

Preparing Today's Students for the Jobs of Tomorrow

MDUSD Career Pathways – End-of-Year Highlights

June, 2025

As we wrap up another incredible school year, the MDUSD Career Pathways team is proud to celebrate the innovative work happening across our programs to prepare students for success in college, career, and beyond.

This spring was filled with meaningful work based learning experiences.

- Allied Health Fair: Students participated in an immersive experience where they explored healthcare professions through hands on activities and industry engagement. Students also had the opportunity to conduct informational interviews of health care partners.
- Art & Digital Media Showcase: This May, Sunvalley Mall partnered with students from Mt. Diablo, College Park, Concord, and Northgate High Schools to host the 4th Annual Art and Digital Media Showcase. Students worked with marketing professionals to develop the advertisement for the event and learned about the different careers at a retail mall.
- Hospitality Career Exploration Project: This project provided students with the opportunity to explore possible hospitality careers. It included work readiness workshops, a tour of Cal State East Bay's Hospitality program, and a behind-the-scenes look at the Walnut Creek Renaissance Hotel.
- Campus to Commerce: This Career Pathways Showcase brought together students from across MDUSD to share their pathway projects with local businesses, industry partners, local elected officials and district leadership, highlighting the impact of our programs on student growth and readiness.
- Consumer Services Pathway: Planning continued to support the launch of the new Consumer Services Pathway at Olympic High School this Fall. This new pathway is designed to prepare students for success in consumer focused industries through hands on learning, real-world work experiences, and strong industry partnerships.







Allied Health Fair

On March 20th, over 150 students from the BioMedical and Patient Care pathways at Ygnacio Valley, College Park, and Mt. Diablo high schools took part in the 4th Annual Allied Health Fair, held at Loma Vista Adult Education in Concord. Hosted in partnership with Mt. Diablo Adult Education, the six-hour event provided students with the opportunity to explore different healthcare careers. Participants rotated through six interactive workshops, conducted informational interviews, practiced networking, and heard from industry professionals about post-secondary education and career opportunities in allied health.

Students also had the unique opportunity to step into the labs and classrooms of current Mt. Diablo Adult Education dental assistant, medical assistant, and EMT programs. These firsthand experiences offered valuable insight into daily training routines and equipment. Additional presentations by Diablo Valley College's Community Health Worker program and Pittsburg Adult Education's Certified Nursing Assistant program provided further guidance on educational pathways and professions in the healthcare field.

Participating Partners: Mount Diablo Adult Education, Martinez Adult Education, John Muir Health, Los Medanos College EMT, DVC Dental Hygiene, Contra Costa Health Services, Gurnick Medical Academy, Dogs for Diabetics, Senior Helpers, Donor Network West, Sutter Health at Home, Association of Operating Room Nurses.







Art & Digital Media Showcase

In partnership with **Sunvalley Mall**, students from Mt. Diablo, College Park, Concord, and Northgate High Schools showcased their creativity at the 4th annual Art and Digital Media Showcase, held in the mall's center court from May 8–22.

Ahead of the event, Sunvalley Mall hosted two collaboration days. One focused on creating promotional materials like the official event flyer, and another on career exploration in mall and business operations. Students heard from mall leaders, including **Wendy Grant**, Marketing Director, and **Luther Daniel**, Operations Manager, who shared insights on planning large events and exploring career paths in mall management. Each school honored one standout student, with gift cards generously provided by Sunvalley Mall.



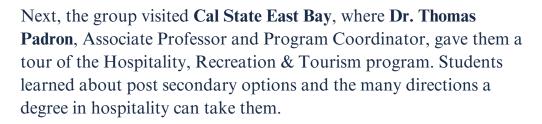




Hospitality Career Exploration Project

Fifteen MDUSD culinary students recently took part in a three-part hospitality career exploration project that gave them a closer look at what it's like to work in the industry and how to get there.

The experience started with a series of **Work Readiness Workshops**, where students sharpened their skills in communication, customer service, and professional behavior, key qualities for success in any workplace.



The following week, students got an inside look at the Walnut Creek Renaissance Hotel. They toured departments like the front desk, fitness center, kitchen, event spaces, and marketing office, meeting professionals along the way who shared what it takes to succeed in each role. Special thanks to Nicole Hankton from Visit Walnut Creek, Jared Asch, and Alex Lopez for guiding the tour and sharing their experiences.

From classroom to campus to hotel, this project gave students a well-rounded view of the hospitality industry and sparked new interest in careers they might not have considered before.











Campus To Commerce

MDUSD, in partnership with **John Muir Health**, the **Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce**, and the **City of Concord**, hosted its annual
Campus to Commerce Career Pathways Showcase was a district-wide
event held on May 1 at John Muir Health's Concord campus, where
students from all five comprehensive high schools showcased their
hands-on learning and career pathway projects. Featuring display
booths and a student-employer panel discussion, the event highlighted
how students are gaining real-world experience through internships and
partnerships with local businesses. It gave students a platform to share
how these opportunities are shaping their future goals, while
emphasizing the importance of both technical and soft skills.
Career Pathway programs represented at the event included:

- College Park High School: Art & Digital Media
- Concord High School: Art & Digital Media, Engineering, Transportation
- Mt. Diablo High School: Art & Digital Media, Engineering, Information & Computer Technology, Patient Care
- Northgate High School: Art & Digital Media
- Ygnacio Valley High School: Education, Engineering, Health Care

These pathways are part of MDUSD's commitment to connecting education to career readiness through hands-on, meaningful experiences.







MDUSD Superintendent, Dr. Adam Clark spoke to participants. He said MDUSD is working to teach students both technical skills, as well as "soft skills" needed to pursue careers, such as showing up on time, being able to work with diverse people, and critical problemsolving. Partnering with local businesses gives them an opportunity to help shape their future workforce, while giving students valuable exposure to real life careers. "I see it as a symbiotic relationship between our schools and our business partners," he said.



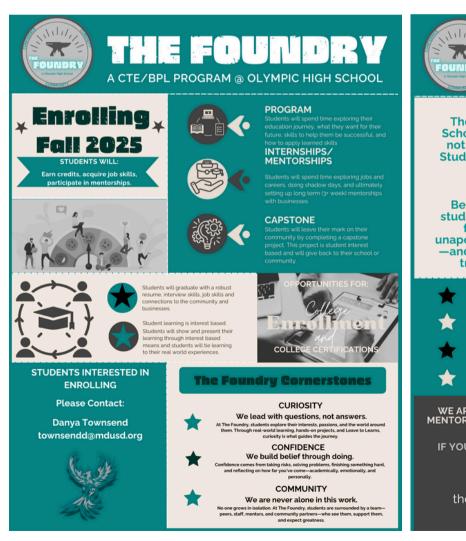


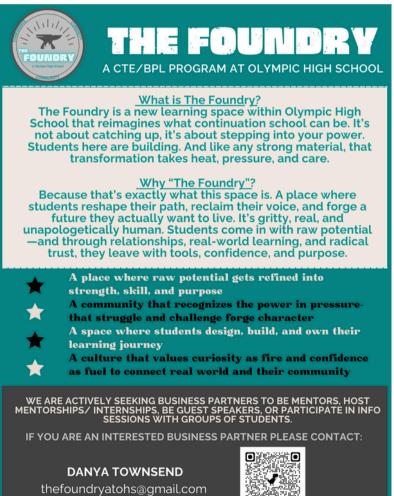
Consumer Service Pathway @ Olympic HS

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Consumer Services Pathway at Olympic High School in fall, 2025, led by educator Danya Townsend. This innovative Career and Technical Education program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and real world experiences needed to thrive in consumer-focused industries.

Students will engage in hands-on, work based learning opportunities, including project-based activities, community engagement, and potential workplace experiences that reflect real industry standards. The pathway will also offer access to industry recognized certifications, helping students build a competitive edge as they prepare for their future.

With a strong emphasis on equity, student voice, and career readiness, this program will empower learners to develop both technical and professional skills while forming valuable connections with local businesses and community partners.







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