affected by the actions of adults. I want to ensure their welfare and well-being.”

Edison vice principal Anna Woods: “She mentored younger students and motivated them to believe in themselves. It was magic watching and listening to her interact with these students.”



Edison High School

Graduation rate: 95%

Enrollment: 2,456

Did you know? Edison’s AP Human Geography has grown from one class of 36 students in 2001 to 10 sections and 350 students currently.

Big news this year: Edison won its first Valley title in boys water polo, has 89 valedictorians and 153 students who took eight or more AP honors courses.

CTE pathways: Biomedicine & Technology; Engineering Design & Development.

Principal: Joey Muñoz





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Anthony Gonzalez

Fresno High School

GPA: 4.00

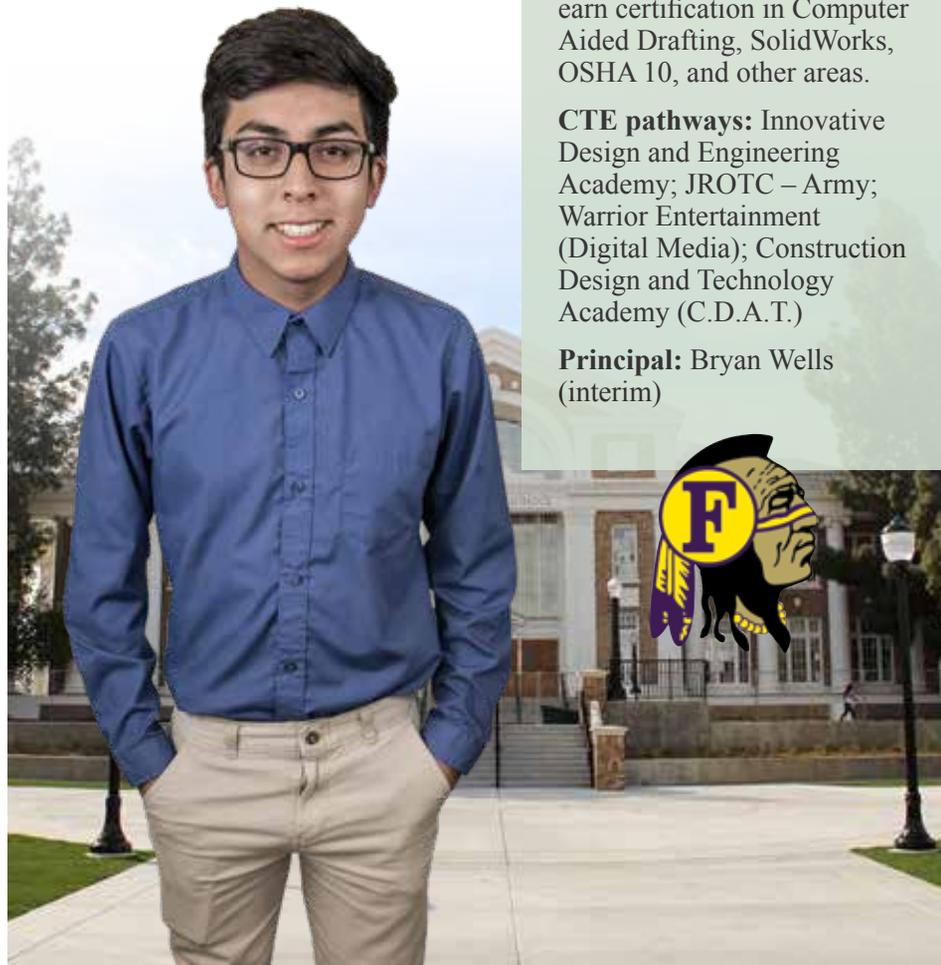
College: UCLA

Career goal: Criminal psychologist

About Anthony: His mother is a single parent also caring for a son with special needs. He will be the first among his siblings to graduate from high school and attend college. He is at the top of his class of 473. He is captain of the track team and a leader for various other clubs and activities.

His words: "I am motivated to study psychology because I want to help those that are also going through difficult times since I know what it feels like to be alone. The events in my childhood greatly impacted who I have become as a person."

Teacher Marisol Martinez: "He always demonstrated a passion for learning and his willingness to assist others in the classroom. He is kind and humble, two qualities that are necessary in today's world."



Fresno High School

Graduation rate: 93%

Enrollment: 2,135

Did you know? Fresno High has been authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career Programme (CP) Diploma beginning in the 2019-20 school year; Fresno High has the only heating ventilation air condition (HVAC) technician program for high school students. Students earn college credit from Fresno City College and a seat in the program upon high school graduation.

Big news this year: In August, Fresno High will open the Construction Design and Technology Academy for students interested in architectural design and construction technology and application. Students will earn certification in Computer Aided Drafting, SolidWorks, OSHA 10, and other areas.

CTE pathways: Innovative Design and Engineering Academy; JROTC – Army; Warrior Entertainment (Digital Media); Construction Design and Technology Academy (C.D.A.T.)

Principal: Bryan Wells (interim)



Christmilthina Loeung

Hoover High School

GPA: 3.83

College: Fresno State

Career goal: Business

About Christmilthina: His parents emigrated from Cambodia and his father passed away last year, requiring the family to move in with relatives. He will be the first in his family to go to college. He works in the school cafeteria to help his family with expenses, but also finds time for a variety of school activities, including student leadership.

His words: "My mom is also my greatest inspiration to never give up, even in the rough times. She has come so far from escaping a war and starting over with a new life in a country she was never aware of. If she can change her life, I can change mine for the better."

Hoover teacher Shannon A. Creviston: "I know that Chris will go on to accomplish great things in his life because he has the drive and determination to be successful. Chris has experienced great adversity in his life. He does not let these potentially disheartening issues get him down, but instead uses this as a motivation and driving force to be successful."



Hoover High School

Graduation rate: 91%

Enrollment: 1,800

Did you know? A Hoover graduate won the Super Bowl! (Mychal Kendricks)

Big news this year: Unified Sports was launched and Hoover was co-champion in Unified Soccer.

CTE pathways: Public Service; Eco-Technology; Media, Design & Production

Principal: Rebecca Wheeler



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Johana Marlene Flores

J.E. Young Academic Center

GPA: 2.55

College: Fresno State

Career goal: Attorney

About Johana: She is an undocumented student unable to obtain college aid, but is working 28 hours a week at a restaurant. Johana takes classes through the eLearn Academy at J.E. Young and because of her interest in the law, is enrolled in the Law and Policy lab at the Center for Advanced Research and Technology, a charter half day program operated by Fresno and Clovis districts. Her interest in being a lawyer was solidified after a field trip to the federal courthouse in Fresno where she watched the prosecution and the defense attorneys in action during a trial.

Her words: "I want to be able to serve justice to those who are blamed for things they did not do and for those who did something they shouldn't have done."

J.E. Young teacher Ann Sin:

"She definitely has what it takes and I see her with a promising future in the legal field. Johana has a willingness to improve herself."



J.E. Young Academic Center

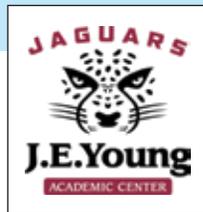
Enrollment: 375

Did you know? J.E. Young has students represented from all high schools, including Design Science Middle College High School and Patiño School of Entrepreneurship.

Big news this year: The center opened eLearn Academy, an online learning program for grades 7-12.

CTE: Pre-Employment; Fresno City College dual enrollment and high school enrichment

Principal: Carson Wood



Ilse Paola Reyes

McLane High School

GPA: 3.94

College: Fresno State

Career goal: High school Spanish teacher

About Ilse: She is the child of Mexican immigrants who have struggled to find well-paying jobs. Although Ilse loves math and excels at it, her passion is learning foreign languages. She is fluent in Spanish and is learning Portuguese and Japanese because of her interest in anime. She is at the top of her class of 335. She was named to the All-League teams in both tennis and lacrosse and is in band. After seeing immigrants from El Salvador and Mexico struggle to learn English at McLane, and knowing her parents' struggles because they do not know English, Ilse has decided to be a Spanish teacher.

Her words: "All in all, I want to make my parents proud. They motivate me every day to be better and further my education. I just want to be able to help others in the future and make my parents' hard work pay off."

McLane teacher Andrew Orelup:

"I am confident that Paola will achieve excellence in all her endeavors. By the very nature of who she is as a person, Paola will continue to improve herself as well as those around her. She is a young lady that I am proud to know."



McLane High School

Graduation Rate: 93.23%

Enrollment: 1,656

Did you know? McLane's partnership with Fellowship of Christian Athletes sent students Yeng Her and Tommy Vang on a nine-day missions trip to Uganda.

Big news this year:

McLane's Union Bank student interns created their own children's book on financial literacy and have been reading their stories to first- and second-graders in the McLane region.

Linked Learning Career Pathways:

Educational Careers Academy; Academy of Finance and Entrepreneurship; Medical Education and Research Academy

California Partnership Academy:

ArtVenture Academy

Principal: Brian Wulf





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Hnub Lee

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

GPA: 3.83

College: Fresno State

Career goal: Social entrepreneur

About Hnub: Hnub is from a family of 11 children that has struggled financially, with both parents disabled. She will be the first in her family to attend college. Hnub is part of the first graduating class of Patiño School of Entrepreneurship, a perfect fit for her entrepreneurial spirit and desire to make the Valley a better place. She and friends created Fresno Network in 2017, a networking space to help young people connect with their local community and businesses, as well as influence leaders.

Her words: “Before attending Patiño I had a lot of self-doubt, insecurities and was always worried about others’ opinion. But that changed. Patiño helped me find myself in many ways, like being a better person -- a better Hnub with confidence and perseverance.”

Patiño counselor Kirsten Krejcik: “Hnub is a dedicated student, daughter and citizen with so much to contribute to the Central Valley. Hnub has grit and sheer determination.”



Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

Enrollment: 245

Did you know? Patiño’s first class of seniors will graduate June 6.

Big news this year: Patiño is recruiting ninth graders for the first for the 2018-19 academic year. (Previously, it offered grades 10-12.)

Linked Learning: Entrepreneurship & Technology

Principal: Blair Eliason Sagardia



Robert Vaca

Roosevelt High School

GPA: 3.01

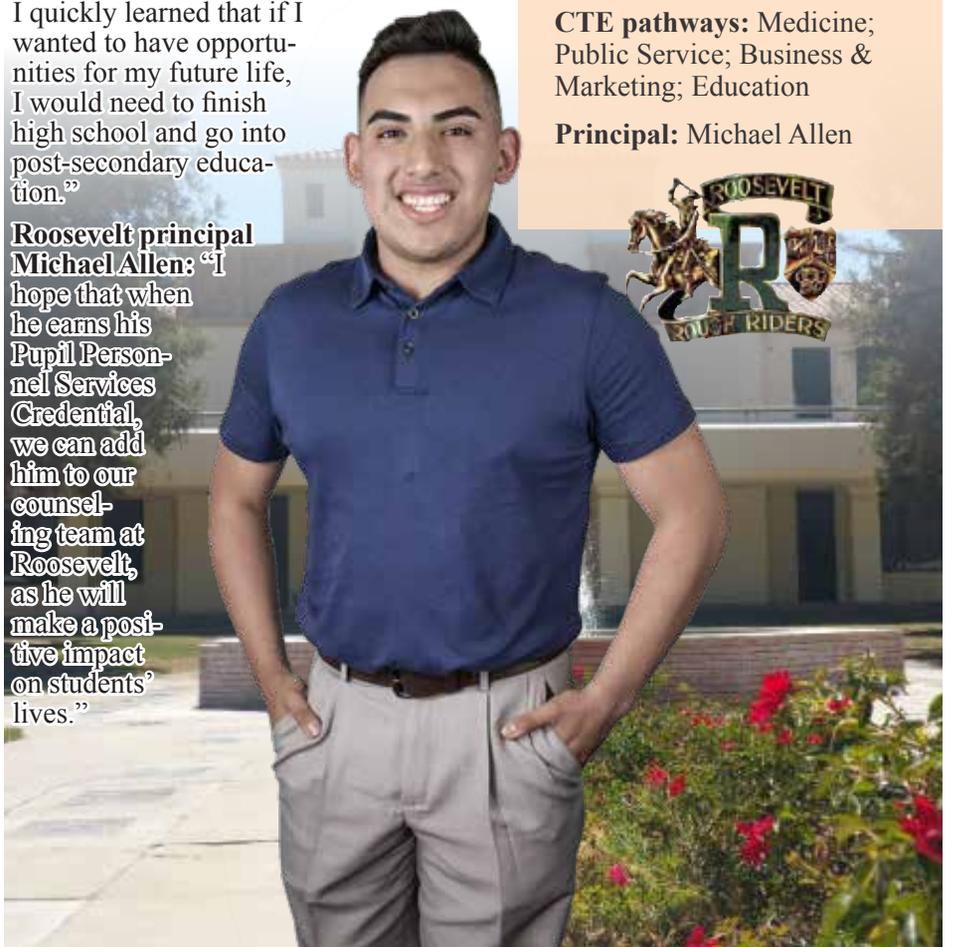
College: Fresno State

Career goal: Guidance counselor

About Robert: Robert is graduating a full year early so that he can pursue his college studies. He is the first in his family to graduate from high school and the first to attend a four-year university. He works in the school cafeteria to help his family with expenses. When he was selected for Bullard TALENT K-8 School as a first-grader, he discovered his passion for the arts and has been active in dance, student government and community service at Roosevelt. After becoming a peer helper in the academic counseling office at Roosevelt, he decided to pursue a career as an academic counselor and would like to return to a Fresno Unified high school to help students.

His words: “Throughout my youth, I’ve watched my mother, who often was a single parent, struggle to financially support our family, manage the household responsibilities and still make time for my sisters and me. I quickly learned that if I wanted to have opportunities for my future life, I would need to finish high school and go into post-secondary education.”

Roosevelt principal Michael Allen: “I hope that when he earns his Pupil Personnel Services Credential, we can add him to our counseling team at Roosevelt, as he will make a positive impact on students’ lives.”



Roosevelt High School

Graduation rate: 89.2%

Enrollment: 2,203

Did you know? Three of Fresno’s current leaders are Roosevelt Rough Riders: Mayor Lee Brand and city council members Paul Caprioglio and Luis Chavez.

Big news this year: Roosevelt’s theater is now named the Audra McDonald Theater in honor of Roosevelt High School and School of the Arts graduate Audra McDonald. McDonald is an award-winning singer and actress who has earned six Tony Awards for her work on Broadway and is the only person to have won in all four acting categories. She was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2017.

CTE pathways: Medicine; Public Service; Business & Marketing; Education

Principal: Michael Allen



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018

Erik Nieto Reynoso Sunnyside High School

GPA: 3.90

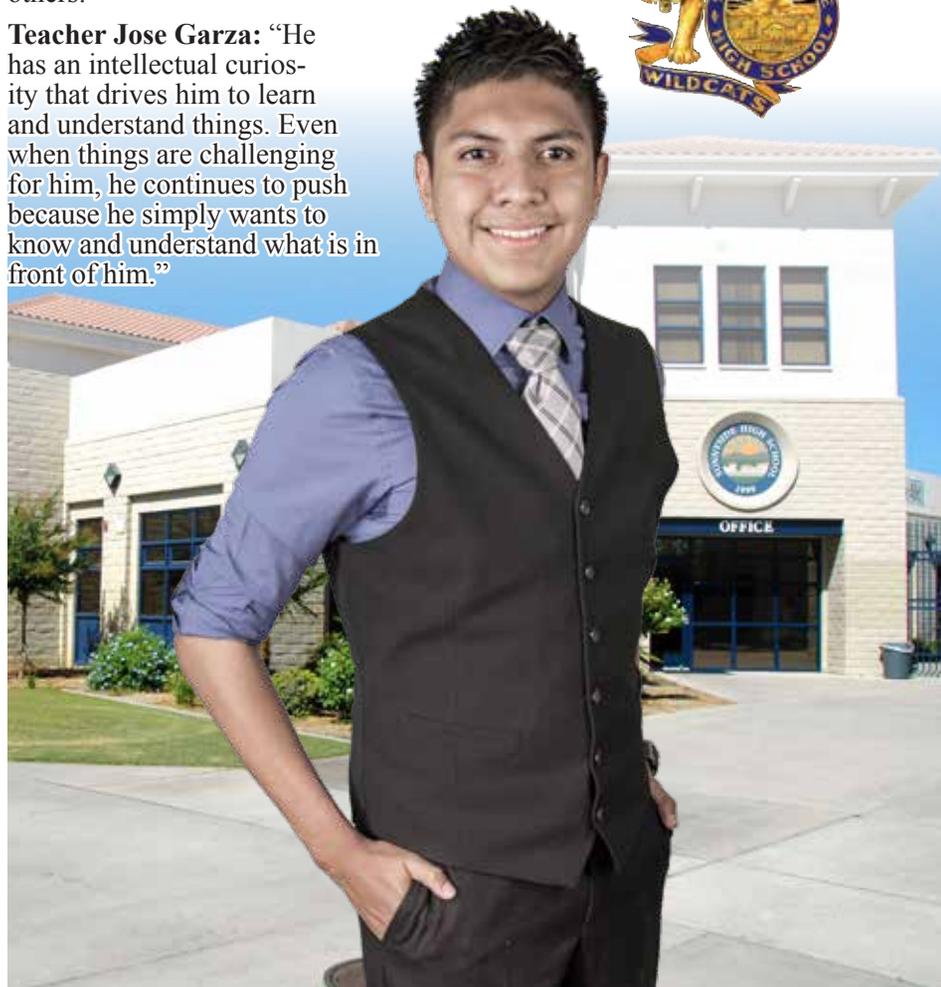
College: Fresno State

Career goal: Construction management

About Erik: Erik was raised by his mother, who is also responsible for older relatives. In 2008 during the economic downturn, the family became temporarily homeless and moved throughout California as his mom struggled to find employment. He has worked since he was 16, and currently works 26 hours a week at McDonald's. He still found time to be involved in school activities, including the track team.

His words: "I have lived and been evicted from various houses and apartments. Throughout these struggles, my mother always talked about her dream of actually owning a house of our own. We would be warm during winter and cool during summer. Nobody would barge into our house demanding rent; nobody would evict us. I expanded the dream, though. I want to design my own dream house as well as the dream houses of others."

Teacher Jose Garza: "He has an intellectual curiosity that drives him to learn and understand things. Even when things are challenging for him, he continues to push because he simply wants to know and understand what is in front of him."



Sunnyside High School

Graduation rate: 93%

Enrollment: 2,800

Did you know? Sunnyside enrolls more students at Fresno State than any other high school in the Valley and it has more Dell Scholarship winners than any other high school in the nation.

Big news this year: The boys soccer team won the Division 1 Valley Championship and the band will perform at Carnegie Hall next spring

CTE pathways: Agriscience & Technology; Multimedia & Marketing; Human Services & Health

Principal: Tim Liles



List of Scholarship Winners

Bullard High School: Mariana Bautista, Khylia Dejean, Megan Elower, Kiranjit Gill, Ashley Ramirez

Cambridge High School: Ana Montano

Design Science Middle College High School: Grizelda Aguilar, Timothy J. Diliberto, Kayla Gomez

DeWolf High School: Hailey Soto

Duncan Polytechnical High School: Anai Figueroa, Jesus Panales Castillo, Jennifer G. Ruiz Zarate

Edison High School: Victor Godinez, Chaille Payne, Evelyn Reyes, Klay Simmons, Phoebe Teves, Icelyn Yopez

Fresno High School: Isabel Gonzalez, Anthony Gonzalez, Lilly Huynh, Mia Millar, Nohely Niebla, Paulin Lizbeth Cruz Paez, Gisselle Reyes

Hoover High School: Meylin Angelica Alvarez, Jacqueline Manriquez Bueno, Mark Julius Tamayo De Vera, Christmilthina Loeung

J.E. Young Academic Center: Johana Marlene Flores

McLane High School: Nelson Cha, Ilse Paola Reyes, April Espinoza Robledo, Victoria Torres

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship: Hnub Lee, Imani Purvis

Roosevelt High School: Alec Her, Robert Vaca

Sunnyside High School: Juvelle Cabico, Azucena Ramirez, Erik Nieto Reynoso, Katherine Sayaseng, Mehikpreet Sidhu, Mai Thao Vang, Nickie Yang

Sign Me Up for College



Duncan Polytechnical High Students, from left, Sophia Moua, Choua Xiong and Pang Yang have fun at senior signing day on May 1, where students' commitment to college was highlighted on a senior wall.



PATIÑO GRADUATING CLASS
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to Realm Gaming Café (creating opportunities for customers to socialize within a gaming environment) to Alleviate (mission is to ensure postsecondary students' social emotional needs are met).

Graduates are headed to such schools as Fresno State, San Jose State, UCLA, UC Berkeley, and California Baptist University.

“We are excited to follow our first class of graduating seniors on their journey into college and career. They are a unique group of young men and women – true early adopters with strong entrepreneurial mindsets – who will most definitely impact our community in wonderful ways,” said Patiño principal Blair Eliason Sagardia.

Like a traditional high school, Patiño offers advanced courses, access to extracurricular activities, and special education support. Graduates can pursue college,

career, or both. However, at Patiño students direct their education based on their passion.

The school provides an open, innovative, and fun atmosphere, flexible schedule, and inspiring instructors. By the time students graduate, they will have developed, pitched, and launched their own companies. Students meet regularly with mentors from the business community to develop and test new ideas.

To tour the school: (559) 248-7360



Patiño School of Entrepreneurship will graduate its first class of seniors this year.

New School Named for Poet

Fresno Unified will name its newest elementary school for poet Juan Felipe Herrera, a former Fresno state professor who served as the nation's Poet Laureate from 2015-2017.

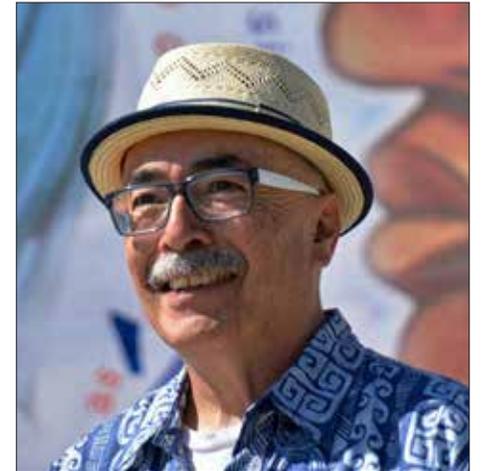
The Fresno Unified Board of Education approved the name at the May 9 board meeting from a list of about 100 recommendations from the community.

Juan Felipe Herrera Elementary School will open in August 2020 in southeast Fresno in the Sunnyside High School region, on Church Avenue between Willow and Peach avenues. It is being built with funds from Measure X, the \$225 million school bond voters overwhelmingly passed in November 2016.

Herrera was born in Fowler, the son of migrant farmers. He has published numerous collections of poetry as well as short stories, books for young adults and children's books. His poems are often bilingual, exploring immigration, life in California and Chicano identity. He is also an activist and artist.

Herrera was a professor at Fresno State from 1990 to 2004, served as chair of the Chicano and Latin American Studies Department and continues to be a professor emeritus. Herrera lives in Fresno.

Following the announcement, Herrera tweeted that he was “humbled and honored.”



Fresno Unified will name its next new school for award-winning poet Juan Felipe Herrera.

Fresno Unified will build Herrera's namesake school on district-owned property it has used as a portable classroom site for various programs over the past 25 years. Phoenix Secondary Academy is currently housed there, with plans to relocate the school to other district-owned property in the area.

The southeast elementary school site is adjacent to property acquired for a future high school, east and across Church from Terronez Middle School, and west of Storey Elementary School.

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Fun FACTS



- ▶ Students at 38 schools collected 39,026 books for the Reading Heart book drive
- ▶ The district will honor 355 valedictorians this year

▶ \$61,000 in Fresno Unified Scholarships was awarded at a May 8 banquet



Food Services Director Helps Employees Increase Skills



Jose Alvarado, director of Food Services for Fresno Unified, teaches a food safety processing class at Manchester Center through Fresno Adult School. Alvarado began teaching the classes this past academic year for current Fresno Unified employees interested in promoting to a higher level position. The classes are scheduled at convenient times for employees and match the curriculum offered at Fresno City College. Topics include temperature control, food safety protocols, facility sanitation, menu planning and customer service. For Alvarado's most recent session, 26 employees were enrolled.



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Fresno Unified aims to incorporate a number of district priorities in the design of the new school. The school will feature additional early learning classrooms, classrooms for students with disabilities, a special music classroom, and specific accommodations for community use of green space. A health clinic is planned, as the Sunnyside area has

a high need for access to primary health services.

The school will include a one-story early learning wing and a two-story building for the other classrooms. The new school will have an inviting, timeless design that will integrate with the future high school planned for an adjacent site.



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Students Wise Up to Money

Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU) has made it a priority to educate students about realistic money management with its Wise Up program.

Last year, more than 20,000 students from Tulare to Atwater participated.

This summer, EECU will again be offering the Wise Up program at Fresno and Sunnyside high schools.

During the first hour of Wise Up, EECU financial experts teach students how to calculate gross income versus net income and about choosing a career. Students are shown traditional accounting methods, such as how to balance a checkbook.

The second hour of Wise Up is interactive. Booths are set up representing student loans, food, clothing, car and house payments, utilities and other expenses. Keeping their net income in mind, students visit the different booths to “buy” what they need to maintain



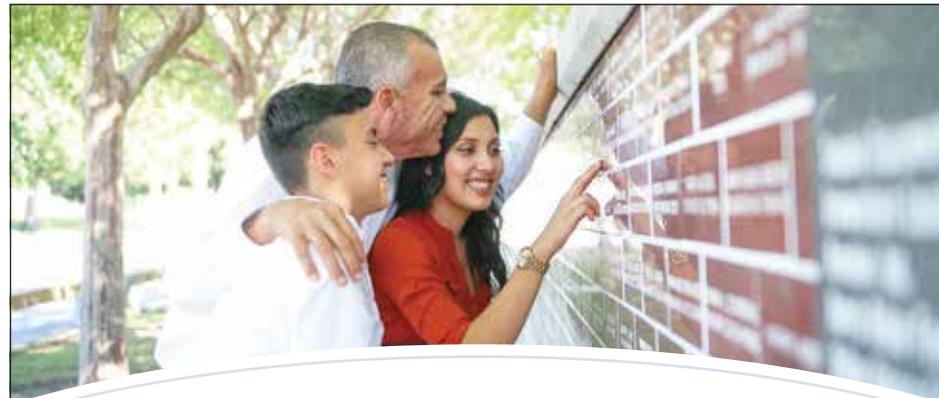
the lifestyle they want. Students even go to a child care station where they roll the dice to determine how many children they’re going to have.

“We ask them, ‘Will the lifestyle you want to live be supported by the career choice you’ve made?’ It’s a huge question,” said EECU’s Patty Martin, who helps run the program.

EECU employees discuss common bad financial decisions and solutions.

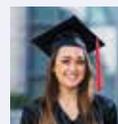
EECU conducts about 80 Wise Up sessions a year. Schools can cater the EECU visit to their specific needs and available time. Students at Bullard, Cambridge, Design Science Middle College, DeWolf, Duncan Polytechnical, Fresno, Hoover, Patiño, Roosevelt and Sunnyside high schools have participated in Wise Up.

For more information on the free EECU Wise Up program, call Patty Martin at (559) 260-5682 or visit www.eecu.org.



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divorced. She is now determined to pursue a career as a lawyer to help families in crisis.

- And Chris, whose parents were Cambodian refugees who struggled to find jobs. His father died last year and the family had to move in with relatives. His mother, who has sacrificed much to ensure a better life for her family, inspires him to pursue the American dream. He is headed to Fresno State, and will be the first in his family to attend college.

These stories remind us as educators why this work is so important, why building positive relationships with our youth is so vital in their development as adults and college and career ready graduates. Congratulations to our graduates and to the many who helped them reach this monumental moment. I wish all of our students and staff a safe and relaxing summer.

Nos Sentimos Orgullosos de Nuestros Graduados y de Todos los que Apoyaron su Trayectoria Académica

Excursiones, kermeses escolares, conciertos de primavera, exámenes estatales, asambleas de reconocimiento, cenas para becas y exámenes finales – todas estas son señales que el ciclo escolar llega a su fin, pero nada sirve más del conteo universal reversible que las ceremonias de graduación de la preparatoria. Desde el 24 de mayo hasta el 6 de junio, en seis lugares, 15 diferentes ceremonias tomarán lugar, 3,800 estudiantes cruzarán el escenario de graduación para recibir su diploma de preparatoria. Estas maravillosas ceremonias sirven como cúspide de los logros de nuestros estudiantes de preparatoria, pero yo veo el peldaño de esta graduación como el punto de partida a grandes oportunidades por delante. Apoyados por los esfuerzos colectivos de los maestros, consejeros, administradores y muchos otros, los estudiantes están caminando a través del escenario de graduación preparados para ambos el Colegio/Universidad y una Carrera, seguros del trayecto que les espera. Todo nuestro distrito celebra las graduaciones del éxito estudiantil y permiten reflexionar en los momentos especiales a lo largo de la trayectoria académica. . . Para algunos, llegar a este peldaño y tomar el siguiente paso

hacia la Universidad no sería posible sin el apoyo y recursos financieros de una beca como los Fondos de Becas del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno. El mes pasado, otorgamos un total de \$61,000 en becas a 46 estudiantes del grado 12 (seniors) merecedores de la misma, todo esto en un esfuerzo por asegurar que los estudiantes tengan la oportunidad de extender su aprendizaje educativo, no importan los retos o dificultades financieras que ellos pueden enfrentar.

A través de los empleados y apoyo comunitario, nuestros Fondos de Becas del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Fresno proveyeron los recursos financieros a los estudiantes como:

- Kiranjit, que luchó con finanzas limitadas, ayudó a sus hermanos más pequeños a hacer la tarea y otras varias presiones, pero encontró que los servicios comunitarios, competir en el Decatlón Académico y el trabajo de clase le ayudaron a permanecer enfocada y salir adelante en tiempos difíciles.
- Ana, que tuvo que tomar estudios en el hogar durante su noveno (freshman) grado debido a que necesitaba cuidar de sus hermanos pequeños mientras su padres trabajaban en el campo. Esto la atrasó en sus clases. Ella asistió a cuatro preparatorias diferentes mientras trataba de ponerse al corriente. Luego falleció su mejor amiga. Pero ella perseveró y se graduó a tiempo.
- Chaille, que soportó una aterradora batalla cuando sus padres se divorciaron. Ahora, está decidida a perseguir una carrera como abogada para ayudar a las familias en crisis.
- Chris, cuyos padres eran refugiados Camboyanos tuvieron dificultad para encontrar trabajo. Su padre falleció el año pasado y la familia se tuvo que mudar a vivir con familiares/parientes. Su madre, que ha sacrificado mucho para asegurar una mejor vida para su familia, le inspira para alcanzar el sueño americano. El asistirá a Fresno State y será el primero de su familia en asistir a la Universidad.

Como educadores, estas historias nos recuerdan por qué este trabajo es tan importante y por qué construir relaciones positivas con nuestros jóvenes es tan vital en su desarrollo como adultos y graduarse listos y preparados para

el Colegio/Universidad y una Carrera. Felicidades a nuestros graduados y a tantas personas que les ayudaron a llegar a este momento monumental. Les deseo a todos nuestros estudiantes y al personal un verano seguro y tranquilo.

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Los ntawm tej neeg ua hauj lwm thiab zej zog kev txhawb pab, peb Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund tau npaj tej kev pab nyiaj txiag rau tej tub kawm ntawv xws li:

- Kiranjit, nws muaj teeb meem txog tsis muaj nyiaj txiag, pab nws tus nus yau ua hoo vawj thiab ntau yaum kev nyuaj siab, tiam sis nrhiav tau zej zog kev pab, sib tw Txuj Ci thiab kev ua hauj lwm hauv chav kawm pab tau nws txoj kev kawm thiab ua rau lub sij hawm nyuaj nyuaj rau nws dhau mus.
- Ana, nws mus tsev kawm nyob rau lub sij hawm nws chav “freshman” yeeb vim tias nws yuav tau zov nws cov me nyuam nus yau thiab cov vivncaus thaum lub sij hawm nws niam nws txiv mus ua teb. Qhov no ua rau nws poob qab. Nws tau mus kawm plaub lub tsev kawm ntawv theem siab kom nws caum cuag. Tsis ntev ntawm nws tus phooj ywg zoo tau tuag. Tiam sis nws mob siab thiab tau kawm tias raws sij hawm.
- Chaille, nws txom nyeem txoj kev sib txeeb thaum nws niam nws txiv nkawm sib nrauj. Tam sim no nws txiav txim siab mus nrhiav ib txoj hauj lwm uas yog ua kws lij choj los pab cov tsev yim neeg muaj kev ntxhov siab.
- Thiab Chris, uas nws niam nws txiv yog Cambodian neeg tawg rog uas nyuaj rau kev nrhiav hauj lwm ua. Tseb no nws txiv tau tuag lawm thiab nws tsev neeg tau mus nrog tej txheeb ze nyob. Nws niam, nws tau tiv kev txom nyem ntau heev rau ib lub neej zoo rau nws tsev neeg, ua rau txhawb nws caum Meskas zaj npau suav. Nws mus kawm nyob rau Fresno State, thiab yuav yog thawj tug ntawm nws tsev neeg mus kawm college.

Cov zaj dab neeg no uas rau peb cov tub ntxawg nco txog yog vim li cas qhov hauj lwm no thiaj tseem ceeb heev, yog vim li cas thiaj muaj kev sib raug zoo nrog peb tej me nyuam hluas yog ib qho tseem ceeb heev rau lawv kev loj hlob ua neeg laus thiab mus kawm college thiab kawm tiav npaj txhij ua dej num. Nrog peb zoo siab rau peb cov kawm tiav thiab coob coob tus tau muab kev pab lawv ncav rau lub sij hawm no. Kuv xav kom txhua tus ntawm peb cov tub kawm ntawv thiab cov neeg khiav dej num nyob kaj siab lug thiab so los siav lub caij ntuj qhua.



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