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Students Find Career Paths

Recent graduates Sally Amer, Juan Guerrero and Michael Pasuit are headed on different career paths – but all were inspired by career technical education (CTE) classes they took at their high schools.

They are among the many students who have taken advantage of Fresno Unified’s robust offerings of career pathway and Linked Learning classes. For these students, and hundreds of others, CTE set them on a career path that they

might not have found, and prepared them to successfully transition from high school to their field of study in college or straight to the job market.

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Sally Amer

Duncan Polytechnical High School

Nursing Services Pathway/ Medical Academy of Science and Health (MASH)

Sally solidified her career goals during her senior year when she discovered a passion for pediatric nursing during a field trip to Valley Children's Hospital.

“It really did spark something,” Sally said.

Sally said she liked building her medical skills year-by-year, beginning as a freshman. For example, as a junior she spent time at Veterans Affairs Central California Health Care System hospital developing communication skills with patients. Her senior year, she logged more than 100 hours at the Golden Living-Hylond nursing home working with patients.

Her medical courses and hands-on experience prepared her for the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) test, which she took in May (and is



awaiting the results). Sally said that a cousin in her second year at Fresno State in pre-nursing is amazed at the skills Sally already has.

As she was learning medical skills, Sally was also taking all the classes she needed to attend a four-year university. Sally will start the pre-nursing program at Fresno State in the fall.

“Because of Duncan’s instructors, I am where I am today,” Sally said. “They really did inspire me. I’m

Celebrating the Class of 2018



Maya Batzin from Bullard High School celebrates graduation on June 4 at the Save Mart Center. Fresno Unified held ceremonies for 3,800 graduates, beginning with the May 24 ceremony for Design Science Middle College High School and concluding with Roosevelt High School on June 6. Graduates included 355 valedictorians. The district held 15 ceremonies at six venues. For video, go to vimeo.com/fresnounified/graduation2018

beyond grateful for that.”

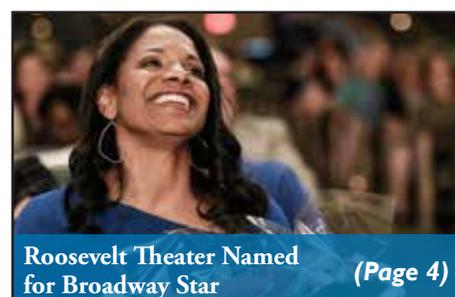
Duncan is extremely proud of its students, including Sally, said Karen Burrington, career education coordinator at Duncan.

“I think Duncan has done a great job of preparing students for job site

opportunities and giving them real world experience to prepare them for future careers,” Burrington said.

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PARENTS

Read all about it: Summer is a Great Time for Sharing Books

Summer is a great time for parents to help children improve their reading skills and enjoy books together. Make reading a part of daily life this summer, even with babies and teenagers.

Tips for Summer Reading:

- **Be a reader yourself.** Any type of reading -- newspapers, magazines, books -- sets a great example.
- **Reading time.** Set aside a special time, such as right after dinner or before bed, to read to your children. If your children are older, have everyone grab a book, sit together, and read individually for a specific time. Set the timer. Be consistent.
- **Connect books with summer experiences.** It's fun to find books about the beach or camping or baseball, and then talk about your family's own experiences.
- **Head to the library.** Fresno County library branches offer air-conditioned, comfortable libraries. Check out story times, puppet shows and other special summer activities. Getting a library card is easy.
- **Pack books.** Whether it's a weeklong vacation or a trip to the park, take along books -- and put away the electronic devices. Parents should set the example.
- **Let them choose.** For summer, let children select their own books. Consider an incentive if children choose an award-winning book or classic.
- **Choosing the right reading level.** Generally, five or more reading errors on a page of about 50 words means the book is too challenging.

- **Reading beyond books.** Encourage children to read the sports page or comics or an educational magazine.
- **Flicks and books.** Read a book and then watch the movie. Talk about how they were different and which you preferred.
- **Students with required summer reading:** Use a calendar to map out a schedule to avoid the last minute reading rush. Alternate required reading with books of their own choice.

El Verano es un Buen Tiempo Para Leer

El verano es un buen tiempo para que los padres ayuden a los niños a mejorar sus destrezas de lectura y disfrutar juntos de libros. Este verano hagan la lectura parte de su rutina diaria, hasta con los bebés y adolescentes.

Consejos Para Leer Durante El Verano:

- **Usted mismo lea.** De cualquier tipo de lectura -- periódico, revistas, libros -- les pone un gran ejemplo.
- **Tiempo para leer:** Aparten un momento especial, como después de cenar o antes de dormir, para leerle a sus niños. Si sus niños son mayores, dígame que todos agarren un libro, y que se sientan juntos, y que cada quien lea su libro por cierto tiempo. Ponga un temporizador. Sea consistente.
- **Conecta los libros con las experiencias del verano.** Es divertido encontrar libros acerca de la playa o de campamento o de béisbol, y después hablar de sus propias experiencias de la familia.



Burroughs Elementary School student Unique Ortiz and her father, Frank Ortiz, enjoy reading together during a Father's Day event May 18 honoring and encouraging fathers' and father figures' involvement at schools. Summer is a great time to encourage reading.

- **Vayan a la biblioteca.** Las sucursales de bibliotecas del condado de Fresno ofrecen bibliotecas cómodas con aire acondicionado. Vayan y disfruten de tiempo de historia, espectáculo de marionetas y otras actividades especiales de verano. Obtener su tarjeta de la biblioteca es fácil.
- **Empaque libros.** Si es una semana de vacación o una vuelta al parque, llévense libros ustedes -- y guarden los aparatos electrónicos. Los padres deben poner el ejemplo.
- **Déjelos que escojan.** En el verano, deje que los niños escojan sus propios libros. Considere un incentivo si sus niños seleccionan un libro que ha sido galardonado o es un clásico.
- **Escojan el nivel de lectura adecuado.** En general, si hay cinco o más errores de lectura en una página de más o menos 50 palabras, eso indica que el libro es demasiado retador.
- **Leer más allá de libros.** Anime a sus niños a leer la página de deportes o la sección de cómica, o una revista educativa.
- **Películas y libros.** Lean un libro y después vean la película. Hablen acerca de cómo son diferente y cual prefirieron.
- **Estudiantes con requerimiento de lectura en el verano.** Usen un calendario para ubicar una agenda y así evitar leer de prisa en el último momento. Alterne las lecturas requeridas con las de los libros que ellos escogieron.

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Important Dates

Through Aug. 3

Summer Swimming at High School Pools (see page 12 for details)

Aug. 13

First Day of 2018-19 School Year



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SUPERINTENDENT'S *Message*

Reflect on Success in 2017-18 and Enjoy the Summer

Another successful season of Fresno Unified graduations is in the books and summer vacation is in full swing.

As I look back on my first full school year as superintendent, I want to stop for a moment and share how grateful I am to our more than 10,000 Fresno Unified employees. The district started the school year under difficult circumstances -- we were in the midst of negotiations with our labor partners as we worked diligently to reach an agreement. The process was long and it took a toll on our entire system and our community, for that matter. Despite the situation, staff continued to keep students at the forefront of our collective efforts.



Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D
Superintendent

Following our collective agreement, I am proud to say that the district and our labor partners are building a new collaborative culture together -- a place where all voices are valued and we are rowing in the same direction to achieve the same outcome. We've seen success not just at the executive level but in the area of special education as our teams work to increase supports for students, families and staff. Our joint Special Education Committee continues to collaborate around the specific areas of caseload, workload, and classroom ratios.

I am extremely proud of the shift that is underway to change our narrative as a district, and to highlight the importance of collaboration with all members of our community. This shift helped jump start the second half of our school year, which was full of positive outcomes for students, school sites and our staff, including:

- Breaking ground for the heavy

truck CTE facility at Duncan Polytechnical High School

- Completing classroom and administrative buildings and the new entrance at Bullard High School
- Announcing we will build a new elementary school in southeast Fresno and name it for former national poet laureate Juan Felipe Herrera
- Celebrating the first graduating class of Steve's Scholars -- 26 former Tehipite Middle School students who met the challenges of the program, performed acts of service in our community, and earned \$1,000 scholarships for two years
- The state Department of Education

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Message from Dr. Stephanie Robinson, Director of Nursing at Fresno City College

Fresno City College Partners with District to Encourage Careers in Health Care

As the Health and Human Services chair for the Fresno Unified School District Career Technical Education Advisory Sub-Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with various healthcare business partners on an ongoing basis. The mission of the committee is: "Students will have the guidance, support, employability and readiness to enter the healthcare workforce or higher education."



Stephanie Robinson
Director of Nursing
Fresno City College

During this past spring semester, a number of teachers from Fresno Unified and business partners came together through a coordinated effort to help identify jobs for the future and increase

the quality of high school student projects in specific pathways, including healthcare. Focusing on lessons for ninth- and 10-graders, the teachers made presentations and then received feedback from their business partners to verify key understanding of the discussion.

Last summer, Fresno Unified faculty observed the Fresno City College LVN to RN Transition Skills lab in our Health Sciences Building. Faculty will be observing again this summer. Tours from the high schools occurred during the fall and spring semesters. The programs include Registered Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Dental Hygiene, Respiratory Care, Medical Assisting and Health Information Technology. The faculty and students enjoyed the experience so much that a number of Fresno Unified high school classes have already toured the FCC Allied Health Programs and a new series of tours is scheduled for this summer and fall.

We are happy to provide this outreach

to Fresno Unified so that their students are made aware of the careers that are available in the health professions. In addition, a new dual enrollment program is now in place for Medical Terminology, Pharmacology, Legal and Ethical Issues, and Athletic Training classes. Dual enrollment provides qualified high school students the opportunity to take college level courses while in high school and receive college credit.

Building a bridge for our healthcare partners has been an invaluable endeavor for us to assist high school students to move into higher education. This allows Fresno Unified and Fresno City College to build a stronger workforce for healthcare in our community.

The mission of FCC is to provide quality programs and to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of our students and region. We look forward to future conversations and collaborative efforts to provide access and a clear pathway for students.

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Audra McDonald: Alma Mater Theater Naming is 'Overwhelming'

Audra McDonald, perhaps Roosevelt High School's most famous alumnus, returned on May 26 for the naming of the campus' theater in her honor.

The dedication of the Audra McDonald Theater included a video tribute and performances by the Roosevelt Performing Arts Singers. City officials recognized McDonald with a key to the city and the naming of M Street alongside Saroyan Theatre Audra McDonald Way.

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

McDonald reminisced about her time as a Roosevelt Rough Rider, even leading the crowd in a Rough Rider cheer. She spoke privately with the Performing Arts Singers on stage after they presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

In her comments to the entire audience, she urged compassion for others and better communication.

"I truly believe that in these dark, confusing, divisive times, that is what we need more than anything to help bring back the light -- we have to start communicating," she said.

McDonald graduated from Roosevelt School of the Arts in 1988 (called Roosevelt Performing Arts Magnet), then moved to New York to attend Juilliard. A year after graduating from Juilliard she won the first of her six Tony Awards. Growing



Audra McDonald enjoys a program of videos and student performances during a ceremony May 26 to name the Roosevelt High School theater in her honor. McDonald graduated from Roosevelt in 1988.

up in Fresno, she performed with Good Company Players' Junior Company.

In addition to her record-breaking six Tonys, McDonald has won two Grammy Awards and an Emmy Award. In 2015, President Obama awarded McDonald the National Medal of Arts and Time magazine named her among the 100 Most Influential People.



Audra McDonald poses with the Roosevelt Performing Arts Singers after they presented her with a bouquet.



The district erected new signage on the Roosevelt auditorium in honor of Broadway star Audra McDonald, a 1988 alumnus.



Growing up in Fresno, McDonald performed with the Good Company Players.



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Juan Guerrero
Fresno High School

Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program

Juan was struggling to find meaning in high school during his senior year. He was living with a cousin and paying rent, working in a fast-food restaurant and unsure of his future. When a counselor found out he liked working with his hands, she suggested Fresno High's brand-new HVAC program.

Through the program, Juan earned college credit for an Introduction to HVAC class and signed up for Fresno City College's HVAC program for August. He has all his HVAC courses mapped out to complete in nine months and start his career in the heating and cooling industry.

The program is available to juniors and seniors. It gives students a chance to earn college credit and guarantees them a seat in the HVAC program at Fresno City College when they graduate. They can complete HVAC certification or earn an associate's degree.

"I wasn't even planning on doing college, but now that I know it's only nine months, I'm going to do it," Juan said. "I'm excited. Before [the HVAC program] I thought I was going to be a drop-out."

With his parents living in a different state, Juan said he had no one



encouraging him at home. But several staff members at Fresno High kept tabs on him.

"I appreciate all the staff for caring about me and telling me to come to school," Juan said.

Keisha Shabazz, a College and Career Readiness coordinator at Fresno High, said the change in Juan was "phenomenal." Once he found a career path, he took his studies seriously and improved his attendance.

"Juan is the reason we do what we do in providing opportunities for all students, including those who think they don't have a future. He's a walking example of what a good program could provide for our most vulnerable students," Shabazz said.

Michael Pasuit

Hoover High School

Public Service Linked Learning Pathway

When Michael Pasuit was 6 years old, a car hit him as he walked to school with his mom. She carried him several blocks to Fresno Fire Department's Station 12, where he believes fire fighters' care may have saved his life.

After he recovered, he decided he would be a firefighter when he grew up, and visited the station nearly every day until fourth grade. His dream faded a bit, until he was about to start high school and his mother sat him down and asked him about his career goals.

"I don't think I could be a firefighter if I hadn't gone to this school."

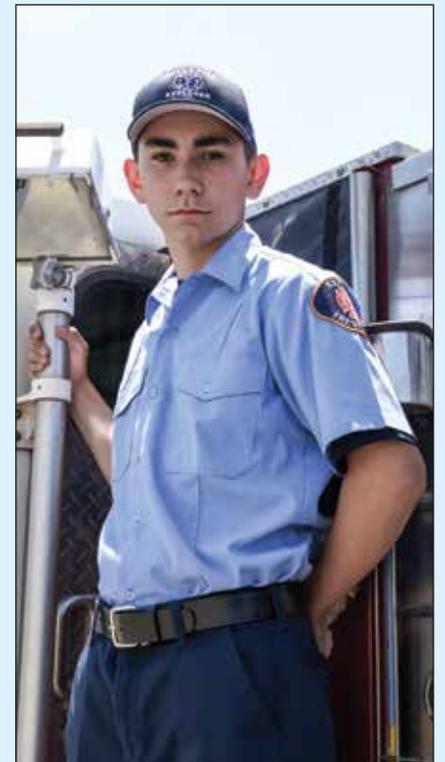
-- Hoover High School graduate Michael Pasuit

They talked about his old dream of being a firefighter, so his mom called around and found Hoover High's Public Service career pathway. He had to ride a bus 40 minutes each way to get to Hoover, but it was a perfect fit.

Had he not pursued the Public Service pathway, he thinks he would have graduated "not knowing what to do with my life."

Students in the pathway take classes all four years that expose them to careers in public safety. Students can take a fire science course in their senior year. The school has donated firefighting equipment and a fire engine to help students learn.

In addition to the career pathway



classes, Michael was in the Fresno City Explorers program this past school year after passing the agility and oral tests. This fall, he will go through the emergency medical technician (EMT) program at Fresno City College and apply for the Fire Academy at Fresno City College.

Sid Chacon, a fire science and EMT teacher at Hoover and Roosevelt high schools, said Michael has worked hard to learn as much as he can. He set a record time in the ladder-carrying portion of the Career Skills Challenge last spring, helping the Hoover team take first place.

"He's very committed, very passionate. I'm very proud of him," Chacon said.



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Fresno Unified Career Technical Education Highlights

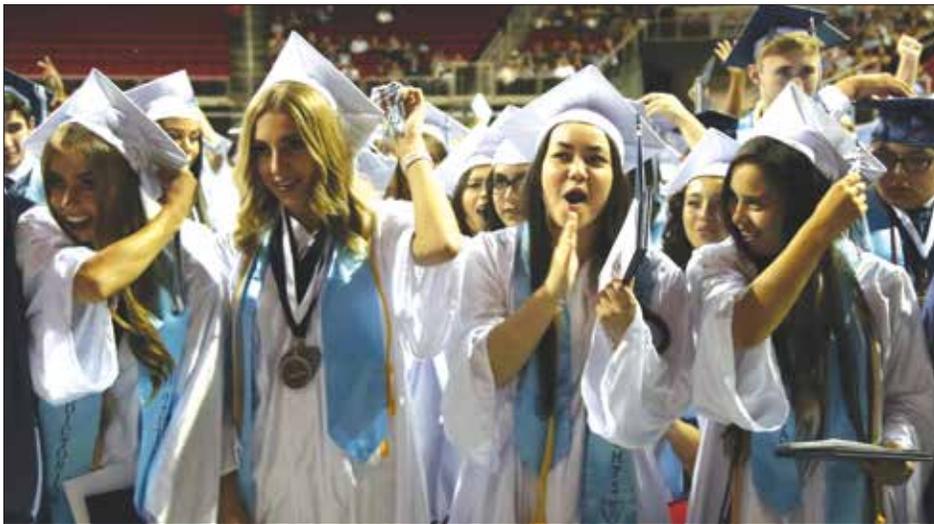
- 23 Linked Learning career pathways
- Four International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programmes
- 140 CTE courses offered (grades 7-12)
- 11,587 CTE students (7-12)
- 84% of CTE courses receive A-G credit for CSU/UC college acceptance work



GRADUATION 2018

Bullard High School

June 4, 2018 | Save Mart Center



Valedictorians

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| <i>Tori S. Alper</i> | <i>Saryna Galik</i> | <i>Jaramina D. Lessard</i> | <i>Destiny Ramirez</i> |
| <i>Anne L. Arakelian</i> | <i>Vincent A. Garcia</i> | <i>Bryan A. Lewis</i> | <i>Kali Randall</i> |
| <i>Catleya</i> | <i>Sarah E. Garner</i> | <i>Hannah Claire</i> | <i>Madeline Grace</i> |
| <i>Bedard-Dureza</i> | <i>Jaime J. Garza</i> | <i>Louden</i> | <i>Richardson</i> |
| <i>Allondra C. Bratton</i> | <i>Justin Gibson</i> | <i>Jessica A. Magana</i> | <i>Elizabeth Rosales</i> |
| <i>Rebecca E. Colbert</i> | <i>Kiranjit Kaur Gill</i> | <i>Zachary D. May</i> | <i>Gabriel Marcel Ruiz</i> |
| <i>Caroline E. Cole</i> | <i>Sukhbir S. Gill</i> | <i>Alexandrea Mercier</i> | <i>Navkomal Sanghera</i> |
| <i>Grace Crary</i> | <i>Cameron Gonzales</i> | <i>Marissa Middleton</i> | <i>Hailey A. Scharton</i> |
| <i>Kristin Davis</i> | <i>Isaac Gonzalez</i> | <i>Brandon Michael</i> | <i>Erik A. Shaw</i> |
| <i>Samantha Nicole</i> | <i>Jillian E. Hancock</i> | <i>Muhawi</i> | <i>Hunter Shaw</i> |
| <i>Davis</i> | <i>Rex Dean Hibbard</i> | <i>Kristina Muradyan</i> | <i>Caroline Smith</i> |
| <i>Gianna Dickson</i> | <i>Thea Renzi Hudson</i> | <i>Paige Azaria Newport</i> | <i>Kamryn L. Sorrick</i> |
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Fresno High School

June 4, 2018 | Save Mart Center

Valedictorians

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| <i>Heidy Iveth</i> | <i>Emma Estrada</i> | <i>Elizabeth Margaret</i> | <i>Lizbeth Benitez</i> |
| <i>Aguillon Ruballos</i> | <i>Hernandez</i> | <i>Montes</i> | <i>Santiago</i> |
| <i>Nuha Nageeb</i> | <i>Adriana Flores</i> | <i>Nohely Nicole Niebla</i> | <i>Nallely Sida</i> |
| <i>Hizam Ahmed</i> | <i>Savana Floyd</i> | <i>Lindsay Miranda</i> | <i>Marissa Marie Simms</i> |
| <i>Juan Manuel Alvarado</i> | <i>Valeria Elizabeth</i> | <i>Norton</i> | <i>Shaymany Nyree</i> |
| <i>Caren Mariann</i> | <i>Garcia</i> | <i>Kevin Ponce</i> | <i>Suarez Garcia</i> |
| <i>Avila Gutierrez</i> | <i>Anthony Gonzalez</i> | <i>Christian M. Ramirez</i> | <i>Tressa Lilian</i> |
| <i>Teresa Avila</i> | <i>Isabel Gonzalez</i> | <i>Rosaura Ramirez</i> | <i>Tamez-Gadams</i> |
| <i>Kayla Lucinda Blue</i> | <i>John Dylan Gonzalez</i> | <i>Gianna Danielle</i> | <i>Noelia Torres</i> |
| <i>Angel Cardenas</i> | <i>Lily Huynh</i> | <i>Reyes</i> | <i>Vanessa Marie Torres</i> |
| <i>Montalvo</i> | <i>Brenda Ana</i> | <i>Gisselle Leslie Reyes</i> | <i>Takashi R. Tsutsui</i> |
| <i>Sanramon Chhay</i> | <i>Ibanez Reyes</i> | <i>Samantha E.</i> | <i>Eryca J. Underwood</i> |
| <i>Genesis Victoria</i> | <i>Rosa Lee</i> | <i>Rodriguez</i> | <i>Alyssa Vargas</i> |
| <i>Noemi Chinchilla</i> | <i>Jacqueline Alejandra</i> | <i>Arvell Latrell</i> | <i>Erik Salvador</i> |
| <i>Zetino</i> | <i>Lopez Segura</i> | <i>Kealalehua Rogers</i> | <i>Vasquez Medina</i> |
| <i>Johana Soledad</i> | <i>Mia Millar</i> | <i>Alexis Marie Salmeron</i> | <i>Maya Belin Zepeda</i> |
| <i>De La Cruz</i> | <i>Samah Ali Mohamed</i> | <i>Nallely Sida</i> | <i>Jennifer Sanchez Medina</i> |



Design Science Middle College High School

May 24, 2018 | Old Administration Building



Valedictorians

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| <i>Samuel Nathan</i> | <i>Stephanie S. Lopez</i> |
| <i>Campos</i> | <i>Michelle Itzanami</i> |
| <i>Samantha Marie</i> | <i>Mora-Salazar</i> |
| <i>D'Alessio</i> | <i>Cirilo Alfredo Ordaz</i> |
| <i>Timothy James</i> | <i>Perez</i> |
| <i>Diliberto</i> | <i>Angel Gonzalo Perez</i> |
| <i>Gisela Flores-Ramirez</i> | <i>Ethan Alexander</i> |
| <i>Isaak Nicolas</i> | <i>Turner</i> |
| <i>Hernandez</i> | <i>Billy Keanu Weathers</i> |

Duncan Polytechnical High School

June 4, 2018 | Saroyan Theatre



Valedictorians

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| <i>Sally Amer</i> | <i>Jennifer G.</i> |
| <i>Jameelah Brooks</i> | <i>Ruiz-Zarate</i> |
| <i>Anai Jamile Figueroa</i> | <i>Yee Poua Thao</i> |
| <i>Pheng Lee</i> | <i>Kalia Thor</i> |
| <i>Shee Lee</i> | |
| <i>Jesus Panales Castillo</i> | |
| <i>Valeria Denisse</i> | |
| <i>Arteaga Quintero</i> | |



GRADUATION 2018

Roosevelt High School

June 6, 2018 | Save Mart Center



Valedictorians

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| Jose De Jesus Barraza Gonzalez | Ashley Kao Nha Herr Ryan Kinzel |
| Jackeline Becerril | Esmeralda |
| Araceli Carrasco | Melecio-Lopez |
| Alejandra Covarrubias Valdes | Anthony Mendoza Flores |
| Laura Betsaida Flores Mora | Sarelia Munoz Rodriguez |
| Raymundo Gerardo Garcia Aguilera | Andrea Lisa Ramirez Enedelia Sanchez |
| Daisy Giselle Garcia Vasquez | Rojas |
| Denis Azucena Gomez Renteria | Sonny Kou Vang Ma Yang |

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship

June 6, 2018 | Tower Theatre



Valedictorians

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Joshua Bryan Adame | Hnub Lee |
| Stefany Del Carmen Bautista | Maria Isabel Navarro Avitha Arvind Nigam |
| Daniella Guerra | Lillian Jewel Simmons |
| Araceli Daisy Huerta | Tsakongyeng Solomon |
| Danhya Jimenez | Xiong |
| Vanessa Martinez-Sepulveda | Katie Yang |
| Amadally Naudiahy Lopez-Mejia | Rebecca Elaine Young Alexander Zamora |

Sunnyside High School

June 6, 2018 | Save Mart Center



Valedictorians

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| Jocelyn Alacar | Wendy Chua Her | Erik Nieto Reynoso | Jenny Thao |
| Maria Arias-Velasco | Harleen Kaur | Lauryn Somally Ok | Mai Chee Vang |
| Miriam Elisabet Belmonte | Rachel Dearaujo Klassen | Jackelyn Perez | Magaly Vargas |
| Juvelle Ingale Cabico | Rachel Landivar | Juliana Pluma-Reyes | Karina Vasquez |
| Priscilla Baokue Cha Copeland | Amanda Kaosoua Lee | Alexis Luckyna Powell | Miriam Villagran-Gomez |
| Liseth Esquivel-Ruiz | Choua Lee | Azucena Jacqueline Ramirez | Por Xiong |
| Jadea Katherine Estrada | Daniela Lopez-Corona | Katherine Dawn Sayaseng | Yer Xiong |
| Jeileen Felix | Megan Michelle Macias | Christy Solita Sean | Eric Kai Yang |
| Alexandra Gutierrez | Elizabeth N. Moua | Mehikpreet K. Sidhu | Madison Yang |
| Iaib Oo Her | Mazaya Kazoua Moua | Lucy S. Sip | Nickie Yang |
| | Gissel Munoz | Jonathan Terriquez | |

Hoover High School

June 5, 2018 | Save Mart Center

Valedictorians

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Ismail Alkhandak | Riley Barr Kibbee | Keanu James Quiroz | Choua Thao |
| Julia Taylor Bacus | April Janet Latham | Ernesto Ramirez | Stephen Josiah |
| Mark Julius Tamayo De Vera | Christmilthina Loeung | Daniel Trejo Reyes | Fermin Ureta |
| Leslie Ann M Diaz | Andres De Jesus Lopez | Zachary Zeke Rivas | Morshia Vang |
| Carlos Sebastian Gonzalez Medina | Jacqueline Manriquez Bueno | Mackenzie Rivera | Sarah Mai Vang Vue |
| Stephanie Selena Gutierrez | Gaoyen Normen | Kanya Elisabeth SETHA | Aja Yvonne Williams |
| Alexis Ann Kappitz | Christopher Omar Perea | Josef Galileo | Erin Rose Williams |
| | | Baja Sibala | Genell Ntxhim-Nyiam |
| | | Jessica Marie Thompson | Xiong |
| | | | Qianyuan Xu |



Rata High School

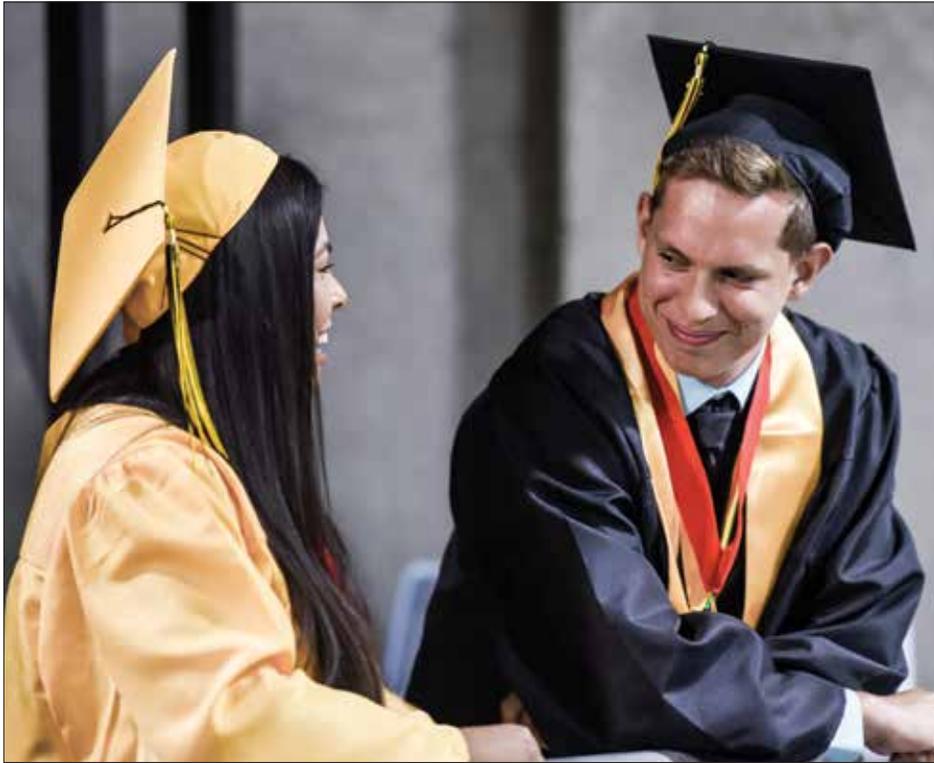
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GRADUATION 2018

Edison High School

June 5, 2018 | Save Mart Center



Valedictorians

<i>Rolin Ace Aguilar</i>	<i>Seth Freeman</i>	<i>Justin Kyle Linder</i>	<i>Mataya Dawn Salazar</i>
<i>Nala Ali</i>	<i>Sandra Anne Fulop</i>	<i>Julia Grace Marhenke</i>	<i>Devon Noel Samuelian</i>
<i>Nali Ali</i>	<i>Alexis Esmeralda Garcia</i>	<i>Rosa Cristal Martinez Vasquez</i>	<i>Leslie Clemencia Sanchez</i>
<i>Rawan Abdusalaam Almufleyhi</i>	<i>Carli Rita George</i>	<i>Lauryn Amber Mejia</i>	<i>Jeuss Sandoval Cortes</i>
<i>Kavan Anderson</i>	<i>Sumanjit Kaur Gill</i>	<i>Jovanna Alana Montejano</i>	<i>Arbrean U. Sears</i>
<i>Sasha America Araiza</i>	<i>Fatima Gomez Fuentes</i>	<i>Francisco David Muniz</i>	<i>Dilpreet Kaur Sekhon</i>
<i>Kristen Lynne Arias</i>	<i>Deana Marie Gomez</i>	<i>Gabriel Murillo Gonzalez</i>	<i>Klay Douglas Simmons</i>
<i>Luisa Fernanda Avila</i>	<i>Gabriel Robert Gonzales</i>	<i>Alexander Noris</i>	<i>Alexander Matthew Stacy Alcantara</i>
<i>Martin Antonio Basurto</i>	<i>Olga Gutierrez</i>	<i>Vahae Douglas Ohanian</i>	<i>Phoebe Exconde Teves</i>
<i>Emily Lauren Bernal</i>	<i>Rachel Esther Haan</i>	<i>Karina Ortega Briana</i>	<i>Ger Thao</i>
<i>Esmeralda Cabrera Rojas</i>	<i>Arandeep Singh Hayer</i>	<i>Pelayo-Figueroa</i>	<i>Karissa Lynn Torres</i>
<i>Jenelle Frances Carlin</i>	<i>Kaycee Marie Henkle</i>	<i>Estevan Gomez Prieto</i>	<i>Teresa Trujillo-Camacho</i>
<i>Esteban M. Castillo</i>	<i>Trinity Ntxhuaj</i>	<i>Robert Eduardo Quintanilla</i>	<i>Timothy Jonathan Vaipan</i>
<i>Matthew Elliott Chielpegian</i>	<i>Pag Her</i>	<i>Ariana Quintero</i>	<i>Reyna Luna Valencia</i>
<i>Magali Janet Chonteco Aquino</i>	<i>Nimrat Kaur</i>	<i>Sylas Ezekeil Ramos</i>	<i>Crystal Khaotshia Vang</i>
<i>Ariel Nicole Clark</i>	<i>Ian Patrick Kelly</i>	<i>Evelyn Reyes</i>	<i>Maya Bina Najmi Vannini</i>
<i>Laura Ann Clark</i>	<i>Satiya Justin Kem</i>	<i>Melissa Anne Rigby</i>	<i>Amanda Vue</i>
<i>Jocelyn Cohetero</i>	<i>Aimee Me Khanchareun</i>	<i>Alexis Guadalupe Rodriguez</i>	<i>Hnu Chee Vue</i>
<i>Jisela Contreras Torres</i>	<i>Jeffrey Xiao Yu Lin</i>	<i>Guadalupe Romero-Viramontez</i>	<i>Sierra Nicole White</i>
<i>Ricardo Cortez</i>	<i>Krosschell</i>	<i>Sebastian Rosales</i>	<i>Nyah Reyon Wright</i>
<i>Emily Eason Dau</i>	<i>Adam Thomas Krumpe</i>	<i>Kyla Kristal Ruiz</i>	
<i>Amy N. Doan</i>	<i>Vang Kue</i>		
<i>Olivia Fernandez</i>	<i>Isabella Marie La Barbera</i>		
<i>Kassidi Renee Flynn</i>	<i>Melanie Leyva-Ocampo</i>		

McLane High School

June 5, 2018 | McLane Stadium



Valedictorians

<i>Tayshawun Brandon Bradford</i>	<i>Trinity Andereka New Lizeth Guadalupe Pimentel</i>
<i>Nelson Blong Cha</i>	<i>Alma Delia Renteria</i>
<i>Erica Covarrubias</i>	<i>Ilse Paola Reyes</i>
<i>Arianna Del Real</i>	<i>Montserrat Guadalupe Rodriguez Casillas</i>
<i>April Espinoza Robledo</i>	<i>Alexis Brianna Telles</i>
<i>Roger Nouky Fang</i>	<i>Sheng Thao</i>
<i>Ariel Garcia Martinez</i>	<i>Sherry Thaodara Na Vue</i>
<i>Ana Jaiby Gastelum Rivera</i>	<i>Matthew Chong Yang</i>
<i>Doua Chong Lee</i>	<i>Rey Marie Ybarra-Martinez</i>
<i>Beatriz Natalie Lopez</i>	<i>Sandy Zaragoza</i>
<i>Pader Lor</i>	
<i>Angelica Murillo Guzman</i>	

J.E. Young Academic Center

May 31, 2018 | Saroyan Theatre



Valedictorian

Amanda Maiv Ib Yang

Fresno Adult School

May 31, 2018 | Saroyan Theatre



Cambridge High School

May 31, 2018 | Saroyan Theatre



DeWolf High School

May 31, 2018 | Saroyan Theatre





McLane High Students Explore Foster Care Journeys through Art

McLane High School students from the ArtVenture Academy tackled the issues of foster care during the second semester of the past school year, producing a deeply personal exhibit that portrays hope as well as chaos.

The exhibit, "HomeWork: Foster Love. Foster Hope. Foster Home," debuted at ArtHop at the M Street Arts Complex June 7 and was on display through June.

During the past school year, 858 Fresno Unified students were in foster care, from infants through the adult special education program.

The students' research for the project included a visit on May 17 from Fresno Unified Superintendent Bob Nelson. He examined students' work in progress, and shared about his experiences as a foster dad. Nelson and his wife, Tiffany, have cared for several foster children over the years, adopting four of them.

"Bob's message was extremely powerful; my students were glued to his every word," said Marc Patterson, the



Superintendent Bob Nelson talks with McLane High School students Esmeralda Lagunas, left, and Diana Lopez Suastegui as they work on art projects for an exhibit on foster care. Nelson spoke to the class about his experiences as a foster parent.

lead teacher for ArtVenture Academy.

The centerpiece of the art project were portraits painted by teams of students from Patterson's classes based on student writings about their foster care journeys. Some of the pieces are self-portraits by students in foster care. Trash bag sculptures containing

important personal artifacts recreated as art pieces accompanied the portraits.

The project included the story of one of Patterson's students from two years ago who graduated early, as a valedictorian, despite obstacles she faced in foster care.

Students responded through writing and sketching to foster care students' stories. Part of the goal of the project was to "foster empathy and advocacy," Patterson said.

The exhibit also included an 8-foot-by-8-foot collage map of Fresno using colored paper to show the various moves of foster care students, "representing the chaos of their journey," Patterson said. The students also produced a video of their stories as they demonstrated on the map all the places they lived while in foster care.

Students also created a 20-minute spoken word piece as part of the project that interweaves the story of two students' challenging journeys through the foster-care system. The students performed the spoken word piece at ArtHop in June and at a gala in May at the River Center.

At the ArtHop show, students announced an \$800 donation to the Chrysalis House, Inc., a non-profit adoption agency. Students raised the money through the sale of their art.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Yosemite Teacher Works to Change View of Students with Autism

Nathan Ojeda recently finished his second year as an autism intensive behavior teacher at Yosemite Middle School and has worked for the district for nine years. He was a finalist for an Excellence in Education award in February. Teacher on special assignment Katie Adams saw Ojeda's transformation from an aide to a teacher: "Nathan is not just great, he is phenomenal. He sees the students for who they are and is not swayed by negativity. He celebrates their success, however small."

What made you decide to teach students with autism? Truthfully, I sort of stumbled into it. I was working as a paraprofessional sub and I got the most jobs in special education. I subbed in a classroom that had students with autism for the first time and enjoyed it. It worked out that I eventually was able to be hired in the position I was subbing for. I learned so much from working under the teacher, Katie Adams, and just fell in love with the work.

What is the most difficult part of your job? For me, the most difficult

part of my job is the paperwork. There is so much that goes into writing a good and effective Individualized Education Plan for a student. There are a lot of legal guidelines to follow, and different people that need to be involved, and it challenges all my organizational skills, which aren't the strongest anyway.

What is most rewarding about your job? The most rewarding part of my job is when the students make a breakthrough, big or small. It could be anything from being able to write a letter in their name or something like successfully going on a field trip. I've learned to find great joy in even the smallest of victories my students have.

When did you realize that you have a special gift for teaching children with autism? I don't know if I'd call it a "gift." I didn't realize I had knack for working with students with autism until someone told me. I was just doing what I was told, what I saw others do, and what I picked up from asking a ton of questions. It all just sort of became second nature.



Teacher Nathan Ojeda works with a student at Yosemite Middle School. Ojeda says the key to productive days as a teacher is to celebrate student success, no matter how small.

What advice would you give other teachers about teaching children with autism? Always keep learning. There is so much out there, and it's impossible to know everything. Learn from experiences, people, books, videos, classes, etc. Appreciate, train, and communicate well with the

coworkers in your classroom (paraprofessionals). It isn't a job that you can do alone, and every person in your classroom can have an effect on the

See **NATHAN OJEDA**
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Office Manager at Ayer Elementary Smooths the Way for Entire Staff

Ye Vue is the highly competent and much loved office manager at Ayer Elementary School. She has worked for the district for 16 years, five years at Ayer. She was one of the district's Excellence in Education finalists in



Ye Vue, office manager at Ayer Elementary School, "sets the gold standard for office managers," Ayer principal Lynn Rocha-Salazar says. Vue is with Cosmo Xiong, a transitional kindergarten student.

February. In addition to her support for students and staff at Ayer, Principal Lynn Rocha-Salazar said that Vue ensures that the first contact for parents and visitors is a good one: "The office at Ayer is warm, welcoming and helpful. I receive comments almost daily from those who stop in our office."

What is the best part of your job? Having an opportunity to work alongside amazing and successful staff, students and parents at Ayer Elementary to achieve a positive learning environment is the best part of my job.

What is your goal when you go to work in the morning? The little smiles at Ayer Elementary is our greatest motivation, and it is our primary obligation to make sure we get those smiles each and every morning.

How do you see your role in helping students do well in school? It is

imperative as an office manager to provide support and assistance for all students. Office managers should also be a role model to students.

How did you start helping coach the tennis team at Sunnyside? I was a tennis player at Roosevelt High School and the head coach there.

You have your bachelor's degree. What are your next career goals? I aspire to be a high school math teacher.

What do you like to do in your spare time? During my spare time, I enjoy observing all the little things that I sometimes forget to greet. For example, the fruit of a tree in my garden.

What is your dream vacation? I find it quite pleasant being home. Many activities and small adventures can exist in a place where we live.



Building Skills in Summer School



Octavio Ramirez-Carrasco uses machinery as part of a Geometry in Construction class at Fresno High School, a new summer school course this year. The class reinforces geometry lessons by having students work on construction projects. More than 14,000 students are expected to take summer school over two sessions. Summer school offers intervention in literacy, English language development and special education; enrichment classes in career technical education and Hmong Heritage; academic and sports through the FRESH program; accelerated courses for GATE-potential students and for high school students; and credit recovery for students who struggled in certain classes during the regular school year, such as geometry.

READING TIPS Continued from page 2

- **Kom koj tus kheej yog ib tus neeg nyeem ntawv.** Hom kev nyeem ntawv twg los xij – ntawv xov xwm, ntawv magazines, tej phau ntawv – ua ib tug qauv zoo.
- **Sij hawm nyeem ntawv.** Teem ib lub caij tshwj xeeb rau ib cag, xws li tom qab noj hmo tag kiag los yog ua ntej mus pw, los nyeem ntawv rau koj cov me nyuam. Yog tias koj cov me nyuam hlob zog lawm, kom txhua tus nyias muab nyias ib phau ntawv, zaum ua ke, thiab nyias nyeem nyias zom zaws rau lub sij hawm tshwj xeeb. Caws sij hawm. Yuav tsum ua li xwm yeem.
- **Txuas kev nyeem ntawv nrog tej kev ua lub caij ntuj qhua.** Nws lom zem nrhiav tej phau ntawv txog tom “beach” los yog mus pw hav zoov los yog ntaus npas “baseball”, thiab mam li tham txog koj tsev neeg tus kheej tej kev ua dua los.
- **Mus tom tsev qiv ntawv.** Fresno County cov tsev qiv ntawv muaj cua kub-cua txias, tej chaw qiv ntawv nyob laj siab ntxiag. Xyuas lub sij hawm nyeem dab neeg, puppet shows thiab lwm yam dej num ua tshwj xeeb lub caij ntuj qhua. Ua ib daim ntawv qiv ntawv yooj yooj yim xwb.
- **Ntim tej phau ntawv.** Txawm yog mus uasi ntev ib lim tiam los yog

ib qho kev mus ntoj ncig rau ib lub phoj (park), nqa tej phau ntawv mus nrog– thiab muab tej khoom ua si hluav taws xob khaws tseg. Tej niam txiv yuav tsum ua tus qauv.

• **Cia lawv ua tus xaiv.** Rau lub caij ntuj qhua, cia cov me nyuam yaus xaiv lawv tej phau ntawv. Xav txog ib txoj kev txhawb siab yog tias tej me nyuam yaus xaiv ib qho ua dej siab-yeeg phau ntawv los yog yam muaj nqis.

• **Xaiv kom yog them qib nyeem.** Raws li ib txwm, kev nyeem yuam kev tsib los yog ntau lo lus rau ib nplooj ntawv twg ntawm 50 lo lus txhais tau tias phau ntawv nyuaj dhau rau tus me nyuam lawm.

• **Nyeem dhau tej phau ntawv.** Txhawb tej me nyuam yaus los nyeem ntawv cov nplooj ntawv ua kis las los yog cov duab tas lauv los yog ib phau ntawv txuj ci “magazine”.

• **Ntsia thiab phau ntawv.** Nyeem ib phau ntawv thiab mam li saib ib zaj yeeb yaj kiab. Tham txog seb nws zoo sib txawv li cas thiab uas koj xav tau.

• **Tej tub kawm ntawv raug tseev kom nyeem ntawv lub caij ntuj qhua:** Siv ib daim calendar mus qhia ib lub sij hawm kom zam tej kev nyeem maj maj. Lwm txoj kev tseev kom nyeem ntawv nrog tej phau ntawv ntawm lawv tus kheej xaiv.



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Fun FACTS





- ▶ The district honored 3,800 graduates at 15 sites over six days
- ▶ Approximately 14,000 students are participating in summer school
- ▶ The district has purchased 2,453 musical instruments for student use since 2014



DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Nine District Schools Named to Honor Roll

Forkner, Manchester GATE, McCardle and Starr elementary schools, Baird 5-8 School and Computech Middle School and Design Science Middle College and Edison high schools and Phillip J Patiño School of Entrepreneurship were named to the California Honor Roll, presented by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE). ERP selected the schools after an extensive analysis of student data and found to be clear leaders in getting students to grade level and beyond. ERP

will present the schools with banners to display on campus and feature them on the ERP/CBEE website, where educators and policy makers seek out high performing schools to replicate.

The Honor Roll recognizes public elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. For high schools, Honor Roll recognition includes high college readiness in students. This year, the California Honor Roll recognized 1,798 higher performing schools

distinguished for their academic achievement and for closing achievement gaps.



Edison Students Capture Top Art Awards

Edison High School's Emilie Haskell, a sophomore last year, won first place in the Congressional Art Competition for the 16th District. Congressman Jim Costa presented her with a certificate on May 4, as well as two round trip tickets to Washington, D.C. Her artwork will be displayed for a year at the Capitol, representing the 16th District of California. Anna Titterington, a junior from Edison, placed third and will have

her art work displayed in Congressman Costa's Fresno office for a year.



Hoover "Winders" Compete in Chicago

Six Hoover High School students competed May 9-10 in Chicago at the National KidWind Challenge, a wind power turbine design and knowledge contest. They were accompanied by teacher Miguel Zapata and College and Career Readiness coordinator Melissa Rodriguez.



Changes to Bylaws, Policies and an Exhibit

The Fresno Unified Board of Education recently approved the following board bylaws, policies and exhibit:

- BP 1312.3 UCP
- BP 6175 Migrant Ed
- BP 5141 Health Care Emergencies
- BP 5141.1 Accidents (Deletion)
- BP 5141.6 School-Based Health And Social Services
- BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
- (NEW) BP 5148.2 Before/After School Programs
- BP 6143 Courses of Study
- BP 6161.1 Selection And Evaluation Of Instructional Materials
- BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten
- BP 0460 Local Control Accountability Plan
- BP 0420.4 Charter School Authorization
- BP 0500 Review And Evaluation
- BP 0520 Intervention For Underperforming Schools (Deletion)
- BP 0520.3 Title 1 Program Improvement Districts (Deletion)
- BP 3100 Budget
- (NEW) BP 3230 Federal Grant Funds
- BP 5113.1 Chronic Absence And Truancy
- (NEW) BP 5113.12 District SARB
- BP 5131.1 Bus Conduct
- BP 5131.6 Alcohol And Other Drugs
- BP 5144 Discipline
- BP 5144.1 Suspension And Expulsion/ Due Process
- (NEW) BP 5145.31 Gender And Identity Inclusion
- BP 7214 General Obligation Bonds
- (NEW) BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communication
- BB 9121 President
- BB 9220 Governing Board Elections
- BB 9230 Orientation
- BB 9240 Board Development
- BB 9321 Closed Session Purposes And Agendas
- BB 9323 Meeting Conduct
- E 9323.2 Actions By The Board
- BB 9400 Board Self-Evaluation
- BP 3311 Bids
- (NEW) BP 5141.23 Asthma Management
- BP 5132 Dress and Grooming
- BP 6146.4 Differential Graduation and Competency Standard for Individuals with Exceptional Needs
- BP 6164.4 Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs
- BP 6164.6 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- BP 0410 Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
- BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP 5111 Admission
- (NEW) BP 5111.1 District Residency
- BP 5125 Student Records
- BP 5131.2 Anti-Bullying
- BP 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior
- (NEW) BP 5145.13 Response to Immigration Enforcement

These updated policies/bylaws can be found online at:

<https://www.fresnou.org/sites/board/policies>.
For additional information: (559) 457-3736.

High School Pools Open to the Community for Swimming and Lessons

Six Fresno Unified pools are open this summer for swimming and swim lessons through a partnership with the city of Fresno.



The pools are open through Aug. 3 from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends and in the afternoons on weekdays (hours vary by sites). Swimming is available at Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Sunnyside and Bullard (weekend lap swimming only) high schools. Swimming is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults during the week and free on the weekends.

The city offers swim lessons

at Bullard, Fresno, Hoover and Sunnyside high schools. For more information regarding hours and cost of lessons, call 621-2900 or visit www.fresno.gov/parks/. (Hours subject to change.)

The summer swim program builds on the existing Green Space partnership with the city to provide recreational areas for the community.

This summer, Vinland Elementary School was added to the Green Space initiative, which already included Bullard, Edison, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt and Sunnyside high schools; Scandinavian, Terronez, and Wawona middle schools; and Addams, Vang Pao, Wilson and Yokomi elementary schools.

The city provides programs and supervision on weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the year at the campuses.



New Special Education Committee Works to Improve Teaching and Learning Environment

A new Special Education Committee for Fresno Unified met six times over the last few months of the school year, establishing five priority areas and working collaboratively to positively impact students in special education.

During the adoption of the 2018-19 budget in June, the Fresno Unified Board of Education approved funding \$2.1 million in recommendations from the committee that addresses the five areas: workload, caseload, safety, curriculum and communications. The board approved \$5 million in total additional funding and the addition of nearly 60 full-time equivalent staffing for special education.

The committee was established following bargaining negotiations early last spring between the district and the Fresno Teachers Association (FTA).

The 10-member committee is made up of district special education administrators and FTA staff, including classroom teachers, speech/language pathologists, and a credentialed school nurse.

The committee will continue to focus on establishing common department goals for special education, staffing guidelines, reviewing department organizational structures, special education program placements, classroom teacher support and assistance, adopted and supplemental curriculum and collaboration with the School Climate and Safety Committee.

This partnership is off to a great start, and the committee members will continue to work collaboratively on behalf of the students, staff, and families of Fresno Unified.

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success of each student. Lastly, be willing to think outside of the box. Some ideas don't fit the cookie cutter methods of dealing with behaviors or supporting students, but that doesn't mean they're bad ideas. Don't be afraid to be creative.

You had a different vision for the Autism Intensive Behavior Program. What was that vision? I'm not sure if I had a "different" vision for the program, because a middle school version of the Autism Intensive Behavior Program didn't exist yet. My vision for the program was based on setting the highest expectations for myself, the staff in the classroom, and my students. I know that every student is capable of so much more than we often give them credit for. I wanted to work on behaviors, academics, social skills, and just wanted to have fun. Things can

be intense in the program, so we try to laugh and enjoy each day.

Name one thing most people do not know about you. One thing most people don't know about me is that I used to tame wild horses. Actually, that's not true. The honest answer is that most people don't know that I love playing games. All kinds of games from board games, to dominoes, to cards. I usually carry around a deck of cards with me in my backpack or car just in case.

What is your dream vacation? A dream vacation I've had in my mind since I was a child has been Walt Disney World. I've always wanted to go there and I hope that someday I will.

What would you consider a perfect day? The perfect day for me would be a day at Disneyland with my wife and daughter. To be in the happiest place on earth, with my most favorite people on earth, would be just perfect.



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selecting Forkner and Manchester GATE elementary schools as Distinguished Schools

- Attracting \$900,000 in scholarships and 249 offers of admission to students from the Black College Expo, and Father's Day events at elementary schools to encourage and honor the participation of fathers and father figures
- 46 Fresno Unified Scholarship winners receiving \$61,000 in scholarship funds
- Expanding dual and language immersion programs in Spanish and Hmong
- Patiño School of Entrepreneurship preparing for its first graduating class, and opening admission to ninth graders for the next school year
- Welcoming back Roosevelt High School alumnus Audra McDonald, and naming the Roosevelt theater in her honor

These examples, and the behind the scenes successes in our schools, tell the story of how Fresno Unified employees and members of our community are working together to develop college and career ready graduates -- like the nearly 3,800 that recently walked across the graduation stage. Congratulations to our Fresno Unified graduates and their families. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Reflexiona en el éxito del 2017-2018 y disfruta del verano

Otra temporada exitosa de graduaciones del distrito de Fresno han pasado y las vacaciones de verano están en pleno viento.

Al mirar hacia atrás en mi primer año completo como superintendente, quiero tomarme un momento y compartir lo tan agradecido que estoy con los más de 10,000 empleados del distrito de Fresno. El distrito comenzó el año escolar bajo circunstancias difíciles. -- estábamos en medio de negociaciones con nuestros socios de labor, a medida que trabajábamos diligentemente para llegar a un acuerdo. El proceso fue largo y difícil para nuestro sistema entero y nuestra comunidad, para ese asunto. A pesar de la situación, el personal siguió manteniendo a los estudiantes en la vanguardia de nuestros esfuerzos colectivos.

Después de nuestro acuerdo colectivo, estoy orgulloso de decir que el distrito y nuestros socios de labor están construyendo juntos una cultura colaborativa -- un lugar donde todas las voces son valoradas y estamos remando hacia la misma dirección para obtener este

mismo resultado. Hemos visto éxito no solo al nivel ejecutivo sino también en el área de Educación Especial, de tal manera que nuestros equipos trabajan para incrementar el apoyo para los estudiantes, familias y el personal. Nuestro comité conjunto de Educación Especial sigue colaborando alrededor de las áreas específicas de casos asignados, volumen de trabajo, y raciones de salón.

Estoy extremadamente orgulloso del cambio que viene en camino para cambiar nuestra narrativa como distrito, y de darle la importancia a la colaboración de todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Este cambio ayudó a reiniciar la segunda mitad de nuestro año escolar, lo cual estuvo lleno de resultados positivos para los estudiantes, sitios escolares y nuestro personal, incluyendo:

- Rompiendo terreno para la instalación CTE de troca pesada en la preparatoria Duncan Polytechnical
- Finalizando salones y edificios administrativos y la nueva entrada en la preparatoria Bullard
- Anunciando que construiremos una nueva primaria en el sureste de Fresno y la nombraremos en honor del ex poeta laureado nacional Juan Felipe Herrera.
- Celebrando la primera clase graduada de Steve's Scholars -- 26 ex estudiantes de la secundaria Tehipite quienes desafiaron los obstáculos del programa, e hicieron actos de servicio a la comunidad, y ganaron \$1,000 en becas por dos años
- El departamento de educación del estado seleccionó a las primarias Forkner y Manchester GATE como escuelas distinguidas
- Atrayendo \$900,000 en becas y 249 ofertas de admisión para estudiantes de la Exposición de Colegios y Universidad para Afroamericanos, y eventos del día de padre en las primarias para animar y honrar la participación de los padres y figuras paternas
- 46 ganadores de becas de Fresno Unificado que recibieron \$61,000 en fondos de beca
- Expandiendo programas de lenguaje y doble inmersión en Español y Hmong
- La preparatoria Patiño escuela de Emprendedores se está preparando para su primera clase de graduados, y están abriendo matriculaciones para los del grado noveno para el año que entra
- Dándole la bienvenida de regreso a la ex alumna Audra McDonald de la preparatoria Roosevelt, y nombrando el teatro de Roosevelt en su honor

Estos ejemplos, y los logros en nuestras escuelas, nos cuentan la historia de la manera que están trabajando juntos los empleados del distrito de Fresno y los miembros de la comunidad para desarrollar graduados listos para colegio y carrera -- como los casi 3,800 que recientemente atravesaron la tarima de graduación. Felicidades para los graduados y sus familias del distrito de Fresno. Deseándoles a todos un verano seguro y agradable.

Xav Ntsoov Txog Tej Kev Vam Meej hauv 2017-18 thiab Muaj Kev Lom Zem Rau Lub Caij Ntuj Qhua

Dua ib lub caij kawm tiav ntawm Fresno Hauv Paus Tsev Kawm Ntawv cov kev kawm tiav tau raug muab teev tseg thiab lub caij so caij ntuj qhua los puv nkaus.

Thaum kuv rov tig los saib kuv thawj lub xyoo kawm ntawv tam li tus tuam thawj saib kev kawm, kuv xav muab lub sij hawm nres ib pliag thiab qhia tias kuv zoo siab npaum li cas rau peb cov neeg ua hauj lwm hauv Fresno Unified coob tshaj li ntawm 10,000 leej. Hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv tau pib lub xyoo kawm ntawv raws li tej xwm txheej nyuaj-nyob nruab nrab ntawm peb kev sib tham nrog peb cov koom haum koom tes tam li peb sib zog ua hauj lwm kom neav qhov kev pom zoo. Tus txheej txheem ntev kawg thiab nws muaj ib qho nqi hnyav kawg rau peb txhua tus thiab peb lub zej lub zos, rau qhov teeb meem no. Txawm yog qhov teeb meem ntawm, cov neeg khiav dej num tau xyuas cov tub kawm ntawv nyob ua ntej ntawm peb cov pawg neeg.

Sib law liag peb qhov kev pom zoo, kuv zoo siab hais tias hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv thiab peb cov koom haum koom tes tau tsim dua kev koom tes tshiab ua ke -- qhov chaw uas txhua lub suab muaj nqis thiab peb taug tib txoj kev los ua kom tiav tib lub hom phiag. Peb tau pom txoj kev vam meej tsis yog nyob ntawm them kev tswj xwb tab sis nyob rau hauv suam kev kawm ntawv tshwj xeeb raws li peb pawg neeg txhawb pab cov tub kawm ntawv, cov tsev yim neeg thiab cov neeg khiav dej num. Peb Pawg Thawj Coj Kev Kawm Ntawv Tshwj Xeeb tseem sib koom tes ua ke ntawm cov kev kawm ntawv tshwj xeeb tej kev pab cuam ua hauj lwm thiab cov hoob kawm.

Kuv txaus siab heev ntawm txoj haujlwm uas tab tom npaj hloov peb cov lus tshaj li lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv, thiab qhia qhov tseem ceeb ntawm kev sib koom tes nrog txhua tus neeg hauv peb lub zej zog. Txoj kev hloov no ua rau peb pib dua ib nrab ntawm xyoo kawm ntawv, uas yog qhov ua tau zoo rau cov tub kawm ntawv, cov tsev kawm ntawv thiab peb cov neeg khiav dej num, xam nrog rau:

- Khawb av rau tsheb loj thauj khoom hauv CTE hauv Duncan Polytechnical High School
- Ua kom tiav cov chav kawm thiab thawj coj lub tsev thiab lub qhov chaw nkag tshiab hauv Bullard High School
- Tshaj qhia peb yuav ua ib lub tsev kawm ntawv them qis tshiab nyob rau sab qab teb hnub tuaj ntawm Fresno thiab tis npe rau Juan Felipe Herrera
- Ua kev zoo siab thawj zaug kawm tiav ntawm Steve's Scholars -- 26 tus tub kawm ntawv ntawm Tehipite Middle School dhau los nws tau neav cov kev tshaj ntawm qhov kev kawm, ua hauj lwm pab hauv peb lub zej lub zos, thiab tau txais \$1,000 nyiaj pub dawb rau ob lub xyoos
- Lub xeev lub chaw saib kev kawm txuj tau xaiv tsev kawm ntawv Forkner thiab Manchester GATE elementary tam li Cov Tsev Kawm Ntawv Txawv
- Ua rau tau \$900,000 nyiaj pub thiab 249 tug tub kawm ntawv pub nkag kawm los ntawm Black College Expo, thiab cov koob tsheej Txiv Hnub hauv cov tsev kawm ntawv them qis los txhawb thiab kev hwm kev koom tes ntawm cov leej txiv thiab cov ua tus qauv leej txiv
- Fresno Unified Scholarship 46 tus neeg yeej tau txais \$61,000 cov nyiaj pub dawb
- Nthuav cov kev kawm ob tog lus thiab lus sib xyaw ua lus Mev thiab lus Hmoob
- Patiño School of Entrepreneurship tab tom npaj rau nws thawj chav kawm tiav, thiab kev qhib nkag rau cov kawm qib cuaj rau lub xyoo kawm tom ntej
- Zoo siab rov tos txais Roosevelt High School alumnus Audra McDonald, thiab tis Roosevelt theater rau kev hwm nws

Cov pev txwm no, thiab cov kev ua tau vam meej nyob nraum qab hauv peb tej tsev kawm ntawv, los qhia zaj dab neeg seb Fresno Unified cov neeg ua hauj lwm thiab cov neeg koom tes hauv peb lub zej lub zos ua hauj lwm ua ke los tsim college thiab cov neeg kawm tiav npaj txhij ua dej num li cas -- ze li ntawm 3,800 uas tsis ntev nov tau taug saum lub sam thiaj kawm tiav. Nrog zoo siab rau peb Fresno Unified cov kawm tiav thiab lawv tsev yim neeg. Xav kom txhua tus muaj kev nyab xeeb thiab kev lom zem lub caij ntuj qhua.



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