SUNSET P-TECH SPECIAL EDITION

Moving Towards Excellence

We are Back and Moving Fast and Furious!!

We are back for another exciting year. So what have we been doing you may ask. Our students have been engaged in a number of exciting opportunities already. We are back for our third year with a third cohort, our juniors have transitioned to the community college twice a week and we have new staff members. The year started so fast we wanted to have a "Special Edition" newsletter to catch everyone up to speed and will pick up with our monthly newsletters. We have done a lot and have many more activities, events, and engagements yet to experience. So let's catch up.

Our Administrative Staff



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About Us

@SunsetCA17

Sunset High School is expanding college opportunities for students, thanks to an exciting partnership with Mountain View College and the University of North Texas at Dallas. Students who attend the Sunset P-TECH Collegiate Academy will have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and up to 60 college credit hours or an associate degree in four years. Sunset P-TECH is currently under the leadership of Ralph Spencer Jr., Collegiate Principal with the support of Tamara Robison, Collegiate Coordinator, Bridgette Dyer-Smith, Collegiate Counselor and Maribel Palomares, Collegiate Clerk. The program is presently in its third year.

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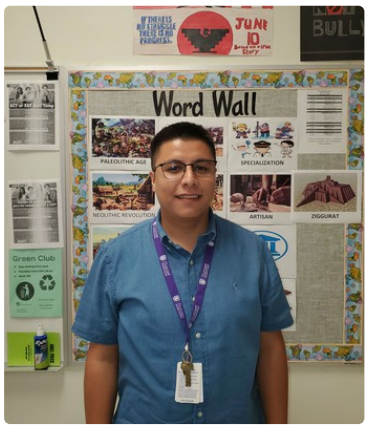
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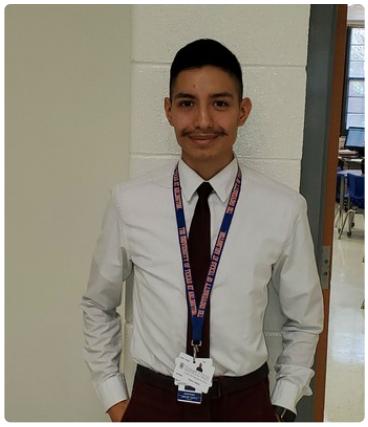
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Mountain View Professors on Campus for the 2019-2020 School Year

We have a wonderful staff of Mountain View professors who transition to the campus to serve our 9th and 10th graders taking college classes on the campus. These professors help our students prepare for the transition to the college campus. Though they are on the high school campus the professors still run their classrooms the same as any other college class. Students grades are located in Blackboard which the student has access. Our professors have been quite an asset to our campus. We also have three dual credit professors which means they teach college courses as well as high school courses. They are a part of the Sunset family.



Professor Chima

Introduction to Sociology



Professor Hernandez

Principles of Info Tech



Professor Levels

College Transitions



Professor Armstrong

Theater I



Professor Robinson

Physical Education



Professor Schlotterbeck

US History



Professor Salazar

Spanish III



Professor Garcia

Human Growth and Development



Mountain View College



New Teacher Academy

Sunset P-TECH offers two exciting career pathways: Teacher Education and Public Health. Each year, our industry partner, Dallas HCM (Human Capital Management) recruits students into the teacher education pathway or interested in the teaching pathway to participate in the New Teacher Academy. This year the New Teacher Academy was located at , where approximately 20 future teachers were able to witness the excitement for new incoming teachers experiencing the academy. The students are able to envision what their first days may look like in the future. The students were also able to attend

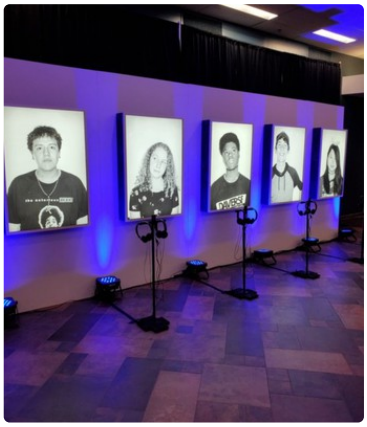
a Lunch and Learn hosted at Dallas ISD headquarters where several speakers spoke about their journey into education. The students were welcomed by Deputy Chief of HCM, John Vega and given an uplifting speech to help keep them motivated on their journey.



Lunch and Learn hosted by Dallas HCM



Giving a helping hand



New Teacher Academy 2019



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Our juniors are now on the college campus twice a week. Sunset P-TECH transports our juniors to Mountain View College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-4:15 pm each week. The administrative staff has a rotating schedule to ensure we are available to support the students while they are on campus. We circulate the campus to ensure students are studying, attending classes and

offering necessary resources to our college students. It has been a transition but our students have adjusted well.



1st Day of Classes

Junior, Aulonie Torres has fun with the Mountain View mascot.



1st Day at Mountain View College

(I to r) Maria Guerrero, Lizeth Noriega, Lissa V, Gabriella Contreras



1st Day at Mountain View College

Collegiate clerk, Ms. Palomares joins in the fun. The students were super excited about their transition.



Annual Kick-Off

Each year Sunset P-TECH hosts an annual Kick-Off to preview what our students have done and the vision for the year. Our principal, Mr. Spencer, has simply asked that we "Trust the Process" as we all, parents, students and staff journey through this program. Our junior class was responsible for planning our program this year. We were fortunate to have our Parent Booster Club President, Rebeca Rocha, speak of her experience with being President and a parent of the program. We highlighted, our Ambassadors, SPCA Ambassadors (Public Health), athletes, Bison Buddies (Teacher Education) and our students who are an active part of our recruitment team. Coordinator, Justin Bryant from Dallas HCM, our Teacher Education industry partner, spoke about their experience with working with our students. We could not be more proud of their accomplishments and their efforts on this day. #SUNSETP-TECHSTUDENTSROCK!!!





Addressing the students

President Mong, UNT Dallas President, has always made of point of taking time to speak with students. Juniors, Janie Macias and Yesenia Tejeda were guides for the Kick-Off tour of Collegiate classrooms.



Mr. Justin Bryant, Dallas HCM

Industry partner, Dallas HCM, is always present and engaged with the students so when Justin Bryant was asked to speak to the audience about his role with students, he was very complimentary of our students and staff. We really appreciate his contribution to our program.



SPCA Ambassadors

Our SPCA Ambassadors presented to the audience and explained their role within Sunset HS as well as how they impact their community as SPCA Ambassadors. These students are taking on this hands on project as Public Health students. Their role is to educate the community as a whole how how to take care of pets and prevent them from becoming strays.



Booster Club Committee

Booster Club President, Mrs. Rocha, and parent, Mrs. Palma spoke to other parents and guests about the impact Sunset P-TECH has had one their students as well as their roles within Booster Club. Mrs. Palma is an active volunteer who often attends events and field trips with our students. We could not do all that we do without the assistance of our parents. Also, our parents have sponsored the lunch we serve during our Kick-Off for the past two years. Thank you parents!!!



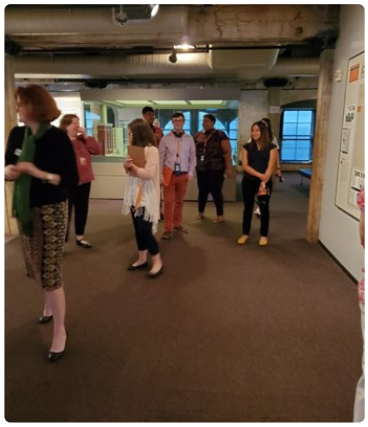
Focus Group with The Sixth Floor Museum

We are fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with UNT Dallas and due to that partnership we were recommended for a project that will hopefully help grow our students and staff. We were asked by way of President Mong to take part in a Focus Group as The Sixth Floor Museum is working to revamp their curriculum and get feedback on their museum. This is also an active part of the staff's

professional development. We want to challenge the staff just as much as we want to challenge the students. We are in the early stages of this project but were were happy to participate and honored President Mong suggested our staff and students.



A guide was explaining pieces of the exhibit



The staff viewed the exhibit and took notes on the experience



Each staff member was given wonderful gifts

Thank you Sixth Floor Museum



Chief Executive Officer, Nicola Longford

The staff was presented the history behind the museum and their vision going forward.



Presentation Room

The Sixth Floor Museum offered a beautiful continental breakfast and parting gifts for participating in the tour.



Final Hour of the Tour

We were given a tour of he extension room of the museum. It was divided by decades.

Sunset P-TECH Retreat

Each year the staff of Sunset P-TECH kicks off the year with their beginning of the year retreat at UNT Dallas, our college partner. On August 12th and 13th, the teachers and administrative team met to strategically plan our upcoming year. This time is always necessary especially this year with three cohorts now on campus. The staff was able to engage in professional development to learn more about PLC structure, campus expectations and ice breakers to learn more about each other. With several new members to the team, the retreat is a great segue back into the a promised busy school year.



Mr. Spencer Welcomes the Collegiate Staff



President Mong



Two Days of Intense Preparation

Planet P-TECH Conference in New York City

Workplace Learning Coordinator, Tamara Robison, was afforded the opportunity to travel to New York City to attend the Planet P-TECH conference hosted by IBM. It was the first time Dallas ISD P-TECHs were able to participate in a national conference to learn more about the P-TECH model and how to support our programs and keep our industry partners engaged. We also extended the invitation to our industry partner, Children's Health, and college partner, UNT Dallas.

This is the first global education summit for the P-TECH network. Two days of connection, collaboration and learning to drive continuous innovation and transformation. The goal is to tackle the global skills challenge in the tech sector by introducing high school students to many computer technical professions. Almost 400 attendees will be traveling from as far as Singapore and Australia as well as from several states across the US. IBM and American Airlines will host this event at New York Hilton Midtown in New York from August 20 – 21st.



Working Session

We were asked to categorize our Big Rocks of the program and some techniques we use for each.



Industry and College Partners

(L to R) Karen Kaighan, Director of School Health Programs (Children's Health), Tamara Robison, Workplace Learning Coordinator (Sunset P-TECH), Cynthia Perez, Assistant Director of External Relations and Development and Sandra Vasquez, Health Educator (Children's Health)



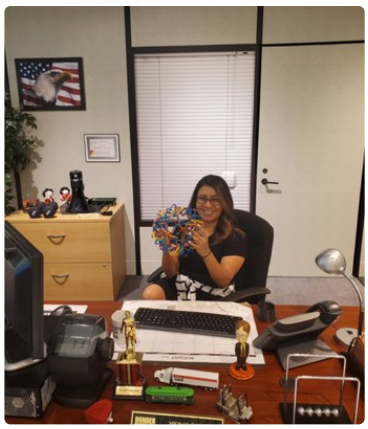
Joseph Gonzales - Workplace Coordinator

Joseph Gonzales, the Workplace Learning Coordinator for Adamson Collegiate Academy also attended the conference.



Planet P-TECH

P-TECH, which stands for Pathways in Technology Early College High School, provides access to college courseware and industry experience to high school students that can result in an associate's degree in a technical field.
P-TECH brings together the best elements of high school, college and career discovery.



The Office

During downtime, Cynthia Perez, External Relations Director from UNT Dallas was able to sit at the desk of her favorite sitcom, The Office.



In Session

During this segment, we were asked to share best practices. Coordinator, Tamara Robison, was asking about best practices on how they manage mentorship within their programs.

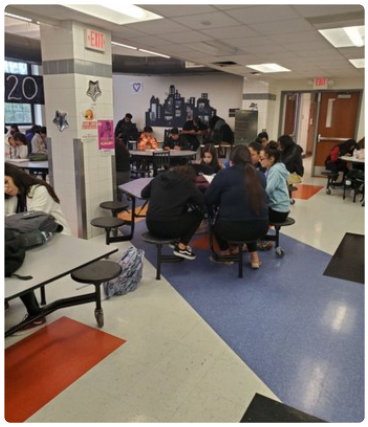


Organized Study Hall

Our juniors are engaged in college classes on A days which are Mondays and Wednesdays. Sunset High School is on block scheduling with a rotating Friday meaning every other week is it A day. We have structured activities off site for our juniors on A day Fridays. We have had structured study halls at Mountain View College, UNT Dallas and the Dallas Public Library. During structured study halls, our students are given study tips, organizational strategies and they are put into study groups according to classes. It is an opportunity for our students to have uninterrupted study time to prepare for classes and projects while collaborating with others in their cohort. UNT Dallas Executive Director, Elizabeth Cheek of the Emerging Teaching Institute has been a huge contributor in helping to organize engagement activities on the UNT Dallas campus.



Study Hall at Sunset High School Library



Study Hall in the Sunset Cafeteria



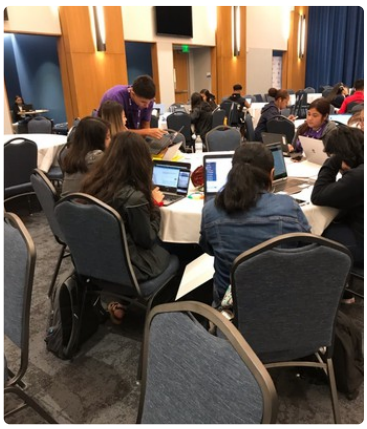
Study Hall at the Dallas Public Library



Study Hall at UNT Dallas



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Internships at UNT Dallas

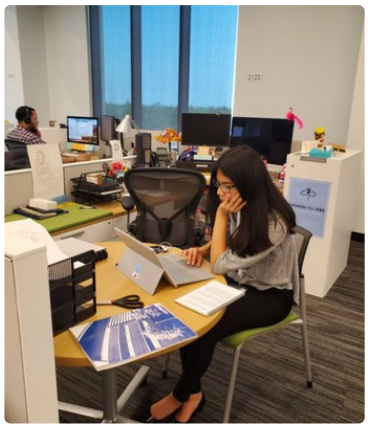
During the summer, we had two students participate in internships through the Mayor's Intern Fellows Program. These students had to participate in a rigorous application and interview process with teens across the city of Dallas. Once chosen, the students had to participate in several workshops and commit to an 8 week work schedule with no days off during the week. Jacquelin Ramirez and Yesenia Tejeda were selected to work at UNT Dallas, Student Affairs and UNT Dallas Law. We could have been more proud of their accomplishments and dedication. Each employer was pleased with our students. This is an exciting opportunity for any student due to the life long connections made. We also had one student, Natalie Lazano, participate in a year long internship with The Mark Cuban Foundation.

Natalie participated in the Upward Bound Program sponsored through UNT Dallas where she was afforded this opportunity.



Valarie James and Yesenia Tejeda

Valerie James, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Scholarships was one of Yesenia's supervisors during the internship. She has become a part of the team.



Jacqueline Ramirez

Jacqueline was able to work in Student Affairs in the newly built Student Center at UNT Dallas.



Natalie Lazano

Natalie was fortunate to work several VIP events during her internship with the Mark Cuban Foundation



Natalie Lazano, Mark Cuban Foundation Internship

Natalie's internship was only on the weekends for the entire year. She was able to work various high profile events through the Mark Cuban Foundation. This opportunity would not have happened if it was not for Executive Director of Trio Programs & Pre-Collegiate Programs, Nakia Douglas. Each year he awards 10-15 of our students spots in the Upward Bound Program.



Yesenia and the UNT Dallas Law Office

Yesenia made such an impression on the staff that she was invited back for a going away party for one of the staff members. I would say she really made an impression on them.



Yesenia at the reception desk

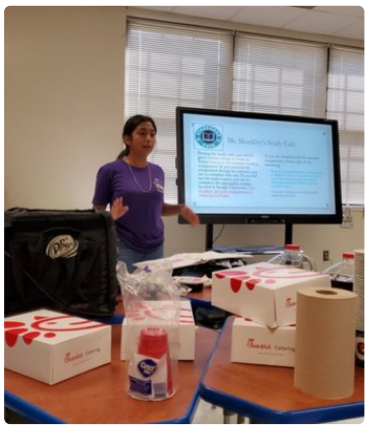
As the Workplace Learning Coordinator it is our job to visit the work site to ensure everything is going smoothly. Yesenia was actively answering phones and running the front desk independently. She made us very proud.

SPCA Ambassadors

Last year we were fortunate enough to build a relationship with SPCA of Dallas. SPCA of Dallas was looking for a way to get into schools for their newly created SPCA Ambassadors. Selected students were trained by SPCA through their puppy academy about resources to care for animals, vaccinations and laws. The purpose of the SPCA Ambassadors is to educate the community within the 75208 zip code on how to care for their animals to help combat the stray dog issue in Dallas. Our SPCA Ambassadors are Public Health students with a real job educating their community. As ambassadors, they are given a budget monthly to purchase necessary resources for their events.



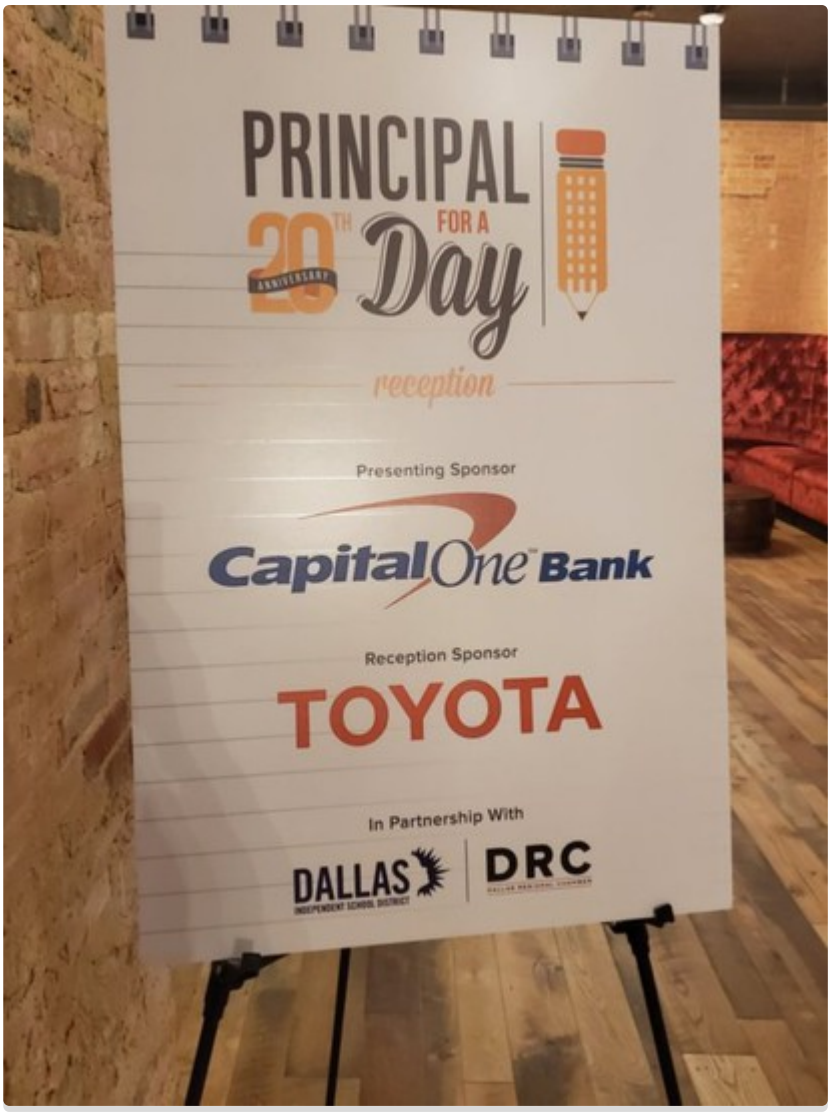
Aulonie Torres and Mario Garcia having a SPCA workshop with the Collegiate staff. It is an excellent opportunity for the to practice their presentation skills with the teachers to prepare for their monthly required presentations.



Ambassador Janie Macias



Ambassadors Mario Garcia and Janie Macias



Principal for the Day

Each year Dallas ISD hosts Principal for the Day which celebrated their 20th year this year. Principal for a Day brings more than 200 business and community leaders into Dallas ISD schools. We hosted Director, Dr. Philip Huang. Dr. Huang spent more than ten years as the Medical Director for the City of Austin's Health Department. He was appointed as the new Director at the beginning of the calendar year. He recently relocated from Austin to the Dallas area. We were pleased to spend the day with Dr. Huang. He was given a tour and had a chance to shadow everyone from the administrative team to see the work from their perspective. It was a pleasure to have him spend the day with us.



Principal for the Day, Dr. Huang and Collegiate Principal, Mr. Spencer



Dr. Huang and Collegiate Counselor, Bridgette Dyer-Smith



Dr. Huang and Principal, Claudia Vega