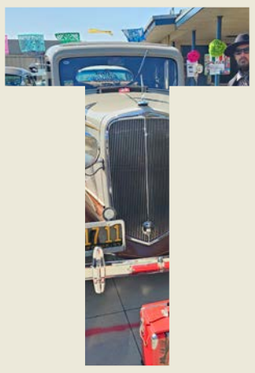
VISTA NEWS










FALL 2024







HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Once again, Vista hosted an incredible celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month, bringing our community together in an inspiring and unforgettable way. Our motivational speakers, Manny Alcaraz and Art Limon, captivated and empowered our students with their heartfelt stories of perseverance and triumph, motivating them to chase their dreams with passion and determination.

Manny and Art are influential members of The Lowrider Alliance, a prominent organization dedicated to uplifting and preserving the rich legacy of lowrider culture in Los Angeles. For the Chicano community, lowriders serve as more than just cars; they are vibrant, moving symbols of cultural pride and resilience. From their stunning paint jobs and intricate interior designs to their polished engines and detailed, handcrafted artwork, these cars are like traveling museums, proudly showcasing "Orgullo Mexicano" and celebrating Chicano heritage wherever they go.

The event provided a unique opportunity for our students to learn about the historical significance and artistry of lowriders, sparking curiosity and appreciation for this vibrant aspect of Chicano culture.















Vista Clubs

Interested in meeting new people, fun activities field trips and support?









Join a Club!

Los sueños talk to Ms. Casuso Room 3

Civic Minds Alliance talk to Mr. Medrano Room 8





La Raza talk to Ms. Gomez Room 103

Gay-Straight Alliances or Senior Club talk to Mr. Luna Room 5

FRIENDS
Harder to find
IMPOSSIBLE
to forget

SUCCESS IS NOT A DESTINATION, BUT A JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE!!



Angel Ku received a $1000 college scholarship from the Latino Heritage





On September 14th, students from Vista had the unique opportunity to attend the National College Resources Foundation's 11th Annual Latino College Expo, held at the University of La Verne.

More than 50 university representatives were on hand, eager to share information about their campuses and programs. Vista students had the chance to connect directly with admissions officers, allowing them to learn about campus life and scholarship opportunities firsthand.

The expo also included campus tours, giving students a glimpse of what university life entails. Many expressed their enthusiasm about exploring potential future campuses, visualizing themselves as college students.

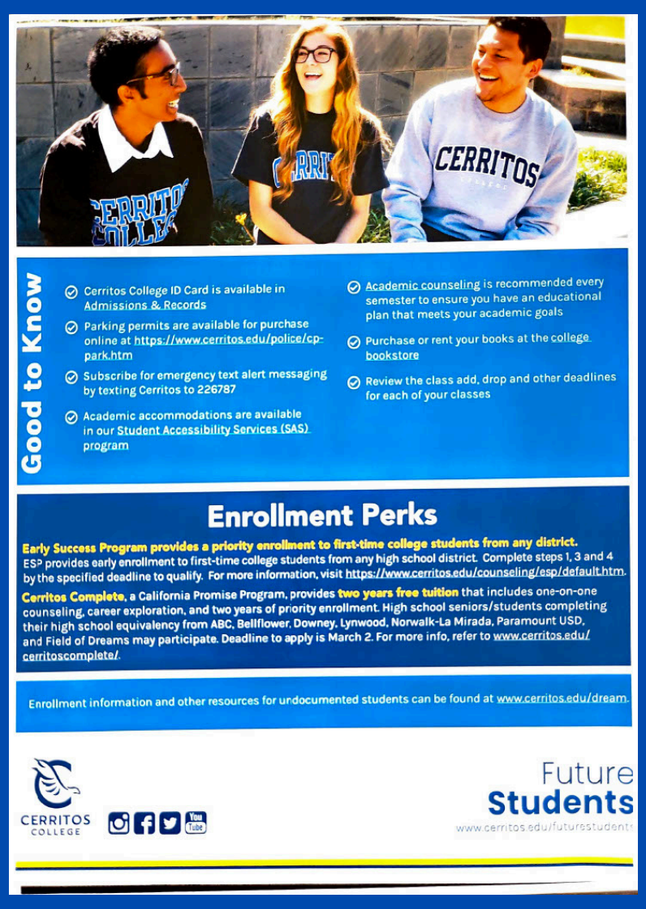
The day concluded with scholarship drawings, where Vista student Angel ku received on of the scholarships.

Overall, it was a great experience for our students, opening doors to new possibilities and igniting their aspirations for higher education. Events like the Latino College Expo play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community and empowering students to pursue their dreams.

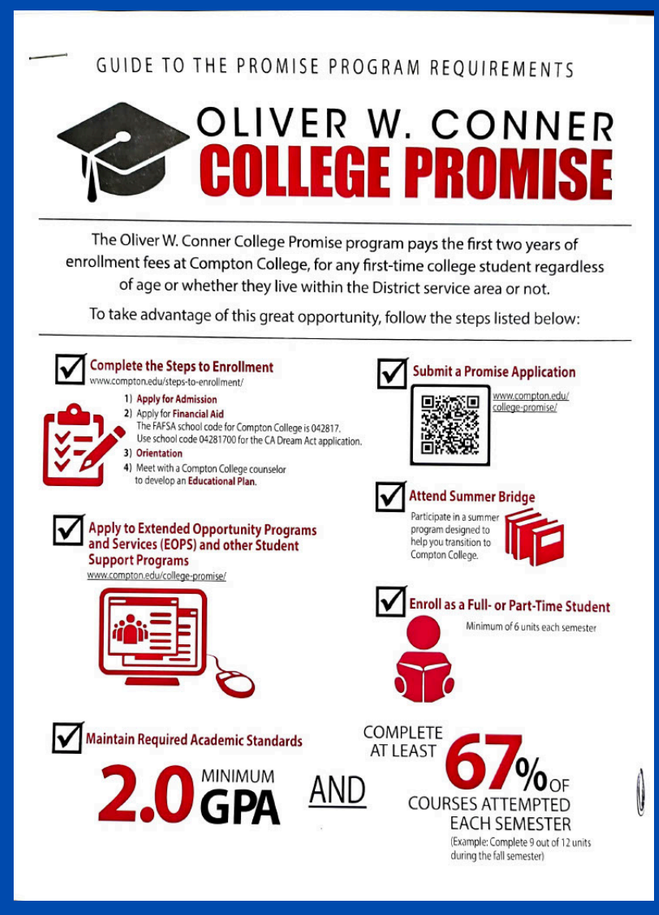




VISTA COLLEGE BOUND



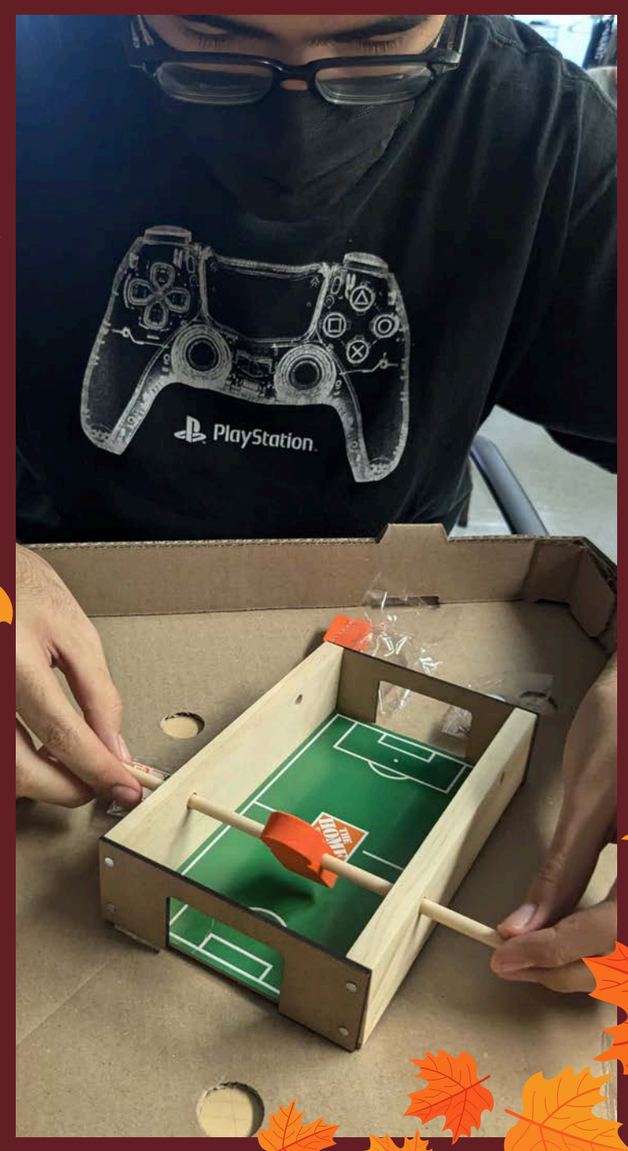


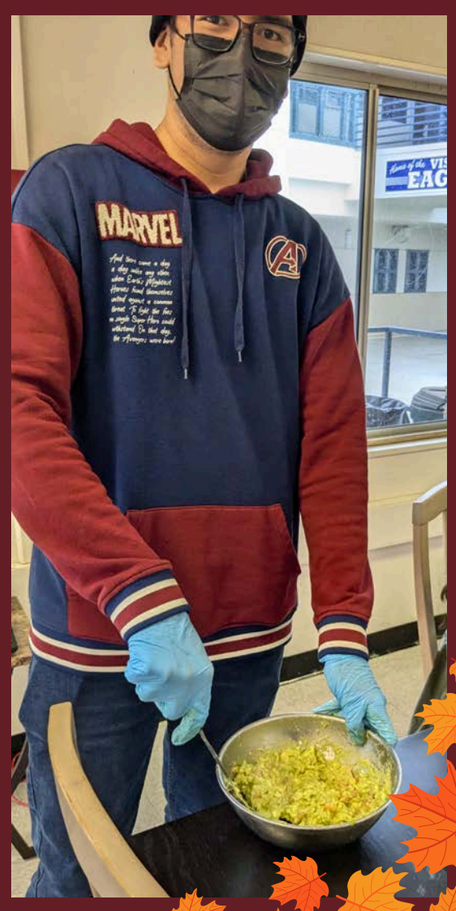


Visit Mr. Ramos and Edgard in room 13 to get information about college enrollment and scholarships.

ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM









Vista Adult Transition students have been very busy this fall. They have enhanced their building skills with Home Depot kits, mastered the art of making delicious guacamole, harvested some fresh vegetables from our Vista Garden, and explored different parts of the community.









Pumpkin by MauricioChacon

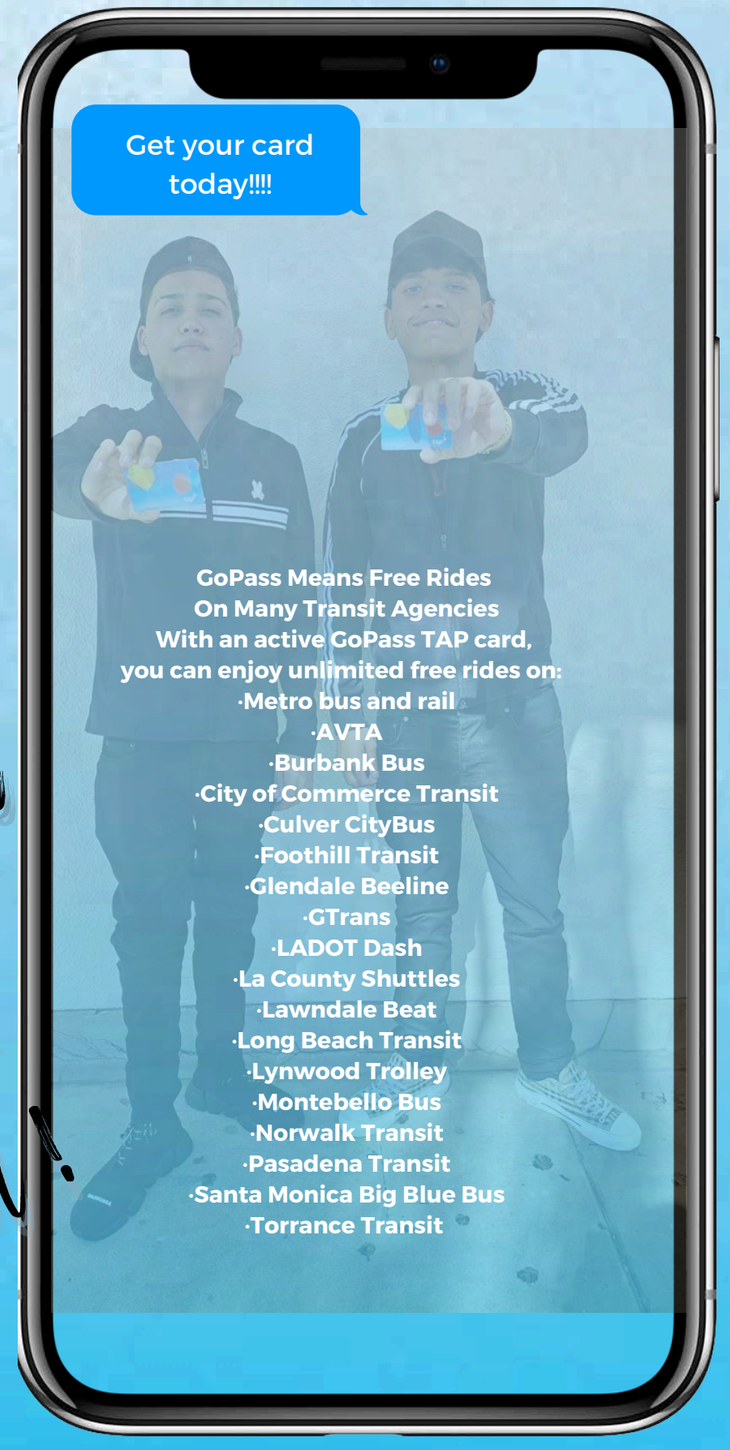








Talk to Mr. Magee or Ms. Mena to get your card!





There are many fun and educational places Vista Students can visit using the Los Angeles Metro system. Here's a list of spots that are accessible via Metro and offer a range of activities:

1. **Exposition Park**
   - **Attractions: California Science Center (free admission), Natural History Museum, and the Rose Garden.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Metro Blue Line to the Expo Line (E Line) and get off at Expo Park/USC station.**
2. **The Broad Museum**
   - **Attractions: Contemporary art museum featuring works by Jeff Koons, Yayoi Kusama, etc.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to 7th St/Metro Center, then transfer to the Red or Purple Line and get off at Civic Center/Grand Park station. Walk a few blocks to the museum.**
   - **Tickets: Free, but reservations are recommended.**
3. **Little Tokyo**
   - **Attractions: Explore Japanese culture, food, and shops. Visit the Japanese American National Museum.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to 7th St/Metro Center and transfer to the Gold Line (L Line) toward East LA. Get off at Little Tokyo/Arts District station.**
4. **Santa Monica Pier**
   - **Attractions: Beach, amusement park, restaurants, and beautiful ocean views.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to 7th St/Metro Center, transfer to the Expo Line (E Line), and ride it all the way to Downtown Santa Monica.**
5. **The Last Bookstore (Downtown LA)**
   - **Attractions: Explore a massive bookstore with a fun labyrinth of books, art installations, and rare collections.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to Pershing Square station.**
6. **Griffith Observatory**
   - **Attractions: Free exhibits, telescope viewing, and an amazing view of the Hollywood sign and LA skyline.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Red Line (B Line) to Vermont/Sunset, then hop on the DASH Observatory Shuttle to the top.**
7. **Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)**
   - **Attractions: Art collections from around the world, iconic "Urban Light" installation.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to 7th St/Metro Center, transfer to the Purple Line (D Line) to Wilshire/Western station, then take a bus (20 or 720) to Wilshire/Fairfax.**
8. **The Getty Center**
   - **Attractions: Beautiful art collections, architecture, and gardens.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to 7th St/Metro Center, then the Red Line to Hollywood/Highland, followed by Bus 761 to the Getty Center.**
   - **Tickets: Free, but reservations are required.**
9. **Grand Central Market (Downtown LA)**
   - **Attractions: Diverse food vendors offering affordable meals.**
   - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to Pershing Square station and walk a couple of blocks.**
10. **Olvera Street**
    - **Attractions: Historical district with Mexican-American culture, shops, and restaurants.**
    - **Metro Access: Take the Blue Line to Union Station.**



These locations offer a mix of culture, education, and fun, perfect for teens looking to explore Los Angeles!

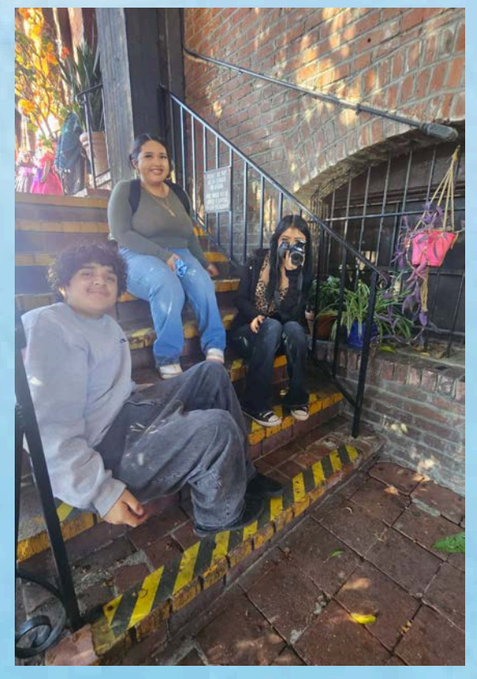


Field Trip

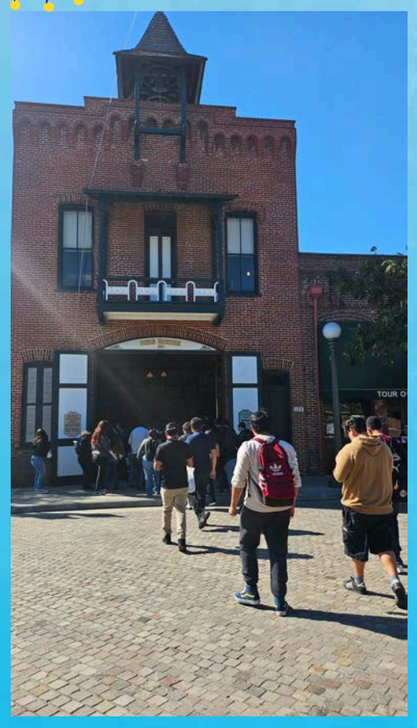
Olvera street, Union Station, China Town

















Students from Vista traveled to the heart of Los Angeles to experience the vibrant history and cultural richness of Olvera Street, Union Station, and Chinatown. "El Pueblo de Los Angeles," historic district, offered students a chance to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and flavors that define early Los Angeles and Mexican-American heritage.

We began the day at La Placita Church, the oldest catholic church in Los Angeles. This was followed by a stop by the Pobladores plaque, where they learned about the diverse group of settlers that came from Alamos, Sonora Mexico on a 950 miles' journey to establish the pueblo de Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles on September 4, 1781. Next we visited the most significant historical landmarks of Olvera street; Avila adobe, Sepulveda house, Pico hotel, and the mural América Tropical.



Avila Adobe

Avila Adobe, the oldest residence still standing in Los Angeles, transported students back to 1818, showing them what life looked like in the early days of Californian settlement. They saw rooms furnished in traditional period pieces, providing insight into both the simplicity and ingenuity of early Californian households. Moving next to the Sepulveda House, students explored another architectural gem, observing the influences of Victorian and Spanish styles.

Sepulveda House



One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to David Alfaro Siqueiros' iconic mural, América Tropical. The students were amazed at the intense symbolism and powerful message of social justice embedded in the artwork.

This trip to Olvera Street deepened the students' connection to their city, offering them a memorable, hands-on lesson about the resilience, creativity, and cultural contributions that have shaped Los Angeles.

American Tropical



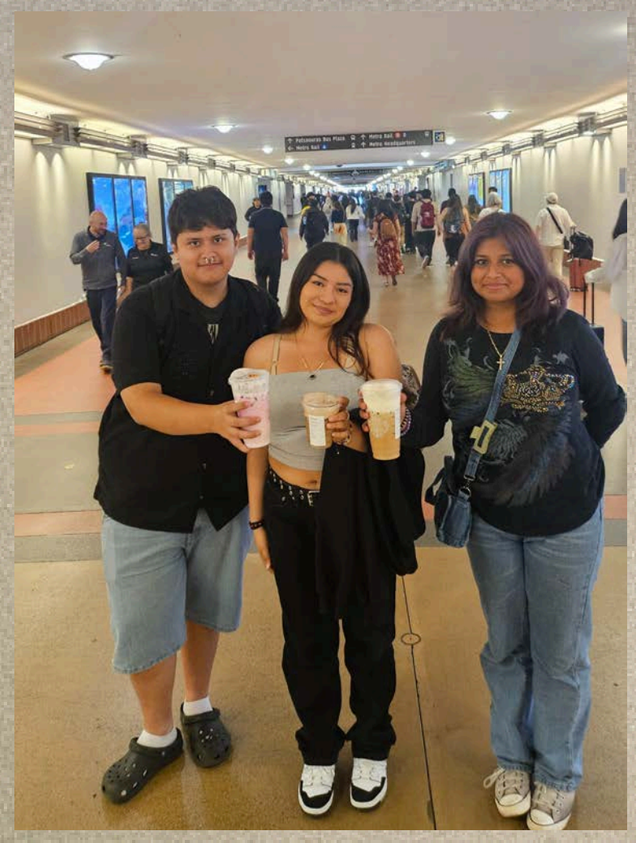
UNION STATION
LOS ANGELES













THANK YOU JACQUELINE (MR. CHAVEZ'S WIFE) FOR PROVIDING US WITH A GUIDED TOUR OF LOS ANGELES UNION STATION "THE LAST OF THE GREAT TRAIN STATION AND FOR ALL THE GOODIES!!!!!!

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Club Los Sueños





Good memories



Family & Friends





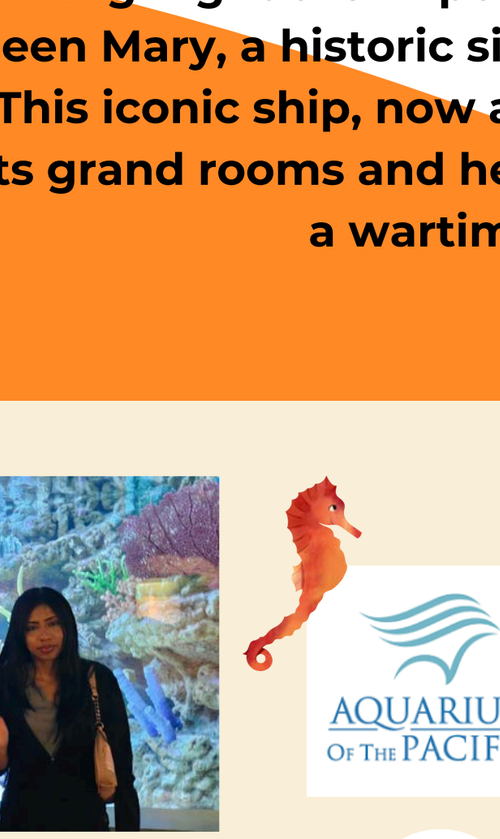
Club Los Sueños invited former members, families, and friends to visit the Queen Mary on September 16 and the Aquarium of the Pacific on October 16. Both days provided wonderful opportunities for everyone to get to know one another while enjoying these beautiful venues.
The Aquarium of the Pacific is a fantastic aquarium with diverse marine life exhibits, interactive displays, and educational programs that highlight the importance of ocean conservation.
The Queen Mary, a historic site, offers a fascinating glimpse into the past. This iconic ship, now a museum and hotel, allows visitors to explore its grand rooms and hear stories of its time as a luxury liner and a wartime transport vessel.





AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC





Parent Center



Thank you to all the parents who participated in the Celebration of Hispanic Heritage!





During the celebration, parents shared food, played loteria, decorate an altar, and share memories of their loved ones who have passed.





"Our doors are open to all parents, no matter the species"
Ms. Mena
Community Liaison

Unexpected visitor at the Parent Center!

ART CONTESTS



Please speak with Ms. Casuso if you are interested in submitting your artwork.

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LET'S CELABRATE OUR EAGLES





Dhamar had an amazing summer with ArtworxLA, participating in two enriching programs. She took a Procreate course at ArtCenter, where she learned digital illustration fundamentals under the guidance of professor Yelen Aye and his mentee, Ima. She used these skills to bring her own creative ideas to life. In addition, Dhamar worked as a paid intern in ArtworxLA's Special Academy program. For six Fridays, she was at Special Group, a renowned global marketing agency known for their work with Uber Eats and Super Bowl commercials. Industry professionals mentored the interns, sharing insights about advertising and their personal career journeys. Dhamar focused on creating a brand launch video for her upcoming graphic novel, Among the Rubble, and received a free iPad upon completing the program.

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PLATINUM IMPLEMENTATION AWARD





Isaiha Ariza and his Red Devils FC U16 team celebrated their victory over LA Revival FC U16 in the final game at SoFi Stadium on October 13, where they proudly took home the trophy.

A group of outstanding scholars was honored during one of Vista's celebrations for Students of the Month and Most Improved Students. Students enjoyed pizza, prizes, and were presented with certificates that recognized their achievements. These certificates served as a meaningful acknowledgment of their dedication and progress, providing a lasting reminder of their hard work.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN





Vista students and staff celebrated 2 days of Halloween, packed full of activities and excitement! The festivities included a carnival with fun games, a trunk-to-trunk event, mummy wrap race , scar makeup contest and plenty of candy for everyone.















BOO!















