

2024 Fall Newsletter



Earning College Credit While In High School

MDUSD students can earn college credit while their still in high school by signing up for Diablo Valley College's dual enrollment classes. Dually enrolled students will earn both high school and college credit for these classes. Students can also earn a GPA bump for most of these courses.

Spring Semester Courses:

ARTDM-214: Introduction to Graphic Design

- Start date 1/27/25 (T/ 3:30pm - 5:30pm Hybrid at CHS)
- Taught by David Hevel

CAREER 100: College and Career Readiness I

- Start date 1/28/25 (T Th/ 3:45pm - 5:10pm at YVHS)
- Taught by Julianne Kontos

CAREER 101: College and Career Readiness II

- Start date 1/29/25 (T Th/ 3:45pm - 5:10pm at YVHS)
- Taught by Julianne Kontos

ECE-124: Child Development and Psychology

- Start date 1/27/25 (T Th/ 3:45pm - 5:10pm at YVHS)
- Taught by Juan Huerta Villicana

ENGIN-131: Technology and Society

- Start date 1/27/25 (T Th/4:00pm - 5:25pm at MDHS)
- Taught by Afarin Navayazdan

ENGTC-111: Mathematics for Technicians

- Start date 1/27/25 (T Th/3:30pm - 4:55pm at MDHS)
- Taught by DVC Staff

PH-130: Introduction to Community and Public Health

- Start date 1/27/25 (M W/3:45pm - 5:10pm at MDHS)
- Taught by David

Meet our team!

We have a full team and we are excited to be working with you all! From left to right:, Anna Ramos, Amanda Witczack, Demetra Hufford, Alicia Navarrete, Jorge Salinas-Tognetti, Shirley Hernandez, Isaiah Harper, Samantha Ayala.

Upcoming Events

- **January 2025**
 - 1/9 - 8th Grade CTE & Career Pathway Fair @ Riverview Middle
 - 1/20 - MLK Jr. Day
- **February 2025**
 - 2/17 - Presidents' Day
- **March 2025**
 - 3/10 - BEST Day



Work Readiness Workshops

First semester Mt. Diablo High School and Ygnacio Valley High School students participated in a six-week Work Readiness program led by Career Pathways Coordinators, gaining valuable skills to prepare for future careers. These workshops equipped students with practical tools and insights for professional success, from resume building to interview techniques, empowering them to step confidently into the workforce.

Students at Mt. Diablo High School attending a Professionalism Workshop hosted by Shirley Hernandez, Work-Based Learning Coordinator.

Work-based learning in ACTION

Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce First Friday Coffee

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee is a networking event where professionals from various industries connect, share ideas, and collaborate. By bringing students to this event, MDUSD provides them with invaluable exposure to industry partners and real-world networking opportunities. This experience allows students to develop professional connections, learn about diverse career pathways, and practice networking skills in a welcoming and supportive environment. It's an inspiring opportunity to bridge education with industry and empower students to envision their future in the workforce. Special thanks to Kevin Cabral, CEO of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.



What was one thing you learned or found interesting from today's work-based learning experience? **"Don't be afraid to go out & open new doors for your future."** Crystal Ochoa (pictured on the left, middle)

Manufacturing Day 2024

The recent Manufacturing Day presented an extraordinary opportunity for students to gain insights into real-world careers within the manufacturing and utilities sectors. Work Based Learning Coordinator, Demetra accompanied students from Mt. Diablo High School on an informative tour of Marathon Petroleum Corporation, providing them with an understanding of the intricate processes involved in energy production. Simultaneously, Isaiah Harper, Work Based Learning Coordinator, guided Ygnacio Valley High School students to the Bollman Water Treatment Plant, offering them a behind-the-scenes perspective on the crucial role of water treatment in supporting our communities. Both tours offered invaluable exposure to potential career pathways for our students.

Following the tours, students from Concord, Mt. Diablo, and Ygnacio Valley High School visited DVC to explore the institution's lab programs. Each student was introduced to DVC's robotics, construction, and electrical classes, equipping them with substantial knowledge and expanding their career prospects for the future. As Isaiah Harper emphasized, "Opportunities don't just happen, you create them, and DVC has created so many for our students".





Career Education Fair at Concord High School

On October 16, MDUSD, in partnership with Concord High School, hosted one of its most exciting events of the year, the Career Education Fair, held at Concord High School, with over 600 MDUSD students attending. Students have an opportunity to learn about post secondary options, such as trade union apprenticeship programs, certificated programs, and first responder training programs. The goal is for students who may not be thinking about going to college see alternatives to college. Students engaged with professionals from a variety of industries, giving them an opportunity to gather information to make informed decisions about their futures.

Special thanks to Sheila Bergum, College & Career Advisor, Concord High School, for organizing the day.



Congrats!

Patient Care Pathway Students

Congratulations to Mt. Diablo High School's Patient Care Pathway students who completed their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training! This dedicated group of students now possess valuable life-saving skills they can share with their families and communities, empowering them to respond confidently in times of need.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Trish Beirne, Emergency Services Volunteer Coordinator from the Concord Police Department, and her team of instructors, who spent six weeks at MDHS preparing students to handle catastrophic events. Their expertise and dedication made an invaluable impact on our students.

Perioperative Open House

32 students attended John Muir Medical's Perioperative Open House hosted at the Walnut Creek campus. This event offered a behind-the-scenes look at surgical tools, technologies, and processes, including hands-on experiences for MDUSD students.

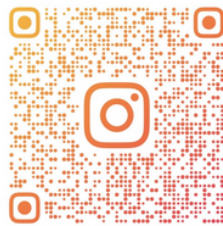
"My personal experience on this field trip was incredibly positive and thought-provoking. It gave me the opportunity to reflect on my own aspirations and what I truly want to pursue in life. After engaging with the professionals in various healthcare fields, I am now considering a career in the NICU. The chance to interact with people who have specialized in different areas of healthcare has broadened my perspective and inspired me to explore new possibilities. This experience has truly encouraged me to rethink my goals and consider a path I hadn't previously considered."— MDUSD Student



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