VISTA NEWS

SPRING 2024



Vista High School proudly announces its designation as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education, a prestigious award celebrating the school's excellence. This distinction highlights the dedication of our educators, administrators, and support staff in fostering a nurturing educational environment. Mr. Enriquez commented on the achievement, stating, "At Vista Model High School, our faculty and staff prioritize building meaningful relationships with students, fostering a positive and personalized learning atmosphere, and providing them with opportunities to explore options beyond high school" The recognition is a testament to the combined efforts of our exceptional teachers, administration, secretarial staff, and students.

Award-Winning Team







Join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to our award-winning team at Vista High School. Dr. Toledo has been selected as the Vista High School Teacher of the Year, an honor that recognizes his exceptional dedication and commitment to education. Additionally, Dr. Toledo has been recognized as the district-wide Teacher of the Year, a remarkable double recognition highlighting his outstanding contributions to our educational community. Our other amazing honoree is Maria Custodio, Vista Attendance Clerk selected as Classified of the Year. This award truly reflects her dedication, effort, and positive influence on our school. Congratulations!

Vista highlights!



Carlos Villasenor is the Vista student with the most social media followers (44K). One of his videos even went viral with over 140K views! greedyboyz.com



We were sad to said goodbye to our amazing school nurse Gabriela Pulido. You will be deeply missed!!!





It's picture day! Seniors are buzzing with excitement as they prepare to capture their future graduate moments.



Prom celebration at MOLAA



GRAD NIGHT
Vista seniors, dressed in their fines Disney attire and colorful Mickey and Minnie ears eagerly wait to start their Disneyland adventure.



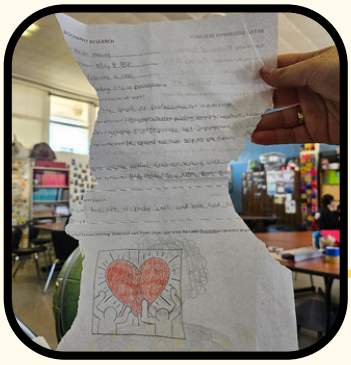


This formidable debate team passionately presented their arguments during Mr. Medrano's annual mock trial.





Students enjoyed a brief visit from a stunning "Gallo Giro". What an amazing unexpected guest!



"My dog ate my homework"



Community Clean Up
Vista student volunteers participate on April's community clean-up event at Will Rogers Elementary School.

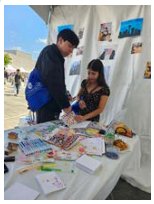
Art Festival

LUSD's 10th Annual Art Festival and District Showcase a Great Success

On April 27, Lynwood Unified School District commemorated a decade of artistic celebration with its 10th Annual Art Festival and District Showcase. This amazing event captivated attendees with many enriching experiences, including complimentary art activities, captivating displays, live music and, vibrant dance performances.

Among the highlights of the festival were performances by Inca, The Peruvian Ensemble, and the spirited Conga Kids competition. Adding to the festivities, Vista High School contributed with engaging scratch art and zine-making activities, sparking the imagination of attendees.











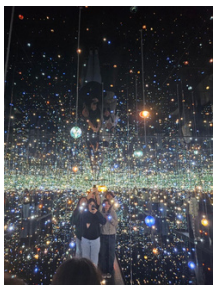


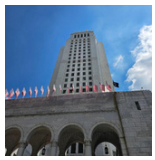


Visit to The Broad



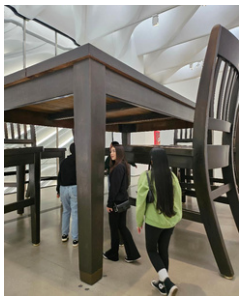




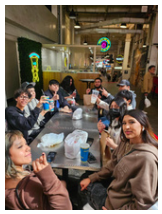








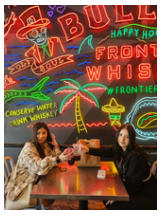




City Hall & the market

Students enjoyed a day of culture, art, and fun during their visit to Downtown LA, sponsored by The Broad. The Broad Museum, located on Grand Avenue, is a contemporary art museum housing over 2,000 works from renowned artist such as Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Jeff koons, and Yayoi Kusama. During the visit, each student received a special pin that grants them free entry to the museum and its exhibits, along with the privilege to skip the lines on all their future visits.

The field trip also included a visit to the serene Blue Ribbon Garden at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a brief stop by The Music Center augmented reality (AR) art exhibit, and a stroll trough Grand Park to the Downtown City Hall observation tower, where they enjoyed breathtaking 360- degree views of the city. The day concluded with a visit to Gran Central Market, where students enjoy some sweet treats before heading back to school.





Students from Vista High School participated on the District's annual Dreamer Conference on April 19, dedicated to the memory of Marco Antonia Firegaugh. Keynote Speakers shared their personal journeys and inspired students to pursue higher education.



Who was Marco Antonio Firebaugh?



Marco Antonio was born in the border town of Tijuana, Mexico. The son of a single mother that migrated to the USA when Marco was just 1 year old. He struggle through school and nearly dropped out during his high school years. After graduating he attended Citrus Community College. There, his journalism teacher would change his life and motivated him to become Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper. He continued his education by attending the US Berkeley were he became a member of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan(MECHA). Once he obtained his degree on political science, he moved to Sacramento and was selected as an intern for Senator Richard Polanco.

Marco continued his education and graduated from UCLA school of Law. He was later elected to the California State Assembly. Making him the only Mexican born legislator. His legislature advocated for California's working families and immigrants. The highlight of his career was writing Assembly Bill 540 and having it approved by governor Gray Davis on 2001. The bill allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at California public colleges and universities.



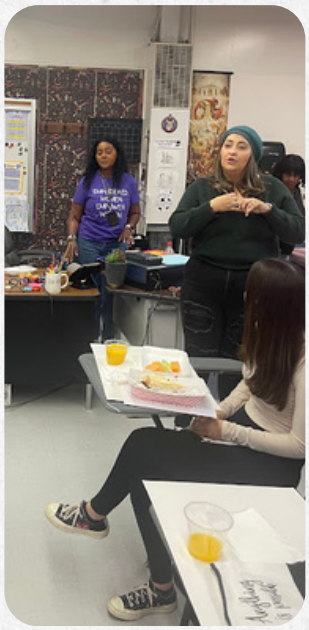
On May 2nd, Vista Celebrated *Mental Health Awareness Month*. Students participated in a variety of workshops and learn to identify Healthy Relationships, manage stress and anxiety, as well as, the importance of self Empowerment. Thank you Ms. Ribota for organizing this very informational and successful event!!!!!!





Women's History Month Celebration

This year, Vista High School embraced the theme "Women who advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" With a groundbreaking event: the first Women's Empowerment Forum. Students were treated to a special event featuring teas, snacks, and inspiring talks from guest speakers and school personnel.





























Out of the Box workshop series introduce students to the world of entrepreneurship with a series of hands on workshop which include Barbering & Braiding 101 Intro to branding, designing the T-shirt, and developing a scrip.

Adult transition students participate in the annual Very Special Art Festival. An inclusive event sponsored by the Music Center that celebrates artistic achievements of students with all abilities.



SCAVANGER HUNT

1. NAME 3 FRUITS OR VEGETABLES GROWING ON OUR GARDEN
2. TAKE A SELFIE WITH YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER
3. MR. CHAVEZ (SECURITY) FIRST NAME
4. NAME OF THE AREA WHERE YOU CAN PLAY CHESS (HINT: CHECK ON THE BENCH)
5. WHAT SPORT DOES MR. ENRIQUEZ PRACTICE?
6. IN WHICH MEXICAN STATE WAS MS. NORMA (CUSTODIAN) BORN ?
7. BRING A PENCIL WITH A SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LOGO
8. TAKE PICTURES OF 2 EAGLE LOGOS FOUND AROUND CAMPUS
9. WHO IN THE OFFICE HAS A CAT NAME SNUGGLES
10. TAKE A PICUTURE OF 2 INSECTS/ANIMALS IN OUR CAMPUS (NO PEOPLE)
11. . TAKE A SELFIE WITH YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL STAFF (NO TEACHER)
12. WHAT DOES THE A MEAN IN SOARS?

Be the first to complete it and receive a prize from Ms. Casuso!!!!

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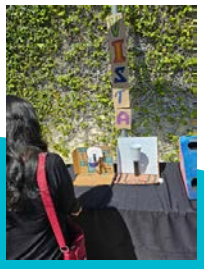


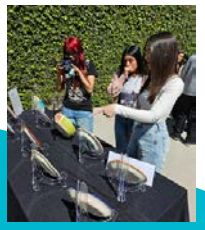
Michelle Solorio and Dharmar Diaz represented Vista at the artworxLA public presentations. Angelica Ruiz, our visiting artist, led the workshops themed “Radical Play”. Students crafted their own games using everyday materials and their limitless imagination, resulting in a fantastic display of creativity.





















California Science Center and Rose Garden

Vista students stopped to smell the roses at the historical Exposition Park Rose Garden. The garden was built in 1927 and has over 200 varieties of roses. The Science Center is free to the public and it offers some amazing exhibits: The Science of Fear, World of Life, ecosystems, air & Space and many more.









The Rose Garden opens daily from 9 am -sunset
California Science Center opens daily 10 am-5 pm







Los Sueños and the Newspaper Clubs enjoyed an exciting field trip to the Westside of Los Angeles. Their first stop was The Original Farmers Market at 3rd and Fairfax. The Market was stablished in July 1934 as a place where local farmers could sell their fresh product from the back of the trucks. Nowadays, the market includes restaurants, stores, and permanent farmer's stalls. The market and the famous Clock Tower have become a symbol of food and fun and a well know tourist destination. Adjacent to the market students explored the Grove one of Los Angeles' favorite shopping destinations that features an animated fountain that plays a show every hour.

Their next stop was Rodeo Drive, where they visited some of the most high-end designer shops on their way to our final destination, the Mr. Brainwash Art Museum. The museum created by Thierry Guetta, also known as Mr. Brainwash is a pop-up exhibit that includes, paintings, sculptures and multi-media displays. Much of the collections features recognizable works of art that have been altered in a wild, fun, and colorful ways by Mr. Brainwash to reflect modern times.

MR BRAINWASH





School Improvements





Our campus is going green!

Vista High School has been awarded a school greening grant. This grant will transform our outside areas by adding low-water use trees, plants, grass, outdoor learning spaces and much more. TreePeople is an organization the unites the power of trees, people, and nature-based solutions to grow more climate-ready spaces. The work will start this June and is planed to be completed by March 2026.

bumblebeelovesyou®

Bumblebeelovesyou, a well-known urban artist famous for his stencils and mixed media works, will be creating a mural on our campus. His murals often feature large, playful images of children and are designed to reflect the unique character of the place where they are painted. We are thrilled to have him bring Vista's vision to life, showing a future full of possibilities for our students in both academics and the trades. This mural should be an exciting and inspiring addition to our school community.

