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FOCUS ON SCHOOL CHOICE



District Offers Specialized Programs to Enhance Learning

Fresno Unified offers a variety of school choice options beyond neighborhood schools, giving families the opportunity to enroll their students in specialty programs.

In Fresno Unified, students have the opportunity to apply to a school where they learn a second language, have extra lessons on science and technology, or are immersed in the arts – to name just a few of the more than 20 options.

When students reach high school, seven of the district's 10 high schools offer specialty magnet programs, ranging from the arts to career technical education to an academy for aspiring doctors.

"Our son loves it at Yokomi. I think it's wonderful that parents do have options. There's a lot of things kids are interested in. Sometimes traditional things just don't work for everyone."

– Yokomi Elementary School parent Doug Wakida

In addition to the high school magnet programs, high schools offer a variety of career pathways.

- Bullard High School's offerings include Law and Social Justice Pathway and others
- Design Science Middle College High School's offerings include career technical education courses at Fresno City College
- Duncan Polytechnical High School's offerings include automotive and others
- Edison High School's offerings include biomedicine and others
- Fresno High School's offerings

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Zakarius Mosley gets excited about the coding club at Yokomi Elementary School, with Brendon Carrillo at left. Yokomi offers a Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program with a science and technology emphasis.

Student Options for Elementary and Middle Schools

Dual Language Immersion Spanish

Site-based (for neighborhood students)
Burroughs, Calwa, Centennial, Jackson, Lane and Roeding elementary schools (preschool-first grades); Rowell Elementary School (preschool-second grades)

Magnet (students can apply from throughout the district)
Ewing, Leavenworth and Sunset elementary schools (transitional kindergarten-sixth grade) Wawona School (preschool through second grades)

Yosemite Middle School
McLane High School

Hmong

Vang Pao Elementary School
Apply by Dec. 2 for Ewing, Leavenworth, Sunset and Wawona; random lottery

Environmental Science

- Ahwahnee Middle School: Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

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Better Health Services for Students Hits the Road in Mobile Unit

A new, larger mobile health unit will begin making the rounds of Fresno Unified high schools this fall, providing a health clinic on wheels for students of all ages.



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

The district unveiled the \$457,885, colorful mobile health unit at Hoover High School on Aug. 28. The district was able to purchase the custom-fitted new unit through a California Department of Education – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Program. The new unit replaces a 20-year-old mobile health unit.

The new unit is expected to hit the road Tuesdays and Wednesdays in November. It will make a circuit of eight high schools throughout the school year, bringing health services to students in all parts of the district.

The unit provides vaccines to students on Medi-Cal or who are uninsured, as well as sports physicals for all Fresno Unified students. For a schedule of where the mobile health unit will stop, go to Health Services at fresnounified.org.

The unit is staffed with a nurse practitioner, licensed vocational nurse and health assistant.

“This mobile health unit will be a tremendous boost to our families and students,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson. “This brand-new unit

is double in size, which translates to more services for our community. We want to help our students have bright and healthy futures.”

The new unit has two exam rooms instead of one, an intake area and a lift for wheelchairs. With the expanded mobile health unit, Health Services Director Jane Banks estimates the district will increase services by at least 30% a year, projecting an average of:

- 852 students served a year compared to 656
- 170 physical exams a year compared to 131
- 1,853 vaccinations a year compared to 1,425

The Health Services Department is proud of all that this unit represents, including all the hours of work from grant specialists to obtain the funds so that families have easy and fast access in their community to basic health services and can be up to date on their vaccinations.

A student’s health is vital to their daily learning. Immunizations, physicals and referrals all play an important role in ensuring students are healthy and in school. For example, a student who is not up to date on their vaccinations cannot attend school, missing important instruction.

Mejores Servicios de Salud para Estudiantes Llegan al Camino en la Unidad Móvil



Health Services Director Jane Banks shows off the district’s new and larger mobile health unit. Starting in November, the unit will visit high schools throughout the year to give easier access to health services for students.

Una nueva unidad de salud móvil más grande comenzó a recorrer las escuelas secundarias del Distrito Escolar de Fresno en noviembre, proporcionando una clínica de salud sobre ruedas para estudiantes de todas las edades.

El 28 de agosto el distrito presentó la colorida unidad de salud móvil de \$ 457,885 en la Escuela Preparatoria Hoover. El distrito pudo comprar la nueva unidad hecha a la medida a través de un Programa de Subsidio de Enriquecimiento Académico y Apoyo Estudiantil del Departamento de Educación de California. La nueva unidad reemplaza a una unidad móvil de salud de 20 años.

Se espera que la nueva unidad salga a la carretera este mes los martes y miércoles

y haremos un circuito de ocho escuelas secundarias durante todo el año escolar, brindando servicios de salud a los estudiantes en todas partes del distrito.

La unidad proporciona vacunas a estudiantes en Medi-Cal o que no tienen seguro, así como exámenes físicos deportivos para todos los estudiantes del Distrito de Fresno. Para obtener una lista de horario de dónde se detendrá la unidad móvil de salud, vaya a Servicios de Salud en fresnounified.org.

La unidad cuenta con una enfermera practicante, una enfermera con licencia profesional y un asistente de salud.

“Esta unidad de salud móvil será un

gran impulso para nuestras familias y estudiantes,” dijo el superintendente Bob Nelson. “Esta nueva unidad es doble en tamaño, lo que se traduce en más servicios para nuestra comunidad. Queremos ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a tener un futuro brillante y saludable.”

La nueva unidad tiene dos salas de examen en lugar de una, un área de admisión y un elevador para sillas de ruedas. Con la unidad móvil de salud ampliada, la directora de servicios de salud Jane Banks estima que el distrito aumentará los servicios en al menos un 30% al año, proyectando un promedio de:

- 852 estudiantes atendidos por año en comparación a 656
- 170 exámenes físicos al año en comparación a 131
- 1,853 vacunas al año en comparación a 1,425

El Departamento de Servicios de Salud está orgulloso de todo lo que representa esta unidad, incluidas todas las horas de trabajo de especialistas en subvenciones para obtener los fondos para que las familias tengan un acceso fácil y rápido en su comunidad a los servicios básicos de salud y puedan estar al día con sus vacunas.

La salud de un estudiante es vital para

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Important Dates

State of Education	October 14
October 28	Buy Back Day – No School
November 4 and 5	CTE: Ticket to the Future
November 5	School Choice Expo/CTE: Ticket to the Future Parent Event
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break



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SUPERINTENDENT'S *Message*

State of Education Luncheon is Chance to Share Vision

Oct. 14, our great community will come together at the DoubleTree Hotel to raise money for what is the district's single largest fundraiser for the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund. The State of Education luncheon highlights the positive momentum of our district while raising funds to provide college scholarships for numerous deserving high school seniors. Last year, through the generosity of district employees and community supporters, the district raised enough money to award over \$110,000 in scholarship to 57 deserving students, providing \$50,000 more than the year prior. With more than



Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

300 students applying each year, we continue to strive to provide more each year, and sell out this crucial event again this year.

State of Education also provides a glimpse into the programs and initiatives supporting the youth of our district, ranging from special education investments, facility investments, expanding literacy programs to increased academic learning for our African American students, to our eLearning Companion Device initiative, to the addition of i-Ready assessments. Thanks to the board of education, the district invested an additional \$13.2 million this school year in human capital and supports for students who depend on special education and health services. Investments build on best practices and provide new resources to support both special education short-term and long-term strategic plans. This robust action plan ensures all students have inclusive op-

portunities to interact and learn from one another in significant ways.

I look forward to sharing more information at State of Education around our new aligned assessment system, i-Ready. The new suite of tools provides foundational assessments with results in both math and reading. While students will still participate in annual state assessments, i-Ready serves as a criterion-based diagnostic assessment that also indicates the "why" behind the student's level and what steps will be taken to close learning gaps. The assessment is given three times during the school year. This is an adaptive assessment, meaning the questions can change from student to student based on their responses and gauges their depth of understand-

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Message from Emy Lopez Phillips, Associate Director, UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research

UCSF Fresno Partners with Sunnyside High School's Doctors Academy

To help alleviate the physician shortage in the Central Valley, Dr. Katherine Flores, director of the UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, in partnership with the Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, established the Doctors Academy (DA) in 1999 at Sunnyside High School.



Emy Lopez Phillips
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Research

The mission of the program was to increase the number and diversity of the healthcare workforce by providing guidance and support to underrepresented and disadvantaged students. Since then, Doctors Academy graduates have seen 100% acceptance rates into four-year universities.

Over the past 20 years, the Doctors

Academy has supported approximately 2,710 middle and high school students, empowering them to succeed academically through educational interventions and support anchored on five strategies:

Awareness of and exposure to health careers and health disparities specific to the Central Valley

Promoting and developing culturally and linguistically diverse competence within healthcare settings

Providing strong scholastic support including tutoring, advising, mentoring, and counseling

Instilling a college-going culture

Supporting parent engagement

The program has proven to be highly successful. In addition to some of the statistics below, many DA alumni have taken ownership of the concept of giving back to their community by returning to Sunnyside High School to provide mentorship for current students. They are a testimony to the heart of the program: student/community empowerment. Some of Sunnyside High

School's Doctors Academy successes include:

A total of 392 degrees have been awarded to 277 Sunnyside High School students who have completed the Doctors Academy program; of which, 256 are bachelor's degrees, 42 are master's degrees, and 12 are doctorates.

Sunnyside High School and Doctors Academy alumni who have completed doctorate degrees are as follows: Tia Vang (Class of 2003), Cynthia Vuittonet (Class of 2003), Vang Khang (Class of 2004), Nathan Singh (Class of 2004), Chue Cha (Class of 2005), Ameet Chahall Nagra (Class of 2007), Harsonam Kahlon (Class of 2008), Monique Atwal (Class of 2008), Devan Higginbotham (Class of 2008), Jasmeet Grewal (Class of 2009), and Nou Lee (Class of 2010).

For more information about the Doctors Academy program, please visit: <https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/latino-center-for-medical-education-and-research/>

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Roosevelt Student Wins Trip to New York in 9/11 Art Contest

Roosevelt High School sophomore Grace Vang won the grand prize for her painting in a new art, poetry and logo contest commemorating 9/11.

She was announced as the top winner in the "One Day, One Voice" contest on Sept. 11 at the California 9/11 Memorial in Clovis. Grace was awarded a trip to New York to the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum. She also won a \$1,000 scholarship for placing in the top three in the art category.

Edison High School and Gaston Middle School students were also top winners in the competition, sponsored by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

Grace's painting is an abstract work showing a firefighter being comforted by a soul, with other souls painted among ruins.

"With some of the souls you can see there were normal people there when [9/11] happened and you can also see firefighters and police officers," Grace said. "A lot of lives were lost, and

painting this, it was like a reminder of what happened then."

Fresno Unified Superintendent Bob Nelson noted that the art contest was a way to educate students – most of whom were not alive during 9/11.

"Through this contest, students can learn more about this defining time in our country's history and help keep the memory alive of those who died in these attacks," Nelson said.

Grace was among 36 Roosevelt students who won top 10 honors in the competition. Roosevelt senior Sarah Delgado also placed in the top three in the art category and won a \$1,000 scholarship. Her painting shows butterflies emerging from the Twin Towers.

"What I had was butterflies replacing the smoke," Sarah said. "I wanted to capture a different perspective, to let people have hope."

Edison senior Alyssa Hayashi had the winning logo and won a \$1,000 scholarship. T-shirts were created with her logo. Four other Edison students

placed in the top 10 in their grades for their art.

Fatima Sanchez, a Gaston student when she entered and now an Edison freshman, placed in the top three for middle school art and won an iPad. All top-10 finishers won medals.

The competition helps raise awareness of 9/11's impact on the United States. For their submissions, students were asked to reflect on how the country was united following the attacks.



Grace Vang, a Roosevelt High School sophomore, **top**, won a trip to New York to see the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum for her painting in the "One Day, One Voice" 9/11 art, poetry and logo contest. **Above**, top winners and teachers pose at the California 9/11 Memorial in Clovis on Sept. 11.

Little Free Library Book Box Installed at Heaton Elementary



Heaton Elementary School celebrates the installation of a Little Free Library book box on Sept. 13. Fresno Unified is partnering with Reading Heart and Every Neighborhood Partnership to place Little Free Libraries in elementary school campuses in all high school regions. High school students built the Little Free Libraries during a summer school Geometry in Construction class. The event at Heaton was in conjunction with Reading Heart (a non-profit book distribution organization) assemblies. Little Free Libraries, which can be found across the world, increase reading and a sense of community through the free exchange of books.

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State Testing and Graduation Rates Climb for Fresno Unified Students

Fresno Unified students are showing improvement in both test scores and graduation rates, a reflection of the hard work of district students and staff and support of the district's board of education.

Fresno Unified has had double-digit increases in the percent of students who are meeting or exceeding standards in English language arts (ELA) and math based on preliminary results from the tests, known as Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). These gains mean that students are better prepared for their next steps in life.

In comparing preliminary results from the past five years (2014-15 to 2018-19), Fresno Unified has a positive change in student performance of 10.5% in ELA and 11.7% in math. The number of proficient students (meeting or exceeding standards) went from 27.4% in 2015 for ELA to 37.9% in 2019. The number of proficient students in math went from 18.1% in 2015 to 29.8% in 2019.

"I'm not one of those leaders who believes test scores measure the total health of a school district, but this is a great part of the story and worthy of celebration," said Superintendent Bob Nelson. "Although these are positive results, we are still behind the county and state in our results and the work we are doing must continue in an effort to close the achievement gap for some of our student populations."

While Fresno Unified students continue to make modest gains in performance, the achievement gap for student groups still exists. For example, English learners and students with disabilities lag behind their peers in both ELA and math test scores. Fresno Unified acknowledges the continued work ahead to narrow achievement gaps among student groups.

For graduation rates, Fresno Unified's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate was 84.3% in 2016-17 and 85.8% in 2017-18. Fresno Unified's rate is better than Fresno County and state rates. Rates went up at Bullard, Hoover,

J.E. Young and Roosevelt high schools.

Graduation Rates by High Schools

High School	2016-17	2017-18
Bullard High School	93.7%	95.2%
Cambridge High School	30.7%	28.0%
Design Science Middle College High School	100%	98.3%
DeWolf High School	43.0%	32.8%
Duncan Polytechnical High School	99.1%	99.0%
Edison High School	94.1%	93.9%
Fresno High School	91.9%	90.4%
Hoover High School	86.5%	86.9%
J.E. Young Academic Center	57.0%	66.4%
McLane High School	88.0%	88.0%
Patiño School of Entrepreneurship	N/A	100%
Roosevelt High School	86.9%	90.7%
Sunnyside High School	93.1%	93.1%

Note: In 2016-17, California Department of Education changed the graduation factoring so the district has two years of data to compare. Patiño had its first graduating class in 2017-18 so there is no data for 2016-17. Source: California Department of Education

High School Students Turned on to Robotics with New Clubs

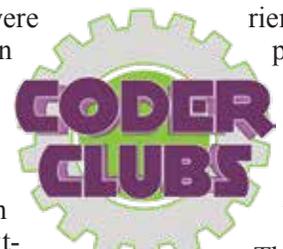
The district is launching robotics clubs at all comprehensive high schools this school year as it expands efforts to encourage students to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related activities and careers.

The clubs will continue to support students who were introduced to technology in middle school and participated in Tournament of Technology (TOT). Students in the high school robotics clubs will transition from block coding into text-based coding.

A student competition is planned for the spring to give robotics students an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. A high school robotics tournament is planned for 2021.

Tami Lundberg, executive director of Enterprise Applications

and Technology Delivery for Fresno Unified, emphasized the importance of continued STEM opportunities for students.



"With half a million open coding jobs in the United States, and the rapid expansion of robotics automation, it's important to provide our students with hands-on experience. The new robotics clubs provide just that – the opportunity to develop college and career ready skills in one of the world's most rapidly expanding industries," Lundberg said.

The district is also adding a coding category to its highly popular TOT, the largest middle school tech competition of its kind in the state. The 13th annual TOT will be held March 21 at Hoover High School with a record high participation expected.

For the first time, middle school students from Bullard TALENT K-8 School will compete.

TOT is among several computer technology related activities that have grown rapidly in the district. CoderGirlz clubs were launched in 2015 at four elementary and middle schools to encourage students underrepresented in STEM fields, growing to 32 clubs this year. CoderClubs were

launched in 2016 at five elementary and middle schools for students of all genders, growing to 33 clubs this year.

These clubs will add more hands-on activities this school year: Lego Mindstorms, CyberPatriot, Edison Robot, and Circuit Playground.



Aaliyah Rodriguez, left, and Sydney McClellan from Wawona School compete in robotics at the Middle School Tournament of Technology last April. The district is building on the success of middle school robotics by adding robotics clubs at all high schools.



Design Science High School Settled in at Fresno City College Campus

Design Science Middle College High School, where all students also take Fresno City College classes, has moved into its new home on the college campus.

Design Science's 268 students started the new school year in the Business Education Building at Fresno City College as part of a partnership with the college. The school occupies six classrooms and seven offices/flexible space in the first and second floors, renovated for Design Science classrooms and labs.

Design Science is one of Fresno Unified's specialty high schools, offering concurrent enrollment in Fresno City College classes and the possibility of earning an associate degree along with a high school diploma.

The move gives the students easy access to their college classes and tutoring and other college services.

The school had been housed in temporary buildings east of the college across



Students from Fresno Unified's Design Science Middle College High School pose in front of the fountain at Fresno City College. This school year, Design Science relocated to the college campus, giving students easy access to college courses and services.

Blackstone Avenue on Cambridge Avenue since its opening. As part of the collaboration, Fresno City College will use Design Science's former modular buildings.

The long-range plan calls for Design

Science to move to a new science building at Fresno City College, targeted for completion in 2023.

"We are honored to call Fresno City College our home. Our students are thrilled to no longer cross Blackstone

Avenue multiple times per day. We feel welcomed by President Carole Goldsmith and the FCC community," said Design Science Principal Tressa Overstreet.

"Our students now have more consistent access to support services, the Ram Pantry, college activities, and tutorial services. Our entire school community is looking forward to continuing our partnership with Fresno City College. We are grateful for this opportunity to provide our students with a college environment. Our students graduate with college preparedness due to the work of the FCC faculty and staff."

Design Science, which opened in 2005, has a nearly 100% graduation rate. The California Department of Education named it a 2019 California Distinguished School. For the past three years, 100% of seniors applied for college and were accepted by at least one college or university. Many students are the first in their families to attend college.

Students Learn Bike Safety



Doug Johnson, prevention inspector for the Fresno Fire Department, helps with bicycle helmet fittings during the Bike Safety Rodeo at Leavenworth Elementary School on Sept. 14. The California Highway Patrol and fire department teamed to help encourage students to be safe as they ride their bikes.



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PREPARING COLLEGE AND CAREER READY GRADUATES



Eighth Graders will Get Early Look at CTE Pathways

Fresno Unified wants eighth-grade students and their parents to have an early look at all of the options for career pathway courses and programs, before they enter high school next school year.

For the third year, students will get a preview of the vast array of career technical education (CTE) opportunities at high schools across the district at CTE: Ticket to the Future. The event will be held at Valdez Hall at the Fresno Convention Center.

This year's Ticket to the Future is Nov. 4 and 5, with a parent event open to all families from 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 5. Students will be bused from all middle schools during the day to rotate through various booths on CTE programs in the high schools. Current high school students from the programs and teachers will be on hand with demonstrations and to answer questions.

families and students to highlight magnet specialty programs in elementary, middle and high school.

For some choice schools, students must apply by Dec. 2 for the 2020-21 school year.



Students Ruby Rodriguez, left, and Saira Vargas from the Public Service Pathway at Roosevelt High School demonstrate paramedic equipment during the 2018 CTE: Ticket to the Future, a career technical education showcase for eighth graders. This year's event is Nov. 4 and 5.

Almost 5,500 8th grade students are expected to visit CTE: Ticket to the Future.

The idea of exposing students at a younger age to the high school CTE options ahead was one of the community suggestions that came out of the district's CTE Summit in May of 2017. CTE: Ticket to the Future is an engaging, interactive showcase that encourages eighth graders to explore all CTE high school options.

The district will also hold its annual School Choice Expo in conjunction with the CTE: Ticket to the Future parent night, Nov. 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Valdez Hall. The event is open to

CTE: Ticket to the Future

What: Preview for eighth graders of career pathways in the high schools

When: Nov. 4 and 5 during the school day (transportation provided)

Where: Valdez Hall, Fresno Convention Center

Information for Parents

What: Combined CTE parent event and School Choice Expo

When: Nov. 5 5-7 p.m.

Where: Valdez Hall, Fresno Convention Center

Information: (559) 248-7566

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su aprendizaje diario. Las vacunas, exámenes físicos y referencias juegan un papel importante para garantizar que los estudiantes estén saludables y en la escuela. Por ejemplo, un estudiante que no está al día con sus vacunas no puede asistir a la escuela, perdiendo instrucción importante.

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Global Studies

- Baird Middle School (grades 5-8): Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery; also offers agribusiness
- Hamilton K-8 School: Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

- Manchester GATE Elementary School (grades 2-6): Apply by Dec. 2; academic admissions criteria; random lottery
- Yokomi Elementary School (grades 2-6): Apply by Dec. 2; academic admissions criteria; random lottery; science and technology emphasis; serves district students and children of downtown employees

International Baccalaureate

- Cooper Academy (grades 6-8): Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery; preference for students in Fresno High School region

Math, Science and Technology

- Computech Middle School: Apply by Dec. 2; academic admissions criteria
- Yokomi Elementary School: Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery; serves district students and children of downtown employees

Visual and Performing Arts

- Bullard TALENT K-8 School: Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

School Choice Options for High Schools

Design Science Middle College High School: Students also enroll in Fresno City College classes; housed at Fresno City College; apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

Duncan Polytechnical High School: Numerous career pathways, including automotive, construction, electronics and medical; apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

Fresno High School: Offers International Baccalaureate, an academically rigorous and relevant curriculum that teaches students to act responsibly, think critically and contribute to a changing society; apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

McLane High School: Dual language immersion; apply by Dec. 2; language assessment exam

Patiño School of Entrepreneurship: Apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

Roosevelt High School: Performing arts; apply by Dec. 2; random lottery

Sunnyside High School: Doctors Academy; apply by Dec. 2; additional application required; random lottery

"We're looking to engage students of all grade levels in a wide variety of agriculture class projects."

– Steve Jarena, teacher at Baird Middle School



Taylor Hickman, an eighth grader at Baird Middle School, works on a hydroponics project. Baird, with classes for fifth through eighth grades, is a magnet school that specializes in agribusiness and global studies.



Seniors Amanda Xiong, left, and Gaonha Vang learned real-world skills over the summer at Community Regional Medical Center as part of a volunteering program through Sunnyside High School's Doctors Academy. The Doctors Academy is a magnet program.



Blong Thao works on a playhouse project last spring as part of the construction program at Hoover High School. Several high schools offer construction courses.



Hillary Tavera, Class of 2019, celebrates last spring with head counselor Donna Rojo at College Signing Day at Design Science Middle College High School. Design Science specializes in dual college enrollment, enabling students to graduate from high school with numerous college credits from Fresno City College.



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SCHOOL CHOICES

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include engineering and construction and others

- Hoover High School's offerings include fire safety and others
- McLane High School's offerings include banking and others
- Patiño School of Entrepreneurship includes advanced online marketing and others
- Roosevelt High School's offerings includes careers in education and others
- Sunnyside High School's offerings includes video production and others

The district's four alternative high schools offer career pathway options as well.

No other district in the Valley offers the breadth of school and program options for students that Fresno Unified provides. Fresno Unified is proud to be a district of choice, prepared to meet the unique needs of a diverse community.

Although the 2019-20 school year started less than two months ago, now is the time to consider school choices beyond neighborhood schools for the 2020-21 academic year. Many are popular choices for families and those interested in applying must do so by the Dec. 2, 2019 application deadline.

To find out more about school options, call the Transfers Office at (559) 248-7538 or go to the Transfers Department website at fresnounified.org.



Duncan Polytechnical High School senior Nick Erlewine shows off his welding skills. Duncan offers numerous career technical education pathways for students.



Emily Vang, a senior at McLane High School, is a pathway student in the Academy of Finance & Entrepreneurship and works in the Union Bank at McLane.

Fresno High Hosts Lecture Series

Fresno High School is offering a Theory of Knowledge Lecture Series as part of its International Baccalaureate Programme, the curriculum that sets it apart as a magnet school.

Fresno High is among several high schools that offer magnet and specialty programs, providing choices to students.

Following a Sept. 19 lecture by Fresno High alum and National Public Radio reporter Laura Tsutsui, the school will offer:

Thursday, Oct. 17: Tour at Bitwise and brief introduction of the Bitwise

concept by Alex Gutierrez, community outreach coordinator from Geekwise Academy; at Bitwise, 700 Van Ness Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 21: Superintendent Bob Nelson, Fresno Teachers Association president Manuel Bonilla and Linda Hoff, division head of the Teacher Education Program at Fresno Pacific University – "Negotiation: Moving from Confrontation to Collaboration"; at Fresno High Senate Chambers, 1839 N. Echo Ave.

Lectures are from 6-7 p.m. They are free and open to the public.

Neighborhood Schools Offer Excellence and Regional Pride

While Fresno Unified offers a variety of schools with magnet specialty programs, most families in the district choose to attend their neighborhood school.

All of Fresno Unified's neighborhood schools offer high-quality teaching and programs. When families choose their neighborhood school, they are usually close enough to walk, or a short drive away from campus.

Neighborhood schools provide a safe and welcoming hub in neighborhoods where families from the area can get to know each other and students can engage in activities with school friends outside of the school day. By going to school in their neighborhood, families and students develop pride in and connection to their region as they progress from elementary to middle school to high school.



Winchell Elementary School is among the district's neighborhood schools that offer modern facilities, a sense of community and easy access for families.



Nelson will Discuss his Vision at State of Education Luncheon

Fresno Unified will host its annual State of Education luncheon Oct. 14, featuring Superintendent Bob Nelson as the keynote speaker.

The event is the district's largest single event to raise money for the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree hotel in downtown Fresno. For ticket information or to inquire about being a community sponsor, call (559) 457-3733.

In addition to the State of Education fundraising effort, employees and the community are invited to contribute to the fund through <https://tinyurl.com/fusdscholarship>.

Last spring, the district awarded \$113,500 in scholarships to 57 students, all of whom overcame

significant obstacles on their journey to academic success. Stories of 2019 scholarship recipients will be shared at the luncheon, giving guests an opportunity to learn first-hand how important their support is to Fresno Unified students.

Many of these students struggled with poverty, illness, losing families members, mastering English, and countless other obstacles -- but managed to excel academically and become leaders of their high schools.

Scholarship winners last year went on to attend a variety of colleges, including Fresno City College, UC Davis, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Azusa Pacific University, Fresno State University, Sonoma State University, UCLA and a variety of other community colleges and universities.

The district's scholarship fund,

established in 2009, has made a difference in the lives of Fresno Unified students by not only helping to defray

college costs, but by shining a spotlight on their success and singling them out as worthy of distinction.



McLane High School Celebrates New Turf at Stadium



McLane High School celebrated the new synthetic turf and other improvements at McLane Stadium the day of its first home football game, Aug. 23. Activities began early with a sunrise breakfast for seniors. **Above**, members of the class of 2020 gathered on the new turf to watch the sun come up and enjoy activities. Prior to the football game, McLane and district officials and staff held a ribbon cutting ceremony, **top photo**. From left in the front row are Superintendent Bob Nelson, McLane principal Brian Wulf, board members Veva Islas and Carol Mills, board President Claudia Cazares and in back row from left, chief technology officer Kurt Madden, chief academic officer Kim Mecum, athletic director Brett Mar, Maintenance and Operations manager Tim Patterson, Maintenance and Operations executive director Jason Duke, instructional superintendents Katie Russell and Carlos Castillo and athletic director Pat Riddlesprigger. District officials, staff, board members and team captains also participated in an official coin toss and Superintendent Bob Nelson sang the national anthem. Along with the synthetic turf installation (a first in Fresno Unified), the district updated infrastructure and utilities at the stadium, added portable restrooms and improved accessibility.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Edison and Fresno High Students Join District Board of Education

They started their first day as student members of the Fresno Unified Board of Education with big smiles on their faces. Joshua Camarillo and Richard Romero are happy to be the voice of students as the new Student Advisory Board representatives for this school year.

Both have big dreams, not only for their futures but for their peers.

Joshua, a junior at Edison High School, wants to earn a degree either in education or law enforcement. But his focus right now is to work with the district on providing life skills classes for high school students.

“Students need to learn about finances, handling their money, how to do taxes, how to live in the world and do simple stuff like opening a bank account,” said Joshua, who has a professional, polished way of speaking that is mature beyond his age.

Joshua is highly approachable, which

will serve him well as he works with different personalities among students and the board of education. He said he learned to be inclusive of all kinds of people from his mother. Joshua added that he has always believed in student voice and advocacy.

Richard Romero, a junior at Fresno High School, also wants to be an agent of change for Fresno Unified students. He has a variety of ideas to help students, and with his outgoing personality, he is likely to succeed.

For example, he is concerned that students sometimes miss too much instruction time on game days. He said he once had to leave at 11 a.m. on the school bus for a 6 p.m. game in Dinuba.

“I want to know if I can help bring ideas to the table about students missing too many hours of class to attend games,” Richard said.

He plans to pursue a career as an English teacher.

is to be motivated to do well, but not overextend yourself.

“My expectations are high, but not unrealistic,” Richard said.

Both are happy to be part of a district that has a platform for student voices, and that they can sit next to board members and learn about issues that

matter and be part of discussions. After their first board meeting on Sept. 4, Joshua said, “It was thrilling. The amount of work that adults are doing downtown to further our education and high school experience is outstanding. I am proud and glad to be part of a district like FUSD.”



Edison High School senior Joshua Camarillo, left, and Fresno High School junior Richard Romero are the new Student Advisory Board representatives to the Fresno Unified Board of Education. Their first meeting was Sept. 4.



Be Counted in the 2020 Census!

What is the Census?

The census is an important opportunity for all U.S. residents to be counted in their communities. The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years.

Beginning March 2020, every household is encouraged to complete a census form (either online, mail or phone). Your participation and responses are protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Constitution.

We need you and your community counted! **With your help we can ensure an accurate and complete count for all.**



#FresnoCountyCounts
Follow the Fresno County Complete Count Committee on Facebook for census updates.

“I love writing, but perhaps also biology. I would love to major in both and then become a campus culture director, to give back to my community,” Richard said.

Just like Joshua, Richard cares about his community -- the students of Fresno Unified. Both want other students to let them know how they can help them achieve academically and in their everyday activities.

Joshua points out that being a student is not easy: “As a student, life can be very stressful. There is stress about your grades, stress about your friends, your parents, peer pressure and other issues from home.”

Richard said the best way to deal with the stress of being a student

Families Invited to Parent University Trunk or Treat Event

The district’s Parent University invites families to its annual Trunk or Treat open house at the Parent Resource Center on Oct. 25.

The fun event will be from 4-6 p.m. The Parent Resource Center is at 850 N. Blackstone Ave.

Community organizations that offer resources to families are invited to participate as well. For more information, call (559) 457-3390.

Trunk or Treat offers a safe and healthy Halloween environment for Fresno Unified families with treats for students and a resource fair for parents. Costumes are encouraged. The theme this year is superheroes.

Trunk or Treat helps Parent University connect Fresno Unified families with many of the district’s partnering agencies to provide



This year’s Trunk or Treat event is Oct. 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the district’s Parent Resource Center. The event offers treats and activities for children and a resource fair for parents.

up-to-date information and services. Partners will have an opportunity to interact with an estimated 600 families.



DISTRICT ROUNDUP



Grant Expands After School Program

Students in the district's after school program now have access to more fitness equipment and additional staff, thanks to a \$75,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente Fresno to the Fitness is Aces! program. The grant, announced at Jefferson Elementary School on Sept. 5, paid for additional equipment, including pedometers and trackers, and hired more staff to lead group exercise activities.

District Hosts Employee Conference

The district will hold a Classified Professional Development Conference from 8-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at Fresno Adult School, 2500 Stanislaus St. To register, Fresno Unified employees should go to iACHIEVE. For more information, call (559) 457-6224. Employees can choose to attend a three-hour session or two 1.5-hour sessions.



Cornerstone Church Provides Backpacks

Cornerstone Church donated 4,400 backpacks filled with supplies to 22 Fresno Unified schools on Aug. 20 as part of the Project Student AIDE. The church will also provide eight bikes to the 22 schools throughout the school year as incentives for good attendance and grades. At Thanksgiving, the church will provide 50 food boxes to each of the schools. The church also has plans to provide Disneyland

tickets for a child and adult at each of the schools for students who make significant academic progress. The schools are Addams, Anthony, Calwa, Centennial, Columbia, Fremont, Hidalgo, Homan, Jackson, Jefferson, King, Kirk, Lane, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Lowell, Rowell, Sunset, Vang Pao, Williams, Webster and Yokomi elementary schools.

Sunnyside High Grad Honored by Legislature

Marc Castro, a 2017 Sunnyside High School valedictorian and 2020 boxing Olympic hopeful, was honored by the California State Legislature Aug. 26. He was presented with an Assembly resolution on the floor of the State Assembly by California State Assemblyman Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) and California State Senator Andreas Borgeas (R-Fresno) in recognition of his outstanding and ongoing contributions to the Central Valley community and his boxing pursuits. Castro, now a student at Fresno State, is a two-time boxing Amateur World Champion.



Fort Miller Students Volunteer at Food Bank

Each month Chicano Latino Americano Student Association (CLASA) students from Fort Miller Middle School volunteer at the community food bank distribution center, led by Amy Sepulveda, teacher and club adviser. CLASA is dedicated to promoting unity by creating a coalition among Chicano/Latino youth and staff, enhancing cultural identity, academic performance, and community involvement.

Fansler Foundation Provides Grant to Rata

The Fansler Foundation has provided

a \$52,590 grant to Rata High School to purchase a handicap accessible van. To date, the foundation has donated \$236,472 to Rata, which serves medically fragile students.



Columbia Elementary Cart gets a Makeover

Teacher Mark Vargas at Columbia Elementary School went above and beyond this summer (after teaching summer school) to give the Columbia Cougar cart a new look, surprising

plant coordinator Maria Velasquez.



Holland T-shirts Reflect Spirit, Unity

Holland Elementary School Principal Adele Stewart provided Charger T-shirts for all students and staff to help create a sense of belonging and community at the school. The shirts, which say "Holland Chargers Believe Everyone Matters," will be worn on Fridays to show school spirit.

Duncan Salutes 9/11 Heroes



Duncan Polytechnical High School held its annual ceremony Sept. 11 to honor the victims of 9/11 and pay tribute to local veterans, firefighters and police officers, including campus officers. The school's Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors and students lined the hallway holding American flags. The Interact Club provided refreshments and guests could tour the ROTC classroom.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Bullard High Safety Assistant Provides a Listening Ear for Students

Mike Bettencourt is a devoted campus safety assistant at Bullard High School who not only seeks to make the campus safe but to build relationships with students. He started working for the district as a noon time assistant in 2013 at Fremont Elementary School where his son was attending and has been at Bullard since May 2016. Racheal Maciel, a former vice principal at Bullard, said this about Bettencourt: "I can think of several students who had it not been for their relationship with Mike, they would likely not have been suspended or expelled for their emotional and physical reactions to conflict."



Bullard High School campus safety assistant Mike Bettencourt, with freshman Anthony Duarte, uses his time with students to talk with them about the importance of education.

What do you enjoy the most about your job? Working with the kids.

What is the most challenging about your job? Trying to get the kids to understand the importance of

education.

What do you do in your job to make Bullard a welcoming and safe campus? I stay vigilant and create

a welcoming culture by smiling and greeting everyone I see.

What are your strategies for helping students who are struggling with

behavior issues? I try to build a relationship with these students to create trust and a safe place for students to inform an adult of possible issues, without being singled out.

What are your strategies for developing good relationships with students? Be a good listener while also contributing positively to the relationship.

If you could choose a different career, what would it be? I would be a counselor for kids.

What do you like to do when you are not working? Spend time with my sons either swimming or watching them play together.

Name one thing most people do not know about you. I like to play golf.

What is your dream vacation? Spend about a week in Hawaii.

Yosemite Middle School Teacher is at the Peak of his Profession

Elijah Carrillo is known as an outstanding teacher at Yosemite Middle School who also invests in students not in his classes and is a leader among the staff. He has been with the district for seven years, all at Yosemite. Principal Nichole Horn said about Carrillo: "His strength in instruction, leadership, energy and enthusiasm are contagious for both students and staff. He is able to meet any challenge that he comes across and be successful."



Elijah Carrillo teaches history at Yosemite Middle School and is a life-long learner himself. From left are students Christian Ortiz Bejarano, David Diaz Maya, Adrian Rios and Albert Espinoza.

What made you go into teaching? I love helping people. While I was completing my bachelor's degree in political science at CSU, Fresno, I worked in a mentorship program called Youth to College and a tutoring occupation with the California Teaching Fellows. This working experience gave me a deep appreciation for mentoring and teaching the youth, which eventually lead to my career in teaching.

What do you enjoy the most about your job? The best part of my job is teaching my kids to have a growth mindset. I like starting off the year teaching them about failing forward

(growth mind). Sometimes I have students who might be a grade level behind in their literacy skills, but I tell them that it's OK where you are. It's not about failing and staying in one place; it's about trying again and again until you get where you want to be.

What is the biggest challenge in your job? At first, the hardest part of my job was to find a way to connect to students

but once I started to listen to them, create a dialogue, we were able to understand each other, and build relationships. If you can build a relationship with your students, your life as a teacher will be much easier.

What are your strategies to get students interested in history? I like to use an array of different strategies. Using art and technology helps students

to be engaged in history. Some new strategies that I've acquired working with our district's English Learner Services include sentence unpacking a primary document to get the students to have a greater understanding of the context of the document and its historical background.

If you could go back and live in another time in history, what would it be? I would like to go back to the Civil Rights era -- see and hear historical figures such as Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez. Hearing the words of Martin Luther King Jr. at the footsteps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. would have been incredible.

What do you like the most about middle school students? I like their energy and their potential. We as middle school teachers have such a great impact on our students; we get them ready for high school, for the real world. If we do it right, we get to see

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them walk that stage come graduation time, which is the biggest payoff.

You are known for supporting new teachers. Why do you feel it's important to do this? Having support is a good thing, but especially in a school setting it's critical to

the school community. When you can mentor a new educator about how to build student-teacher relationships and school structures, it builds a culture of belonging and unity that eventually comes back to the students.

If you could choose a different career, what would it be? It would be a defense attorney. I see the Constitution as a living document that gives us

all rights and freedoms and I would enjoy defending those who aren't able to defend themselves. But I'm sure I eventually would find myself in a classroom teaching about law; education will always be part of my destiny.

Name one thing most people don't know about you. I like to dance. It's just fun to put on your dancing shoes and enjoy yourself.

What do you like to do when you are not working? I like to travel, hike, and explore new places when I'm on vacation or not at work.

What is your dream vacation? I would love to travel around the world and visit the ancient ruins of the world's major ancient civilizations -- the Mayans, the Egyptians, and Mesopotamia.

Students and Teachers Encouraged to Attend Town Hall Lectures

Students of all ages are encouraged to attend the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall, a monthly series of lectures on stimulating topics. Student admission is free.

Elementary, middle, and high school students attend with teacher chaperones. College students are given guest passes when they show their student ID cards. The presentations are at 10:30 a.m. at Saroyan Theatre.

For each lecture, high school counselors select two seniors who are serious about education beyond high school to attend as Town Hall Scholars. These select students meet the speaker in

advance of the program and one of them is randomly chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship.

Recent recipients from Fresno Unified were Alisia Perez of Bullard High School and Eric Negrete-Enesso from Roosevelt High School.

Upcoming lectures include explorer Nick Buettner presenting "Live Long and Happy – The Blue Zone" on Oct. 16; comedian and author Dennis Miller presenting "America, How Can We All Play Nice Again?" in a special evening event on Nov. 5; and National Geographic photographer Jimmy Chin presenting "World's Greatest Climb

– Free Solo in Yosemite" on Nov. 20.

More information on other speakers for this school year and how students can participate is available at www.valleytownhall.com.

Fresno High counselor Chie Moua frequently escorts students to hear the world-class speakers.

"Attending the lectures allows students to experience first-hand the speaker's . . . passion behind their work and their journey," Moua said. "Many have never been to the Saroyan Theatre. It takes them out of their comfort zone and opens their eyes to what is going



on beyond the high school campus. They are impressed with how each speaker has contributed to our world. It motivates them to focus on their goal," Moua said.

Students attending each lecture observe volunteerism, civic engagement, and life-long learning in action as they participate in this all-volunteer run event and mingle with the largely older-adult audience.



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ing and growth. This is not the typical achievement test where a student's aptitude results in a perfect score. Since the start of school, we've had over 50,000 first through 10th graders take the assessment, helping establish academic goals based on what students know and where they might have gaps. The new assessment tool then provides online lessons and interventions that bridge shortfalls in real time while also engaging parents in ways to support solutions. These diagnostic assessments provide the district opportunities to deploy student support and give us an earlier opportunity to address academic shortfalls as well as acceleration needs to build student capacity and academic growth outcomes.

Our board of education continues to commit resources that expand a child's learning and opportunities for success. I am grateful to the countless adults in our system, including our parents, who engage daily focused on the challenges facing our students as they work together to improve academic outcomes.

If you're unable to join us at State of Education but are interested in supporting the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund, you can learn more by visiting fresnounified.org.

El Almuerzo del Estado de Educación es una Oportunidad para Compartir Puntos de Vista

El 14 de octubre, nuestra gran comunidad se reunirá en el Hotel Double Tree para recaudar dinero para lo que es la recaudación de fondos más grande del distrito para el Fondo de Becas del Distrito Escolar de Fresno. El almuerzo del Estado de Educación destaca el impulso positivo de nuestro distrito al mismo tiempo que recauda fondos para proporcionar becas universitarias a numerosos estudiantes de último año de preparatoria que se lo merecen. El año pasado, a través de la generosidad de los empleados del distrito y los partidarios de la comunidad, el distrito recaudó suficiente dinero para otorgar más de \$110,000 en becas a 57 estudiantes merecedores, proporcionando \$50,000 más que el año anterior. Con más de 300 estudiantes solicitando cada año, seguimos esforzándonos por proporcionar más cada año, y volvemos a vender por completo este evento crucial este año.

El Estado de Educación también ofrece una idea de los programas e iniciativas que apoyan a los jóvenes de nuestro distrito, que van desde inversiones en educación especial, inversiones en instalaciones, expandiendo los programas de alfabetización para un mayor pre-

ndizaje académico para nuestros estudiantes afroamericanos, hasta nuestra iniciativa de dispositivo de aprendizaje electrónico, hasta adición de evaluaciones i-Ready. Gracias a la junta de educación, el distrito invirtió \$13.2 millones adicionales este año escolar en capital humano y apoyos para estudiantes que dependen de educación especial y servicios de salud. Las inversiones se basan en las mejores prácticas y proporcionan nuevos recursos para apoyar los planes estratégicos de educación especial a corto y largo plazo. Este plan de acción sólido garantiza que todos los estudiantes tengan oportunidades inclusivas para interactuar y aprender unos de otros de manera significativa.

Espero poder compartir más información en el Estado de Educación sobre nuestro nuevo sistema de evaluación alineado, i-Ready. El nuevo conjunto de herramientas proporciona evaluaciones fundamentales con resultados en matemáticas y lectura. Mientras los estudiantes seguirán participando en evaluaciones estatales anuales, i-Ready sirve como una evaluación de diagnóstico basada en criterios que también indica el "por qué" del nivel atrasado del estudiante y qué pasos se tomarán para cerrar las brechas de aprendizaje. La evaluación se administra tres veces durante el año escolar. Esta es una evaluación adaptativa, lo que significa que las preguntas pueden cambiar de un estudiante a otro en función de sus respuestas y mide su profundidad de comprensión y crecimiento. Esta no es la prueba de rendimiento típica en la que la aptitud de un estudiante da como resultado una puntuación perfecta. Desde el comienzo de la escuela, hemos tenido más de 50,000 estudiantes de primer a décimo grado que toman la evaluación, lo que ayuda a establecer objetivos académicos basados en lo que los estudiantes saben y dónde pueden tener brechas. La nueva herramienta de evaluación proporciona lecciones e intervenciones en línea que reducen las deficiencias en tiempo real y al mismo tiempo involucrar a los padres en formas de apoyar soluciones. Estas evaluaciones de diagnóstico brindan al distrito oportunidades para desplegar apoyo estudiantil y nos brindan una oportunidad más temprana para abordar las deficiencias académicas, así como las necesidades de aceleración para desarrollar la capacidad estudiantil y los resultados de crecimiento académico.

Nuestro consejo de educación continúa comprometiendo recursos que amplían el aprendizaje y las oportunidades de éxito de un niño. Estoy agradecido hacia los innumerables adultos en nuestro sistema, incluyendo nuestros padres de familia, que participan diariamente enfocados en los desafíos que enfrentan

nuestros estudiantes a medida que trabajan juntos para mejorar los resultados académicos.

Si no puede unirse a nosotros en el evento del Estado de Educación, pero está interesado en apoyar el Fondo de Becas del Distrito Escolar de Fresno, puede obtener más información visitando fresnounified.org.

Lub Xeev Kev Kawm Txuj Ci Pluas Su yog Lub Sij Hawm los Ohia Txog Lub Zeem Muag

Kaum Hli tim 14, peb lub zej lub zos zoo yuav tuaj ua ke nyob rau ntawm "DoubleTree Hotel" los mus nrhiav nyiaj rau hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv ib qho kev nrhiav nyiaj loj kawg nkaus rau "Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund". State of Education pluas su hais txog kev cuab zog ntawm peb lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv nyob rau lub sij hawm kev nrhiav nyiaj txiag los npaj muaj cov nyiaj txiag pub kawm college (college scholarships) rau coob coob tug cov kawm qib kaum ob muaj kev tsim nyog. Tseb no, los ntawm kev siab dawb siab zoo ntawm hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv cov neeg ua hauj lwm thiab tsoom zej zog kev txhawb pab, hauv pas tsev kawm ntawv nrhiav tau nyiaj txaus los muab ua dej siab ntau tshaj li ntawm \$110,000 ua nyiaj pub dawb rau 57 tus tub kawm ntawv muaj kev tsim nyog, npaj tau \$50,000 rau ntau tshaj tsab no. nrog rau coob tshaj li ntawm 300 tug tub kawm ntawv tau thov txhua lub xyoo, peb tseem txaus siab yuav npaj muaj qhov no ntxiv kom ntau txhua lub xyoo, thiab muag tawm lub koob tsheej tseem ceeb no dua ib zaug rau lub xyoo no.

"State of Education" kuj tseem yuav npaj muaj ib qho nyiaj txiag rau qhov kev kawm thiab thawj kauj ruam kev txhawb pab cov me nyuam hluas ntawm peb lub hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv, xam nrog rau cov kev nqis peev kev kawm txuj ci tshwj xeeb, tej kev nqis peev rau tej vaj tse, nthuav cov kev kawm kev nyeem ntawv sau ntawv los nce kev kawm txuj ci rau peb cov tub kawm ntawv Dub (African American), rau peb qhov thawj kauj ruam "eLearning Companion Device" rau ib qho ntxiv rau i-Ready cov kev soj ntsuam. Ua tsaug rau pawg thawj coj kev kawm txuj ci, hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv tau nqis peev \$13.2 lab ntxiv nyob rau lub xyoo kawm ntawv no rau tib neeg thiab cov kev txhawb pab rau cov tub kawm ntawv nyob ntawm seb nws qhov kev kawm ntawv tshwj xeeb thiab cov kev pab noj qab nyob zoo. Cov kev nqis peev yog los ntawm tej yam kev ua zoo thiab npaj muaj tej chaw muab kev pab tshiab los mus txhawb pab cov tswv yim npaj kev kawm ntawv tshwj xeeb ncuu sij hawm luv thiab ncuu sij hawm ntev. Qhov kev npaj ua ruaj khov no yuav ua kom txhua tus tub kawm ntawv muaj

txhua lub cib fim tau los txuam thiab kawm los ntawm dua lwm txoj kev kawm tseem ceeb.

Kuv tos ntsoov los muab lus qhia ntau ntxiv nyob rau "State of Education" hais txog peb qhov kev soj ntsuam tshiab, i-Ready. Lub thawv twj tshiab npaj muaj lub hauv paus kev soj ntsuam nrog tej kev kawm tau rau tag nrho lej thiab kev nyeem ntawv. Thaum cov tub kawm ntawv tseem yuav muab kev koom tes rau hauv kev niaj xyoo lub xeev cov kev soj ntsuam, i-Ready ua ib qho yam ntxwv siv soj ntsuam uas kuj tseem pom tau tias "yog vim li cas" thiab poob qab tub kawm ntawv qhov theem thiab cov kauj ruam li cas yuav tsum tau ua los kaw qhov kev kawm nrug no. Qhov kev soj ntsuam yuav muab xeeb peb zaug nyob rau lub sij hawm tab tom kawm ntawv. Nov yog ib qho kev soj ntsuam tau txais yuav, txhais tau tias cov lus nug kuj yuav hloov tau los ntawm ib tug tub kawm ntawv rau ib tug tub kawm ntawv raws li lawv cov lus teb thiab cov kev ntsuas lawv kev to taub tob npaum cas thiab kev loj hlob. Nov tsis yog kev xeeb kev kawm tau raws li ib txwm uas tus tub kawm ntawv cov qhab nia peev xwm yog ib qho zoo zoo. Puag thaum pib kawm ntawv, peb muaj coob tshaj li ntawm 50,000 tug kawm qib ib txog qib kaum tau raug soj ntsuam, pab los tsim tej hom phiaj kawm txuj ci raws li yam uas cov tub kawm ntawv paub thiab qhov uas lawv muaj tej kev nrug. Qhov twj soj ntsuam tshiab ntawm npaj muaj cov zaj kawm nyob rau hauv "online" thiab cov kev pab cuam uas ua tus choj tuam rau tej kev tu ncuu lub sij hawm kias tam sim tib lub sij hawm txuam tej niam txiv rau tej kev los txhawb pab tej kev daws. Cov kev soj ntsuam nov yuav npaj hauv paus tsev kawm ntawv tej cib fim los xa kev txhawb pab tub kawm ntawv thiab ua rau peb muaj lub cib fim thaum ntxov los hais txog cov kev tu ncuu kev kawm txuj ci thiab tej kev ntshaw kom mus ceev los tsim tub kawm ntawv kev muaj peev xwm thiab cov kev loj hlob kev kawm tau txuj ci.

Peb pawg thawj coj kev kawm txuj ci tseem cog lus rau tej chaw muab kev pab uas nthuav me nyuam yaus txoj kev kawm thiab lub cib fim rau kev kawm ntau. Kuv zoo siab heev rau cov neeg laus ua hauj lwm suav tsis txheeb hauv peb qhov kev qhia ntawv, xam nrog rau peb tsoom niam txiv, nws muaj kev txuam nrog txhua hnuv ua ntsees rau tej kev cov nyom peb tej tub kawm ntawv ntsib raws li lawv ua hauj lwm ua ke los txhim kho kev kawm tau txuj ci.

Yog tias koj tsis muaj peev xwm tuaj koom tau nrog peb ntawm "State of Education" tiam sis muaj kev ntxim siab los txhawb pab "Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund", koj muaj peev xwm kawm tau ntxiv los ntawm mus saib fresnounified.org.



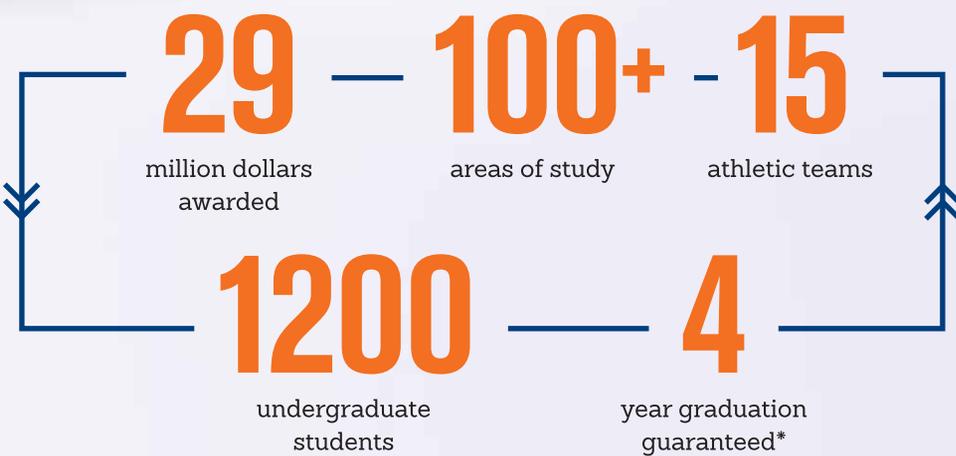
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