Sophomores Go Back To Preschool

Written by Dania Bello

Last month, the HSA sophomore class began their job shadowing journeys across four local preschools in Santa Paula. In order to prepare for this educational experience however, sophomores completed their Child Development and Care Honors class, which gave them plenty of knowledge regarding the physical, cognitive, and social/emotional development of children. Students then learned how to write and edit their own lesson plans, which are currently being implemented in their classrooms. These lessons were inspired by numerous themes and will ask that students create a name tag, draft an art piece, complete a worksheet, make a craft, and participate in an outdoor activity. Most importantly, these sophomores will also assist their preschool students in developing fine motor skills, along with enhancing their reading, writing, and mathematical skills. Overall, sophomores will get a glimpse of what it is like to be a teacher, as they teach their lesson plans and create friendships with their preschool students.
Seniors Gear Up For Graduation
Written by Sophie Korth
As the 2017-2018 school year comes to an end, seniors in the Health & Human Services Academy have begun planning their future, as acceptance letters trickle in. Of the 27 seniors in the Health and Human Services Academy, 23 have been accepted to a 4-year university. Twenty-two were accepted to a California State University (CSU), thirteen were accepted to a University of California (UC), and sixteen were accepted to a private/out of state university. CSU Channel Islands, UC Davis, and California Lutheran University were among the top universities seniors were accepted to and will be attending in the fall... As these seniors prepare for the years ahead, their teachers and HSA underclassmen wish them all the best. We couldn’t be prouder of their accomplishments.

The Academy Celebrates Easter
Written by Sarah Cornejo
On March 31st, eleven Health and Human Services students helped the Santa Paula Community Center organize this year’s Easter Carnival at Teague Park. This event was organized so that children in Santa Paula could hunt eggs, play a few games, and be rewarded with candy. At this event, HSA students were responsible for running game booths such as ring toss, pin the tail on the bunny, bingo, and many more so that participating children could celebrate the holiday. Students also handed out Easter baskets to children lucky enough to find a special egg during the egg hunt. Overall, both the children who attended, as well as the students who volunteered their time, enjoyed themselves during the carnival.

Juniors Experience Human Services Internships
Written by Uriel Juarez
Last September, six HSA Juniors began interning with SPUSD’s security department, the Santa Clara Valley Hospice, and various City of Santa Paula departments (including the Accounting, Administration, & Police departments). Working in these departments has helped students gain knowledge about what it is like to work in the area of human services. For example, students working with campus security help supervise students during detention and pick up students that need to be escorted to the campus’ main office. Students at these internships have also learned how to use programs that sites use to manage records, input minutes for meetings, and organize office schedules, while building greater communication skills, patience, and the confidentiality practices that are important in real life. Overall, juniors completing these human services internships will gain unique experiences that will allow them to be more competitive as they pursue careers in the future.