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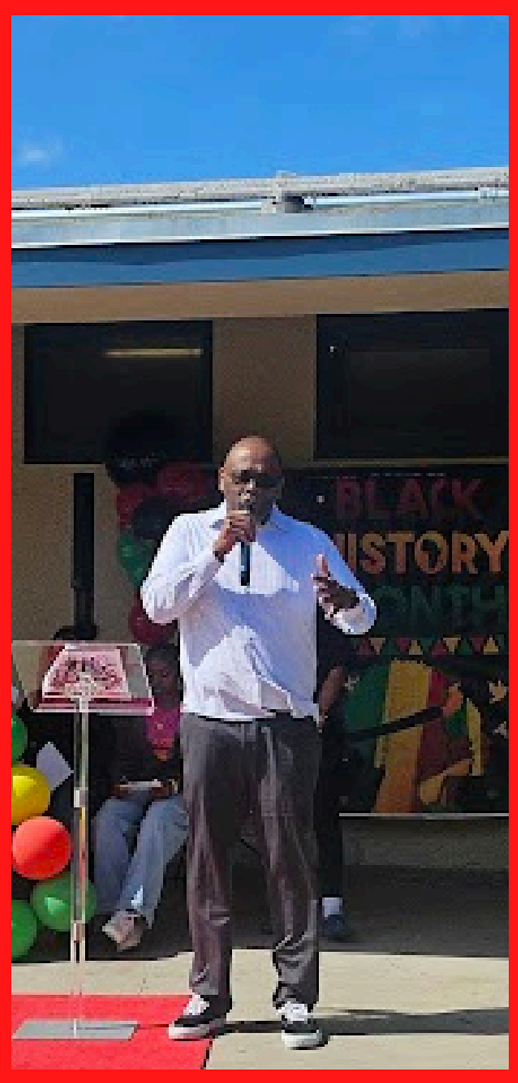
AND MUCH MORE....

Celebrate

Black

HISTORY

month



WILLIAM DEED



DR. BRENT-SANCO



PAMELA SYE

VISTA HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS AND PERFORMANCES

Vista High School's Black History Month celebration was a truly uplifting event, filled with inspiring speeches from remarkable individuals who have made a significant impact in their respective fields. This year, students had the privilege of hearing from a diverse group of professionals who have defied expectations and paved the way for others, proving that hard work, resilience, and passion can lead to extraordinary achievements.

Pamela Sye captivated the audience with her deeply inspiring poem. As an actress turned fire inspector, poet, author, and CPR instructor, Sye has proven that it’s never too late to reinvent oneself.

Next, William Deed, director of Oak Valley College, shared his unique perspective on education. Oak Valley College, a non-profit private institution, offers a groundbreaking opportunity for students to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in just two years and eight months—without the burden of student debt. Deed’s words were an encouragement to all students to seek educational opportunities that align with their personal goals while also considering the value of financial independence and responsible planning.

Raymond Baker, the owner of R and B Global Security and a key member of the 3 Wheel Entourage Southern California, also shared his inspiring story of entrepreneurship and success. Baker’s message was one of determination, urging students to never shy away from pursuing their dreams, no matter how unconventional they may seem. His success in the security industry and entertainment world shows that a diverse skill set can open doors to a variety of exciting opportunities.

Keynote speaker Patricia Brent-Sanco, director of Equity, Access, and Instructional Services for the Lynwood UnifiedA School District, delivered a powerful speech about the importance of drawing strengh from our ancestors, those who paved the way before us, enduring hardships and overcoming limited opportunities. Dr. Brent-Sancois is responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of the LUSD Equity Plan, Brent-Sanco has dedicated her career to creating fair opportunities for all students. She is also the Founder and CEO of The Lighthouse Education Consulting Group, a firm committed to helping school districts and organizations foster equitable practices. Her work emphasizes the value of education as a tool for social change and empowerment.

The event was capped off by an electrifying performance from the Black Diamond Drill Team, whose energetic and spirited routine had the entire quad area buzzing with excitement. Some members of the team even had the honor of performing with Snoop Dogg during the 2022 Super Bowl halftime show, adding a touch of stardom to an already unforgettable evening. Their performance was a testament to the strength and talent within the community, leaving students inspired and energized.

This year’s Black History Month celebration was a reminder of the powerful voices and stories that shape our world. Each speaker, each performer, offered something unique, but all shared one common thread: the importance of resilience, hard work, and the unyielding belief in one’s potential to make a difference.

As we reflect on the stories shared and the lessons learned, we are reminded that our futures are in our hands, and it’s up to us to carve out our own paths with confidence and purpose. The students of Vista High School are lucky to have been inspired by such remarkable individuals, and we can only hope that their words and actions will continue to inspire us long after the celebration ends.

A special thank you goes out to Isabella Di'Vici for her exceptional efforts in organizing this amazing event, in collaboration with ASB. Without her dedication and the support of the ASB team, this celebration would not have been possible. We are grateful for her leadership and for creating an event that inspired us all to aim higher and dream bigger.

BLACK HISTORY



ISABELLA DI'VICI



VISTA STUDENT THANKS DR. BRENT-SAICO
FOR HER HEARTFELT SPEECH



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READY FOR THE CELEBRATIONS!

BLACK HISTORY IS WORLD HISTORY

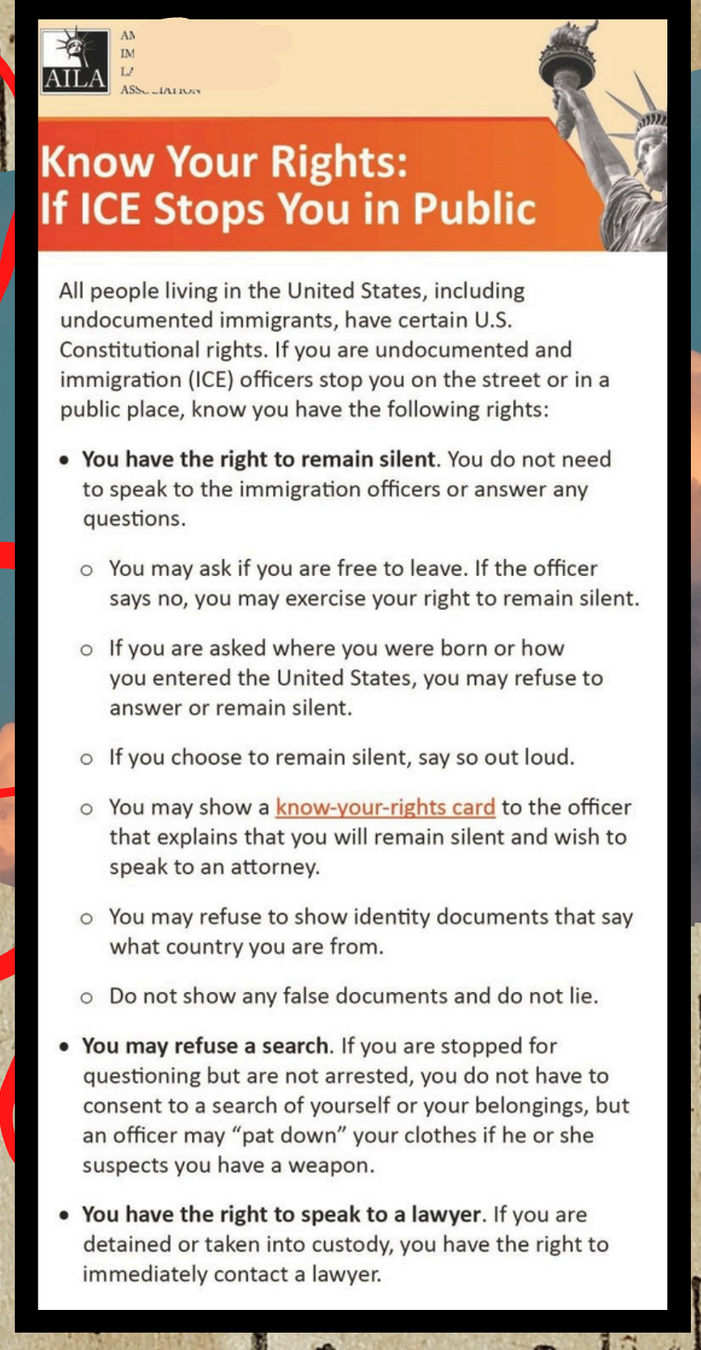


BLACK DIAMOND DRILL TEAM



rights for everyone





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Know Your Rights: If ICE Stops You in Public

All people living in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, have certain U.S. Constitutional rights. If you are undocumented and immigration (ICE) officers stop you on the street or in a public place, know you have the following rights:

- **You have the right to remain silent**. You do not need to speak to the immigration officers or answer any questions.
  - You may ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says no, you may exercise your right to remain silent.
  - If you are asked where you were born or how you entered the United States, you may refuse to answer or remain silent.
  - If you choose to remain silent, say so out loud.
  - You may show a know-your-rights card to the officer that explains that you will remain silent and wish to speak to an attorney.
  - You may refuse to show identity documents that say what country you are from.
  - Do not show any false documents and do not lie.
- **You may refuse a search**. If you are stopped for questioning but are not arrested, you do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings, but an officer may "pat down" your clothes if he or she suspects you have a weapon.
- **You have the right to speak to a lawyer**. If you are detained or taken into custody, you have the right to immediately contact a lawyer.

11:40 February 7 Vista Walkout









Vista students participated in a walkout on February 7, joining the growing wave of protests against the Trump administration's immigration policies. This marks the sixth consecutive day of demonstrations that began on Sunday in downtown Los Angeles, where thousands gathered to march in solidarity.

The protests were sparked by the recent actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, who have started targeting sanctuary cities like Los Angeles. Under newly issued guidelines, ICE is now authorized to operate in places previously considered safe havens, including schools, churches, and hospitals, raising concerns among immigrant communities and their allies. The walkout, organized by local students, aims to call attention to these controversial policies and to show solidarity with those affected. Protesters are demanding an end to the aggressive tactics and greater protection for undocumented individuals in the U.S.

SPECIAL EDITION

Lynwood

SPECIAL EDITION

FULL EXPERIENCE

ADULT TRANSITION



EXCITING NEW GREENHOUSE PROJECT AT VISTA: GROWING FRESH PRODUCE FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Adult Transition Program at Vista is thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative—cultivating fresh vegetables in their newly acquired greenhouse! This project marks a significant step forward as the program continues to offer hands-on learning opportunities for participants. The greenhouse will serve as a space to grow a variety of fresh produce, which will eventually be available for purchase at a community market shop. This new venture will provide the Vista family with access to locally grown, healthy produce while supporting the adult transition program's goal of teaching valuable skills.



ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM



WINNER



PLAYING WITH SKELETONS



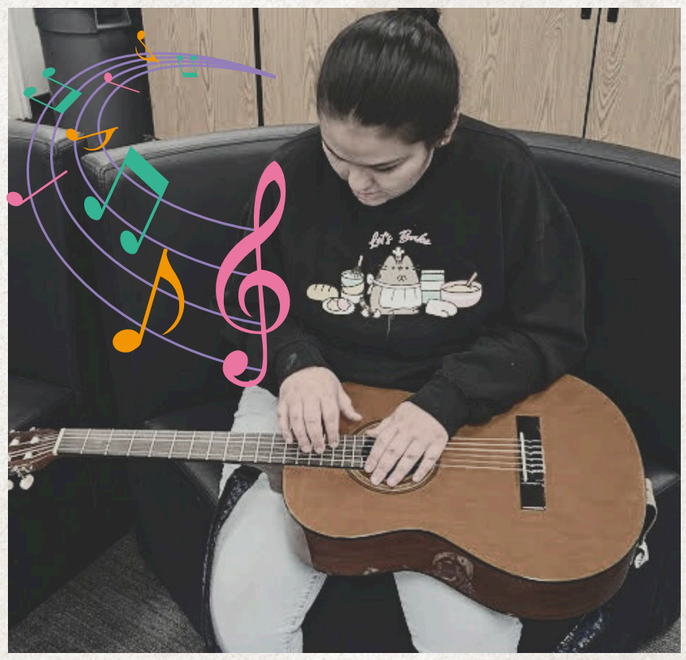
GOOD TIMES!





WINNER OF WINTER ART CONTEST

Brandon Sandoval was the winner of Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation annual holiday card design contest. His artwork was selected from numerous submissions across local high schools. His design stood out for its exceptional artistic skill, capturing the magic of the season in a stunning Christmas scene. Beautifully crafted and vibrantly colored, his drawing radiates holiday spirit, making it a perfect representation of the season’s joy and warmth.



FRIENSHIPS ✱ GOOD TIMES ✱ GROWTH

HAMMER MUSEUM



PUBLIC PRESENTATION

BREATH:

Toward Climate and Social Justice

This semester, ArtwoxLA students explored the theme Breath (e): Toward Climate and Social Justice, an inspiring exhibition at the Hammer Museum. Students showcased their work, heard from other panelists from various schools, and listened to Dr. Sheridan Ross from Compton Community Garden. Our project focused on four essential elements of life—Air, Soil, Water, and Sound—that are currently being affected by pollution and climate change. One notable project involved students studying air pollution in Lynwood by creating “smog collectors” and placing them in our lunch area to gather particulate matter caused by air pollution.



PRESENTATION



SPEAKER



ART DISPLAY



Air

Soil

Water

Sound

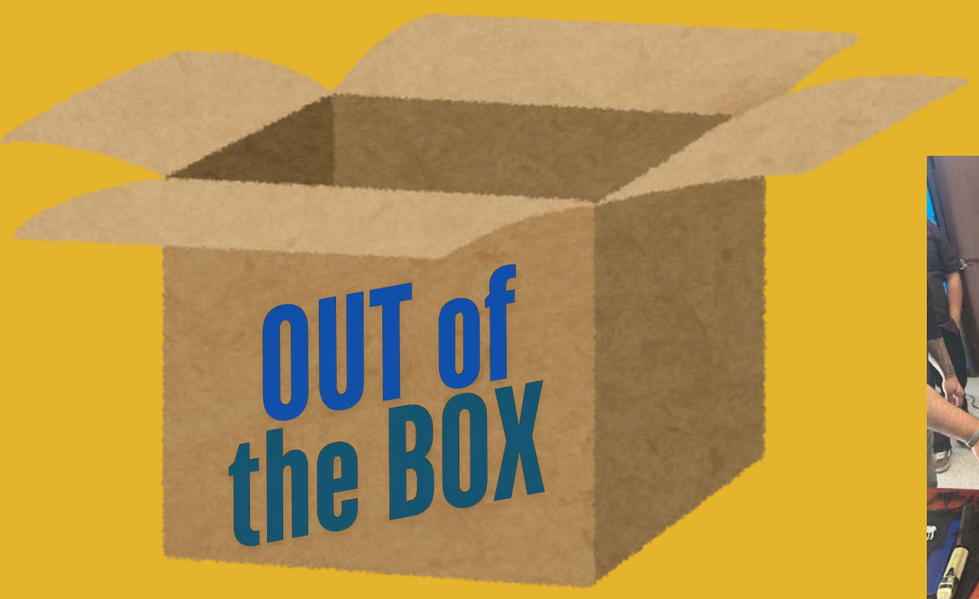


HAMMER MUSEUM

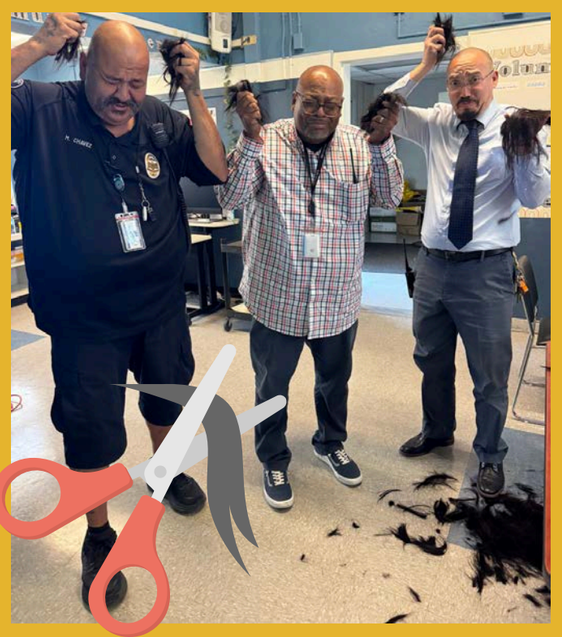
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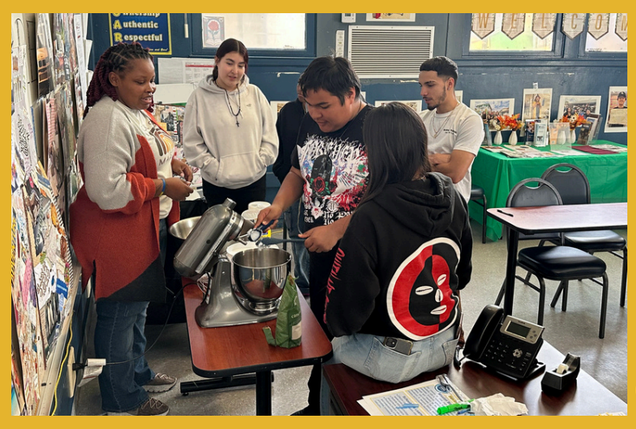
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Out of the Box Workshop Series: A Creative Learning Opportunity for Vista Students

The Out of the Box Workshops Series provides Vista students with an exciting chance to explore new skills and passions beyond the classroom. This unique program is designed to spark creativity and offer hands-on experience in various fields. Students can dive into the world of branding by learning how to create their own logos and develop a brand from scratch, perfect for those interested in design, marketing, or business. For those passionate about beauty and self-care, there's a workshop on skincare and hair products, where students can create their own products and learn about the ingredients and techniques behind them. Additionally, the barbering and braiding workshop will teach students the basics of hair cutting and various braiding techniques, whether they're looking to pursue a career in styling or just want to learn some new skills. These workshops offer Vista students a chance to think creatively, develop valuable talents, and gain practical experience for the future.



artworxLA
arts for good.

Briana and Za'mariana, two standout students that participate in artworxLA after school advanced program , have just completed an exciting five-week series of classes that pushed their creative boundaries. Among their projects, they designed innovative porcelain sneakers that will be transformed into unique flower pots for gardens. They also had the incredible opportunity to tour Otis College of Art and Design, where they conceptualized and styled their own photoshoot featuring handbags from the renowned British designer, Kurt Geiger (see cover page photo)

The designer was highly impressed by Briana's custom-designed nails, which she crafted specifically to complement the designer's bags. Each students was gifted one of his exclusive handbags as a special token of appreciation.

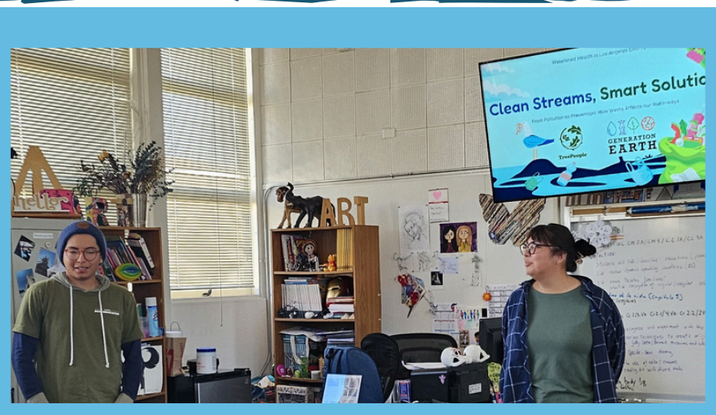
Currently, Za'Marian and Briana are applying their artistic vision to another exciting project—custom sneaker designs, which promise to showcase even more of their innovative work.

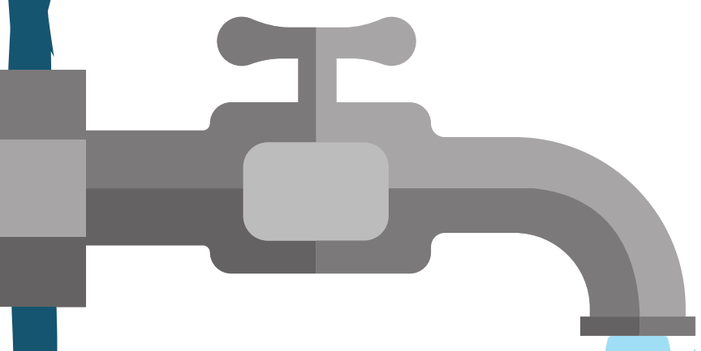


@Nailedx
Briana

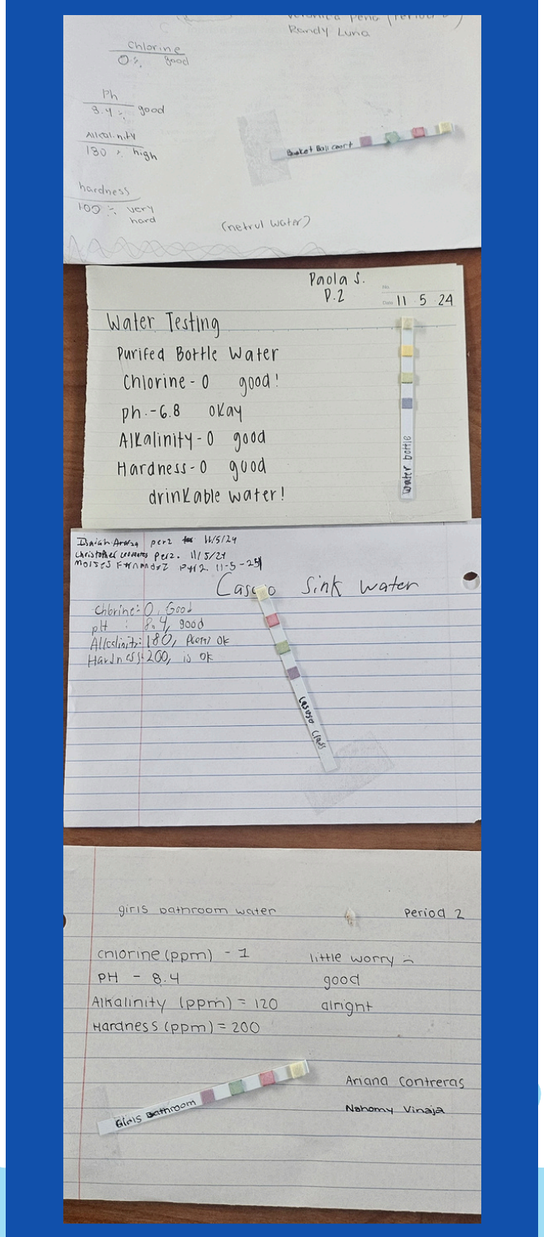












TreePeople, an organization committed to environmental sustainability, recently visited Vista to lead a presentation on water conservation. The session emphasized the vital connections between water usage, waste management, and forestry. In addition to the informative talk, we had the opportunity to assess the water quality of fountains and faucets across our campus.

CLEAN STREAMS, SMART SOLUTIONS

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A VISIT TO THE GETTY CENTER OFFERS STUDENTS AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND HISTORY. NESTLED IN THE HILLS OF LOS ANGELES, THE GETTY CENTER IS NOT JUST A MUSEUM BUT A DYNAMIC EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. WITH ITS EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF EUROPEAN PAINTINGS, SCULPTURES, AND MANUSCRIPTS, STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH WORKS FROM SOME OF HISTORY'S GREATEST ARTISTS, LIKE VAN GOGH, REMBRANDT, AND TURNER VISITING THE GETTY CENTER ISN'T JUST ABOUT VIEWING ART; IT'S ABOUT CULTIVATING CURIOSITY, CRITICAL THINKING, AND APPRECIATION FOR THE POWER OF CREATIVITY. FOR STUDENTS, IT'S AN INSPIRING REMINDER THAT ART CONNECTS US ACROSS TIME AND SPACE, OFFERING INSIGHTS INTO THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE AND THE WORLD AROUND US.



Black Colleges Expo/Battle of the Bands
& Compton College CTE Field Trips

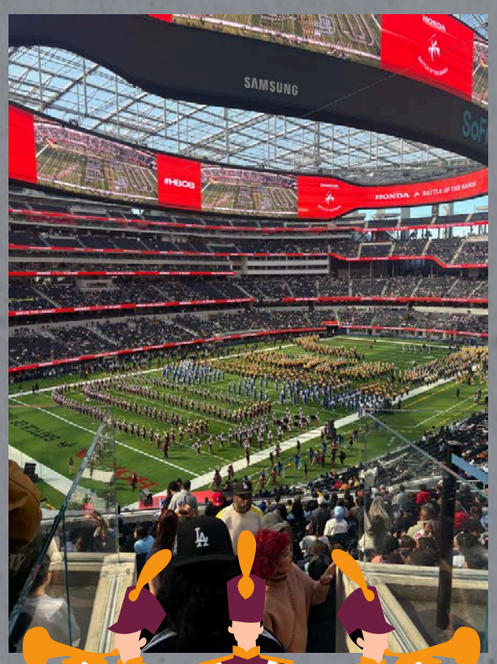
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE AT BLACK COLLEGE EXPO & COMPTON COLLEGE CTE





EXPLORE, LEARN, AND CONNECT







Vista Scholars attended the 26th Annual Los Angeles Black College Expo at SoFi stadium in Inglewood. The event was a great opportunity to connect with representatives from a variety of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as well as over 100 other colleges. The Expo was held in partnership with Honda Battle of the Bands. The Battle was hosted by Nick Cannon and showcased performances from prestigious band like Alabama A&M University, Marching Maroon & White Band, Hampton University, The Marching Force and many more.







Exploring New Opportunities: A Visit to Compton College's Welding 105 Course

In an exciting new development, students at Vista High School had the opportunity to learn about a groundbreaking course offered by Compton College's Department of Business & Industry Studies. The course, Welding 105, introduces students to the essentials of welding and its wide range of applications in various industries.

During the visit, students were briefed on the key components of the course. Welding 105 is designed to equip students with a solid foundation in welding techniques, offering practical knowledge of welding equipment, safety protocols, and nomenclature. It also covers critical areas such as mechanical cutting, the ductility of materials, and heat treatment processes, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the technical aspects of welding.

One of the highlights of the course is its hands-on approach, allowing students to develop skills they can directly apply in the workforce or advanced training programs. With welding being a vital skill in fields like construction, manufacturing, and automotive industries, this course offers students a chance to gain valuable knowledge that can open doors to numerous career opportunities.

Classes for Welding 105 will take place on the Compton College campus. In an effort to make this opportunity more accessible, selected students from Vista High School will be provided with transportation to and from the college. This collaboration between Compton College and Vista High School helps bridge the gap between education and real-world skills, giving students the tools to pursue a career in a growing field.

EXPLORE COLLEGES AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES NOW!

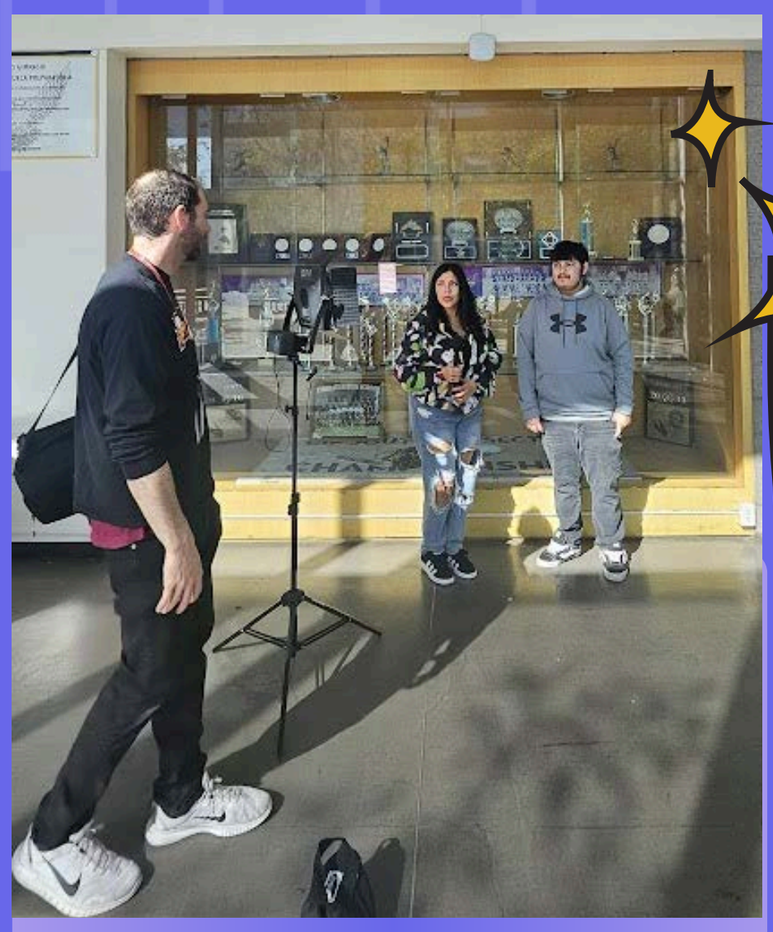


INSPIRE

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

Our scholars recently participated in the Inspire College and Career Fair at Firebaugh High School. The event offered an excellent opportunity for our seniors to explore a wide range of future pathways. From traditional academic routes at local community colleges to dynamic career options in programming, culinary arts, automotive, early childhood education, and more, there was something for everyone. Additionally, the fair highlighted exciting job openings, paid training programs, and internship opportunities. It was an invaluable resource that inspired our students to begin considering a future filled with endless possibilities.





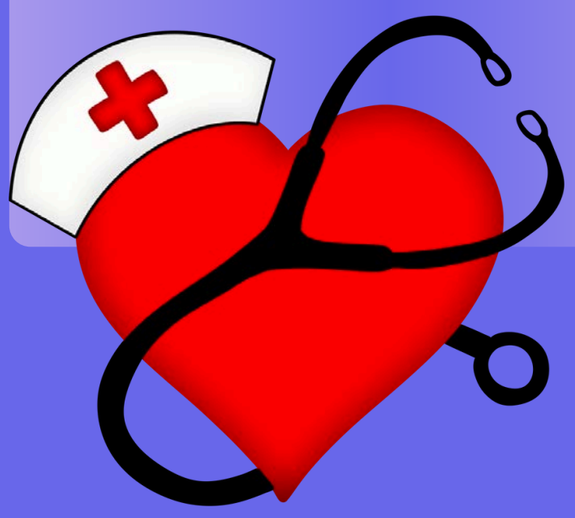












PETERSEN, LACMA, LA BREA TAR PITS & THE GROVE FIELD TRIP









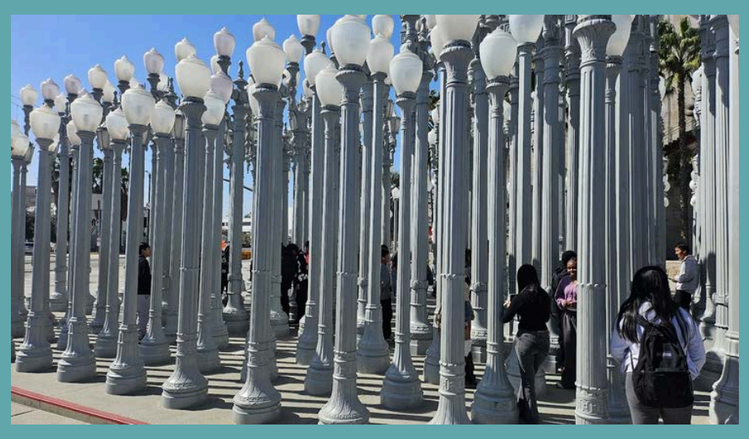








Getting a little Shade under a 340 tons massive rock at the LACMA “Levitated Mass”



Lost in the glow of Urban Light at LACMA









Strolling in the Grove





LA Farmers Market since 1934

On February 20th, our students embarked on an unforgettable field trip, exploring some of LA's most iconic landmarks. The day began with a fascinating visit to the La Brea Tar Pits, where they learned about the prehistoric animals that were trapped in the sticky asphalt over 10,000 years ago. The Tar Pits remain an active excavation site, offering a glimpse into the city's rich paleontological history.
Next, the group explored two incredible exhibits at LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), Levitated Mass and the jaw-dropping Urban Light installation made of vintage street lamps.
The adventure continued with a guided tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum, where students marveled at the history of the automobile, from vintage classics to futuristic concept cars. The museum's interactive exhibits gave them a deeper understanding of how cars have shaped culture, technology, and design.
Finally, the group ended their journey with a stroll through the vibrant LA Farmers Market and The Grove, where they enjoyed delicious treats, explored local shops, and took in the lively atmosphere of one of LA’s most beloved landmarks.
A day filled with history, art, culture, and adventure—an experience our students won’t soon forget!



Ice Age short-faced bear



Having fun with sticky Tar!



Posing with Ice Age giant sloth





3D PEN ART













Let's rock



