



# Student Engagement & Leadership

#### STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

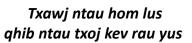
- Hmong Dual Language Immersion: Vang Pao
- Spanish Dual Language Immersion: McLane
- Ayer Student Peacemakers
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- GSA
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- Foster Youth Advisory Council
- Terronez Student Bridge Center for Civic Education
- American Indian Student Presentation
- Bullard Knight Works Video Presentation













Spanish Dual Immersion Program

Hmong Dual Language Immersion Program (DLI)
Vang Pao Elementary

- ·Michael Her (4th grade)
- ·Alexa Jimenez (3rd grade)

Preparing bilingual, biliterate and culturally competent college and career ready students.



# 50:50 HMONG DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

- and write in the English language through
  English Language Arts
  and Mathematics with the goal of reaching grade level proficiency by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- 2) Simultaneously, all students develop Hmong oral language and literacy skills through social studies, science, art, music, and PE.



Bilingualism & Bi-literacy

Cross-Cultural Competence High Academic Achievement in both languages

















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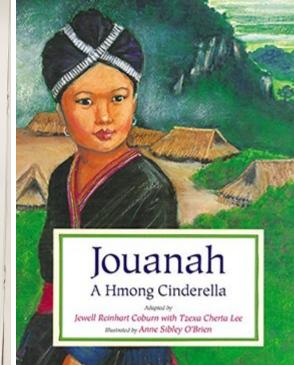
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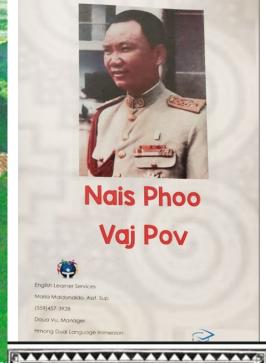


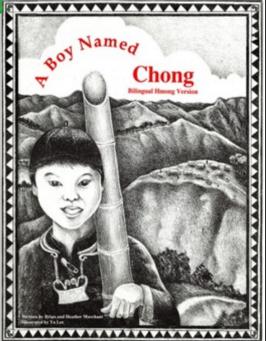
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#### STUDENT VOICE SURVEYS

What is your favorite thing to do in Hmong class/program?

My favorite thing to do in Hmong class is doing embroidery.

I like that we can experience and speak in the way of our culture in the Hmong program

My favourite thing to do in Hmong class is to learn about Hmong culture.

What is something new or interesting that you learned about the Hmong people, the Hmong culture, or the Hmong language that you didn't know before taking this class?

Something new i learned was that french priest helped make the Hmong language.

I didn't know that Hmong play a lot of games that are similar to American games.

That the Hmong people were in danger and moved to Thailand to get to the USA.

I learned that Hmong is a way to communicate with each other. Now I could talk with other Hmong people.

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK





Today, Mrs. Ann's class did an experiment in class to create "dej hiav txwv" in a water bottle. The kids loved it!

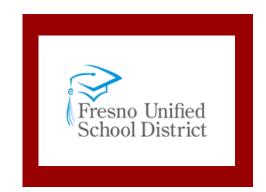


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### Fresno Unified School District Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program







































#### **Elementary**

Ewing Hidalgo Leavenworth Rowell

#### Secondary

Yosemite Middle School &

McLane High School

# The McLane Region Dual Language Immersion Experience



Preparing bilingual, biliterate and culturally competent college and career ready students.

### Building cross-cultural understanding positive attitudes towards languages and diverse cultures





# Capitalizing on students' biliteracy skills developed in elementary school



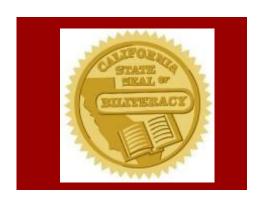


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# Engaging students in a unique academic experience

- Students have an Academic Coach all 4 years
- Students develop their personalized academic plan and choose from a variety of courses
- Students continue developing their Spanish and English-language proficiency and cultural competency
- Students can participate in a component of the McLane Leadership Academy each year
- Students broaden their horizons by participating in **study trips** throughout California
- Students are offered PAID internships for interpreter services in grades 11 and 12 through the Teacher Academy and MERA pathways





### María Belén Esparza, Class of 2022









Watch video at <a href="https://vimeo.com/fresnounified/maria-esparza">https://vimeo.com/fresnounified/maria-esparza</a>





# Ayer Student Peacemakers

### Ayer Peacemakers -A Decade of Dedication & Service



2012 - Present







When we started Peacemakers, we had the intentions of helping others in need. We also wanted to provide a buddy for others who don't have a friend. We also wanted to make Ayer elementary a better place for us and other Ayer Bears



# What is a Peacemaker?

A student who has been trained in a peer-based mediation process.

We practice active listening, teamwork, problem solving, affective communication, and focus on offering peaceful problem solving for all Ayer Bears.



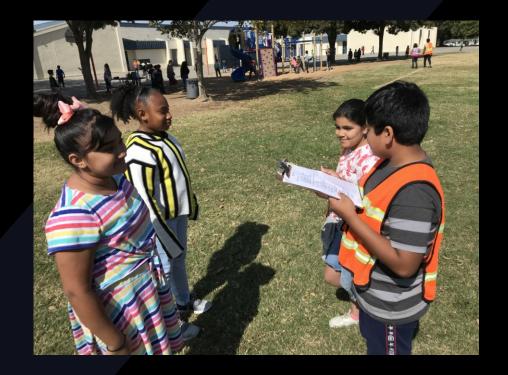






# What has being a Peacemaker meant to you?

- "Helping other students solve problems."
- "Learning to problem solve in a peaceful way."
- "It has also helped me to solve problems in my own life and with my siblings."
- "Being a peacemaker will also help me in my future when I have conflicts."





# Lessons Learned & Hope for Future Ayer Peacemakers

- "We learned that there are better ways to solve conflicts."
- "I learned that we can listen and hear people out in order to be able help them the best way that I can."
- "You have to have patience with other students."
- "You can't pick sides and if the conflict is very serious to get an adult to help me and my partner out."









### Black Student Union & BSCU



#### **About BSCU**

#### **MISSION**

To provide California's African American youth with the tools, education and experiences to prepare them to become fully engaged participants in the state's civic and economic life.

#### VISION

A California where African American youth receive the quality education, training, tools & experiences to become fully engaged participants in the state's civic and economic life.

#### **VALUES**

- · Excellence & Self-Determination
- · Interdependence & Perseverance
- · Critical Cultural Consciousness
- Active Mental, Physical Health
   Maintenance Habits & Practices.

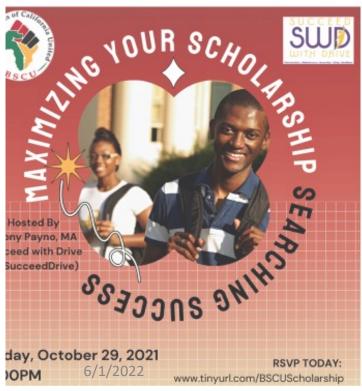
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# A Standard of Excellence

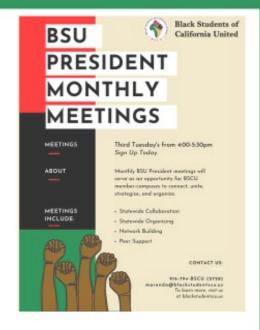
- 2021 2022 Theme Black Excellence: Our Culture is More Than a Trend
- BSCU is a statewide, student led organization that supports Black youth in their development to be effective leaders and excellent students. It has been in existence in 2016.
- The State Youth leadership President for 2020-21 and 2021-22 was Miss Ariana Mikel (Edison HS). The first elected President of the state youth Senate was Miss Bre'Aujunae Moore (Fresno High). Both ELECTED by the BSCU student body at annual conference.

# Past Meetings & Events











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# Virtual Engagement









#### COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

- Resume & Cover Letter Writing
- Virtual Mock Interviews
- · Elevator Pitch: How To Introduce Yourself
- · Personal Statement Writing



#### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

· Monthly wellness engagement





















SACRAMENTO STATE CAPITOL (WEST LAWN)

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Opening Remarks & Black Student
Call to Action Overview 10:00AM
Keynote Speaker 10:00AM
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Lunch & Community Convenations 11:50AM
Community Guest Speakers 10:00PM



#### Black History 365 Campaign

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BSU Student Voice & Empowerment

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# Personal Reflection Our Legacy

We Can't Be What We Don't See

6/1/2022





## GSA Clubs (Genders & Sexualities Alliances)



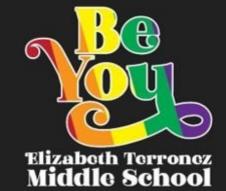




















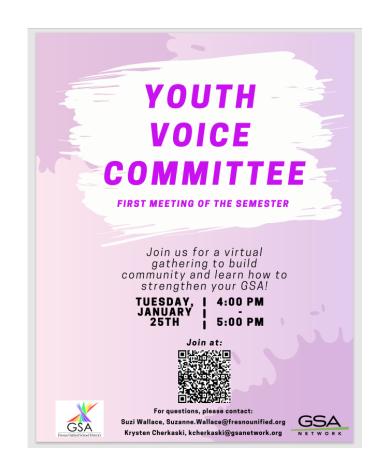
















#### District-Wide GSA Youth Voice Committee



#### WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



Scan this code to access LGBTQ+ resources, name & gender ID updates, inclusive clubs & activities, and social emotional supports!

> \*If you need crisis support, you can text HOME to 741741 or call 1-866-488-7386, 24-hours a day

### The Safe Space for All Campaign

We hope you've seen the amazing student video that launched our campaign this year!

Posters are now up in all middle and high schools, and many elementary campuses as well. They are posted by staff who have committed to creating a safe space for all where students, families and staff feel welcomed, supported and empowered with access to resources through the QR code.











## GSA Club Campus Events

Hoover Pates Celebrated LGBTQ+ History Month & the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia







#### More Inclusive Curriculum!

In October 2021, 16 LGBTQ+ inclusive books were donated to our **66** Elementary Libraries by the non-profit **Gender Nation** 

"The event was meaningful to us as student leaders because we advocated for more inclusive curriculum with district leaders so we can see ourselves and our community reflected through positive and affirming stories! It also benefits all students by promoting acceptance and respect and teaching them more about the diverse people and families in the world."

- GSA Student Leader

#### **GSA LUNCHTIME EVENT:**

VIRTUAL LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE BOOK SHOWCASE

**OCTOBER 21, 2021** 

MULTIPLE SESSIONS HAPPENING AT:

11:55 -12:20, 12:30 - 1:00, AND 1:05 - 1:30



JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT TO SEE THE AMAZING COLLECTION

OF 16 LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE BOOKS BEING DONATED TO OUR 66

ELEMENTARY LIBRARIES + MEET THE AUTHOR OF "ONE OF A KIND

LIKE ME/UNICO COMO YO", LAURIN MAYENO, ZOOMING IN FROM

THE FRESNO HIGH LIBRARY!

JOIN AT: HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82608158026?PMD=Y3H0S3ZV0GXJDEXJU2X1T0PUTLNIUT09

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT: SUZI MALLACE: SUZANNE MALLACEMFRESNOUNIFIED.ORI KRYSTEN CHERKASKI -KCHERKASKIMIGSANETHORK.ORG













# Please Join Us



Fresno Unified CIPL and DPI

Invite you to an LGBTQ+ Affirming Book Showcase Books donated by Gender Nation

THURSDAY 4:30 - 6 PM 21 0CTOBER 2021

Fresno High School Warrior Park 1839 N Echo Ave, Fresno, CA 93704 Social distancing and masks required





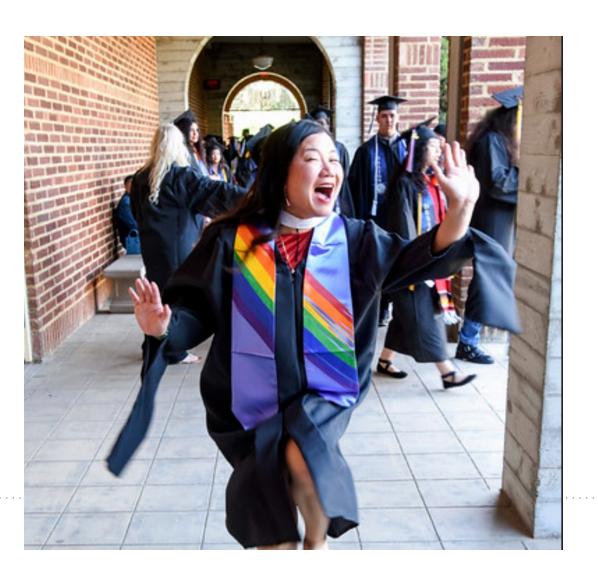
### Student Single-User All Gender Restrooms Project



It was our goal this year to have at least one additional singleuser All Gender Restroom at each middle and high school. With all the challenges related to pandemic, not all have been completed. We do have commitment from district leaders to complete the project and work will continue into the summer.



#### Rainbow Graduation Stoles for GSA Members & Staff Allies



It is now a second annual tradition that Fresno Unified is celebrating graduating seniors who have been active members of their GSA Clubs with a Rainbow Stole!

Staff allies can also wear a Rainbow Stole to show support of their students' leadership and pride.

Look out for them as you attend upcoming ceremonies!

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#### PRIDE PARADE

Fresno Unified School District students and staff are walking in the 2022 Fresno Unified Rainbow Pride Parade!

**WHAT:** This year's theme is "In Pride", to honor the passing of Pride Director and community leader, Jeffery Robinson.

**WHY:** Fresno Unified is committed to creating safe, supportive, and inclusive schools so that all stakeholders know they belong and are celebrated!

**STUDENTS:** GSA Club members have the opportunity to participate as a field trip with their advisor to walk in the parade and receive entrance to the festival.

**STAFF:** Saturday, June 4th at 9am, in Tower District, on the corner of Olive and Palm. Staff are welcome to join the festival for \$5 entry free from 11:30 - 2:30pm.

**ATTIRE:** Showcase your pride and allyship! Come in school attire/colors, GSA Club shirts, and/or rainbow pride items! Pride posters and flags are allowed.

**HISTORY OF PARADE:** Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade is the Central Valley's largest event. It includes people of all ages, elected officials, non-profits, the faith community, as well as local and national businesses.

#### Fresno Rainbow Pride Event!

This Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the 32nd Annual Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade & Festival. This will be Fresno Unified's second time participating, and we will have over 200 staff, families and students together celebrating our commitment to safe, supportive, and inclusive schools for all!





# GSL EL Mentor Program

Board Presentation June 1, 2022





**Hearing from program participants:** 

- Huitzi Perez EHS mentee/mentor
- Diana Mata Jauregui SHS mentor





# An expanding program:

starting with a pilot at 2 sites and 20 participants currently 6 sites and 134 participants





Adding BHS next year!

291 newcomer students 41% earned \$250 scholarships!

43 mentors

Total success!



#### **HELP students acquire oral English**

#### **MENTOR MEETINGS**

1 x / week after school meeting 1.25-1.5 hours

Mentees attend at least 80%

of after-school mentor sessions, interact with mentors 2x/week and work 1.25 hrs/week on Rosetta Stone = \$250

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 



#### **CONNECTIONS**

Mentors interact 2x/week with mentees OUTSIDE the after-school sessions

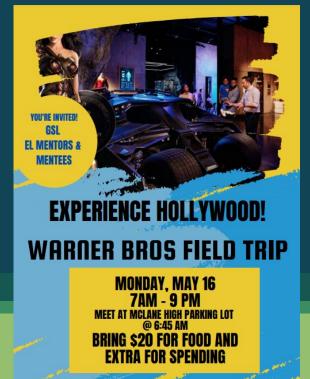
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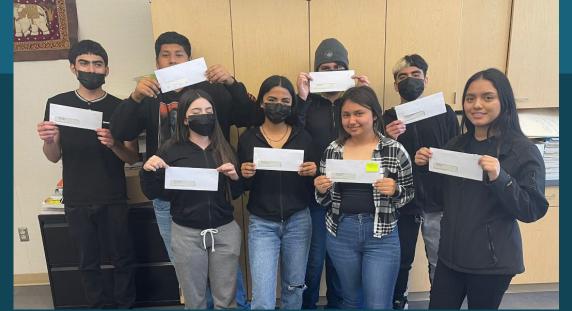
**ROSETTA STONE** 

#### Off-campus events:







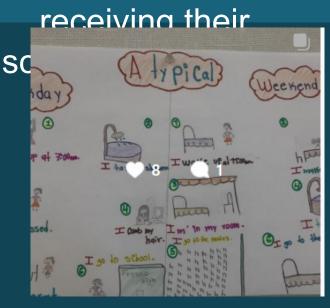








# MHS & HHS Mentees





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**#** POSTS













TikTok: newcomerprogram1

**EL Peer Mentoring** 

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Follow us on social media:

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November 2, 2021 · 🚱

EL Mentors and Mentees at their meeting playing activities th engage students in learning English. #mclanehigh









(B) VIDEOS





Are you ready to earn your \$250 Scholarship?







# Thank you for your support

# African American Academic Acceleration

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Lisa Mitchell, Executive Director, School Leadership Office of African American Academic Acceleration (A4)

#### AFRICAN AMERICAN ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

#### **Student Voice Initiative**

- Highschool student representatives from all over the district
- Student identified problems and student led solutions
- A way to amplify student voices and bring student concerns to district officials







#### STUDENT VOICE INITIATIVE



Duncan Polytechnical High School



CAMBRIDGE HIGH
Home of the Panthers



Male of the Herbergers



PATIÑO SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP INNOVATE. LEAD. LEARN. CREATE.







# A safe space for students to talk about issues/concerns















BULLARD HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE KNIGHTS





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#### STUDENT VOICE INITIATIVE

#### Influencers

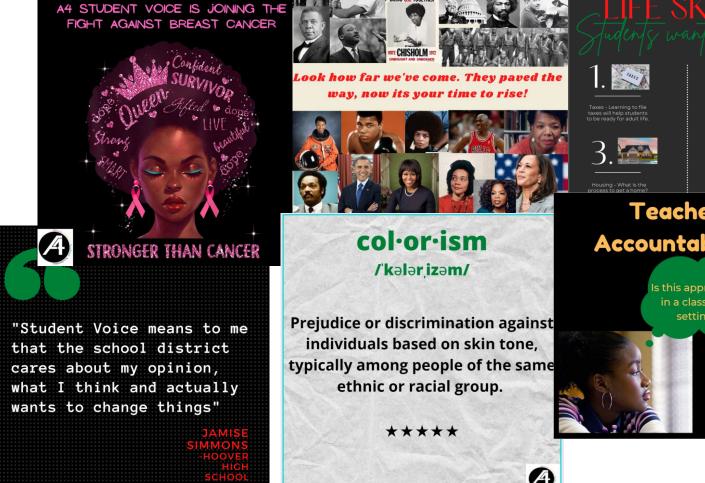
- Student Voice manages an Instagram page. Follow us at a4\_studentvoice.
- The Instagram team consists of 8 students who are paid employees of the district.
- Student content created by students designed to bring additional awareness to the student voice.







Instagram





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#### STUDENT VOICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Meetings with superintendent Nelson and deputy superintendent Her
- Creation of "The Belonging Lab"
- Skill building Social media training, strengths training





# Project ACCESS Foster Youth Advisory Council



### Fresno High: Youth Opportunity Alliance Club (YOA)

- Connections made in club have led to friendships/support outside of club
- Learning and sharing about resources for supporting foster youth





### YOA Club Activities 2019-2022



- Mission/Awareness Gamechanger Initiative
- Student Connection Events
- Opportunities For Leadership



# Hoover High School -Project ACCESS Club



#### **About Our Club**

- For Foster, Homeless, and Probation youth
- Confidentiality and Inclusion
- Lunch Provided



## HHS | Project ACCESS Activities

#### **Activities included:**

Mental health & Foster care awareness month

May was mental health awareness month. At any given year nearly 20% of American children are diagnosed with some sort of mental illness. Nealy **5 million** children in the US have some sort of serious mental illness.







May is also Foster care awareness month More than **250,000** kids per year are placed into foster care, as of now there are over **440,000** kids in foster care within the US alone.



## HHS | Project ACCESS Activities

#### **Activities included:**

Canned Food Drive

November was Homeless Awareness Month. During November, our club partnered with our leadership class on campus. We received hundreds of cans donated to our club. We gave the can goods to families in need.









# Roosevelt High School – Foster Youth Advisory Club

### Missy's Story

- School Placement Change
- Navigating Challenges
- Foster Youth Advisory Club









# McLane High School – Project ACCESS Club

# Chico High --> McLane High, February 2022

- •Quickly met other foster youth, attended Project ACCESS club, joining leadership during the 2022 2023 academic year.
- Enjoy being involved and helping my school and community.
  - Assisted in Project ACCESS' first Foster Youth Awareness Soccer Tournament to raise funds for foster youth scholarships.









# Scout Island Leadership Academy

- Learning our personal strengths
- Team-building exercises
- Connecting with other youth going through similar struggles
- Developing our leadership qualities











#### Scout Island Adventures







The Mission of the Civic Education Center is to restore civility in America by creating opportunities for youth to learn and practice civic values and democratic skills.



In the past 5 years, CEC has empowered 2,000 students to participate in community service and civic engagement projects.



#### **Civic Engagement Topic: Too Many Fights**

The topic was chosen by student leaders because of an increase in school fighting on and near the Terronez campus.

- The Civic Education Center brought in the Don't Laugh at Me Club and Mindfullness Club from Sunnyside High School
- Student Leaders were trained on Restorative Practice & Peer Mediation by Christina Cassinerio-Wilson (Education Specialist of Restorative Practices)
- They planned and painted a PeaceBridge Mural to guide students to resolve conflicts, with Muralist Will Portis and CEC staff.

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# American Indian Education

Mr. Shropshire (teacher/tutor)

Karissa Reyes (Hoover graduate)





#### BULLARD KNIGHT WORKS VIDEO



