



News from Kelly

Superintendent Awards from March 23, 2016 CUSD Board Meeting:



Classified: Congratulations to **Melinda Edgecomb**! Melinda was presented the Superintendent's award by **Jaclyn Kruger**, Director of Fiscal Services. Melinda works in purchasing in the Fiscal Services Department where she is responsible for working with countless vendors in order to find the best prices possible for the merchandise necessary to run a school district of 12,000 students and 1,200 employees. Thank you and congratulations Melinda Edgecomb!



Certificated: Congratulations to **Mark Gustafson**! Mark was presented the Superintendent's Award by **Holly McLaughlin**, the principal at Parkview Elementary School. Mark teaches RSP at Parkview and has been very involved in the school's STEM focus. Congratulations and again thank you to Mark Gustafson for all his fabulous work with Parkview students!

Spelling Bee Honors: The top two spellers at the Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) county-wide spelling bee happen to be CUSD students and both were honored at the CUSD Board Meeting on March 23, 2016, by **Tim Taylor**, BCOE Superintendent, who said:

"I wanted to congratulate Lorelei Kriss from Parkview Elementary for winning 1st place at the 2016 Butte County Spelling Bee. There were 68 contestants from all throughout our county. This year's Spelling Bee was extremely competitive as Lorelei won the title by spelling the word "adversaries" in the 17th round. Second place went to Renton McGregor from Marigold Elementary. Both students will move on to the state competition in April.

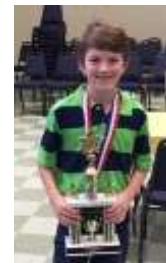
*After the contest our judges were having lunch and we all agreed that what impressed us most about Lorelei was her positive attitude all throughout the three hour competition. She cheered for every contestant in every round. When she talked to the TV station she thanked her parents and school for helping her. She also told the Chico Enterprise Record reporter that she "was proud of everyone for trying." She represented Parkview not only as a great speller but a positive role model. Lorelei Kriss exemplified the quote, "**It is your attitude not your aptitude that will help you reach your altitude with her positive attitude and she clearly reached a very high altitude as the 2016 Butte County Spelling Bee Champion!**"*



1st Place
Lorelei Kriss



Tim Taylor, BCOE Superintendent
Ted Sullivan, Director



2nd Place
Renton McGregor



Complete List of Students Competing in the Butte County Spelling Bees:

School	Student	Grade Level
BJHS	Mikhaela Compuesto	7 th
	Kabao Marissa Lo	8 th
Emma Wilson	Dane Leonard Fairbanks	5 th
	Brynn Alves	6 th
Hooker Oak	Kylie Ann Humble	6 th
	Hannah Burns	6 th
Little Chico Creek	Gwen Rider	6 th
	Sadie Wahl	6 th
Marigold	Ryan Daugherty	6 th
	Renton William McGregor	6 th
McManus	Malachi Paswaters	6 th
	Megan Gentry	6 th
Neal Dow	Hayden Martlett	6 th
	Kamila Miramontes	4 th
Parkview	Lorelei Kriss	5 th
	Colton Bettencourt	6 th
Shasta	McKenzi Porter	5 th
	Hunter McGuire	6 th
Sierra View	Kristy Louber	5 th
	Ainsley Starmer	6 th

PVHS Art Teacher Reta Rickmers is the recipient of the 2016 National Art Education Association's Pacific Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year. Following is a write up about the award and Reta's contributions.

Reta Rickmers, Visual and Performing Arts Chair, Pleasant Valley High School, Chico, CA is the recipient of the 2016 National Art Education Association's Pacific Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year.

The National Art Education Association is divided into four geographical Regions: Eastern, Pacific, Southeastern, and Western. The **Pacific Region includes:** Alaska, Alberta, American Samoa, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Yukon Territory.

Ms. Rickmers is a strong advocate of NAEA. She attended SummerVision DC in 2015, presented peer-reviewed sessions at NAEA several times on subjects such as *Art Curriculum: Current and Relevant*, *The Art Studio@PV* (an in-depth art program she developed with a six-year grant from the California Department of Education), and *Post Modern Art Education in the Secondary Art Classroom*. She has also presented many times at California Art Educators Association annual conferences. As a working artist, she feels that it is extremely important for art teachers to continue to make art.

She believes in having students actively engage in their community. She encourages them to use art as a way to process their lives, give back to the world through Art Service Learning, and exhibit their work to a wide range of audiences. She teaches skills, art history, conceptual thinking and originality while constantly changing the curriculum to keep it fresh and vital for her students. She has been teaching at Pleasant Valley High School since 1992.

California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year for Region 2: Annalisa Hansen was selected as Middle School Educator of the Year for Region 2 in northern California. She was honored at a dinner in Redding hosted by the California League of Schools, a non-profit that supports education and educators. Ms. Hansen teaches English and language arts at Bidwell Junior High where she also serves as department chairperson. Ms. Hansen is noted for her passion for student success and her “students come first” approach. She volunteers in student activities and provides professional development for her staff. Fellow teachers describe her as someone who has high standards and insists that students settle for nothing less than their absolute best. They say she balances this drive, character, and integrity with humility. Her students say she makes an impression the very first day of their eighth grade year. Ms. Hansen is the representative for region 2 encompassing Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties. She represented the region at the California League of Schools state conference on February 26 in Sacramento. Congratulations Annalisa Hansen!



CUSD Board Member Participates in CSBA Legislative Action Day: CUSD Board of Education President **Eileen Robinson** participated in the CSBA (CA School Board Association) legislative action day. Her presentation packet contained information and data in support of:

1. SB 871 by highlighting the complexity LEAs face meeting the LCAP implementation rubrics;
2. the need for support for bond dollars beyond local capacity by presenting CUSD's facilities master plan showing the need is more than double what prop 39 allows just to bring our facilities to a 60% of desired accommodation; and
3. SB 799 – she outlined the negative impact and steps taken to avoid state takeover, when the 2007 downturn happened, taking into account AARA dollars and state onetime monies and protract it out to show what WILL happen when the next slowdown happens if we are not able to maintain local reserves above the cap.



Dedication: CUSD M&O employees are dedicated to protecting our students and staff and do so by keeping a close eye on our facilities. We would like to thank the M&O staff for going above and beyond to help catch those individuals responsible for stealing from and vandalizing our schools. Over the last few weeks, several rooms at PVHS were broken into. Police reports were filed, M&O worked to repair the damage, and new deadbolts were put on several doors. While that stopped the intruder from gaining entry on those rooms, it did not stop his attempts to enter others and some of his exploits were caught on camera. **Dusty Copper**, M&O Supervisor,

was determined to catch the individual responsible for doing damage to our schools. He was at the M&O office at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday morning monitoring the cameras at PVHS to see if this intruder would attempt to enter the campus buildings. While there, he also began monitoring other district-wide cameras. While watching the Bidwell Jr cameras, he noticed a break-in attempt happening at Bidwell. Dusty then called Chico Police as well as M&O Director, **John Carver**, both of whom met him at Bidwell. Chico Police surrounded Bidwell Jr. and put the suspect in custody. The suspect admitted to the break in at PVHS as well as the attempts at Bidwell. M&O is now working directly with Chico Police to develop a time line of the destructive events that have occurred on school property, including the arson fire at the snack bar at Asgard Yard. Thank you **Dusty Copper** and **John Carver** for your dedication to our schools!

Do you read the Superintendents Update? If so, and you are the first of ten readers to respond, you can win a ticket to the Rotary Omelet Brunch. If you have never attended, it is a wonderful event. The brunch includes hand cooked omelets (with your choice of ingredients), Great Harvest Breads, fruits, milk, coffee, orange juice, Champagne, and sherbet for dessert. There is live entertainment and you can come and go as you please. This annual event will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2016, from 8:30am-1:00pm at the Chico Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave. It is usually beautiful weather and seating is available both inside and outside. To win your ticket, be one of the first ten CUSD employees to email Marsha McLean at mmclean@chicousd.org. Good luck!!

News from Educational Services

CUSD Commercials: A few commercials have begun to air sharing some of the quality learning opportunities that exist within our school district. The first commercials are focused on Kindergarten programs and opportunities. CUSD invited Kindergarten teachers **John Kostelec** from Shasta, **Ofelia Landeros** from Rosedale and **Jessica Taylor** from Emma Wilson to be a part of the commercials. Many thanks to John, Ofelia and Jessica for their willingness to participate in this undertaking.

Successful District-wide LCAP Meeting: Below are a few pictures from the district-wide LCAP meeting held on Wednesday, March 30 at Chico High School. Discussions included reviewing district goals and deciding which services should be provided to continue increasing student achievement across the district.



CUSD Hosts Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League Championship Tournament:

The Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League Championship Tournament was moved from March 23 to April 6. It was held at Little Chico Creek Elementary School. Approximately 160 students from 12 different schools from as far south as Yuba City, as far north as Corning, and as far east as Quincy were in attendance!

Health Assistants of the Month for February and March



February Health Assistant of the Month: **Sonja Siri** was recognized for "Health Assistant of the Month for February 2016" at a Marsh Jr. High office staff meeting. Principal **Jay Marchant** presented Sonja with the certificate signed by **Eric Snedecker**. **Ann Scott**, R.N., School Nurse presented her with flowers. Sonja has worked for Chico Unified going on thirteen years, eleven as the health assistant at Hooker Oak Elementary and this is her second year as the health assistant at Marsh Jr. High. Among her many talents and attributes she holds a B.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology from San Francisco State. Thank you - *Ann Scott R.N. School Nurse*



March Health Assistant of the Month: **Lori Gillaspie** was recognized for "Health Assistant of the Month for March 2016". She is yet another of our multi-talented and highly qualified employees. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication and a minor in psychology from CSU, Chico and a Masters of Arts in Speech Communication from San Jose State University. She has been working for CUSD for more than four years; first as a long term health assistant at Loma Vista, then two years as the health assistant at Chapman, and for the past two and a half years, the health assistant at Sierra View Elementary. She was presented with her certificate and flowers at a recent Sierra View office staff gathering.

LVN of the Month: **Debi Campos** was selected as the first 'LVN of the Month'. She has worked for CUSD for the past 10 years. She is a highly skilled nurse who is extremely caring and accountable. She never hesitates to take on a new assignment and juggles her workload daily with grace. The school nurses feel very fortunate to get to work alongside her each day.

IT Department: The IT Department upgraded all district Chromebooks to version 48. The upgrade was not expected to cause any outages or issues, but users should expect to see some changes to the chrome interface. Below is a list of the significant changes for this new version.

- Change in appearance on closing tabs with red x's
- New PDF viewer design
- Security fixes^[r 111]
- Window change in right-clicking an embedded web link
- The key icon in "Save your password" turns black
- "Clear browsing history" has been improved
- A large number of fixes and improvements^[r 113]

News from Business Services

Maintenance/Operations: During spring break, CUSD was host at Chico High and Pleasant Valley High for the Workability 1 Program sponsored by Butte County Office of Education. The

Workability 1 Program is a school-to-work program that assists 14-22 year old students with disabilities in making the transition from high school to independent living. Their mission is to promote the involvement of key stakeholders including students, families, educators, employers and other agencies in planning and implementing an array of services that will culminate in successful student transition to employment, lifelong learning and quality of life. We had a total of 11 students who worked at both high schools for two days under the direction of **Dusty Copper, Eric German** and site personnel. The students had a great time and we appreciated their hard work to help beautify these two campuses. We also thank **Susan Nance** from BCOE for her hard work in getting all of us together for this great cause.



M/O and Facilities also teamed up to work on a project at Sierra View elementary inside one of the courtyard areas. Our team members did an incredible job getting the area ready for a great facelift.



Transportation: Working with Cal Fire, we had a bus evacuation training day for new recruits. They trained on how to respond to a bus in distress, how to safely evacuate the people on board, how to deal with a bus that has turned over to one that has caught on fire or a bus that has been in an accident. It is reassuring to know that these professionals have the training needed to deal with any bus related incident.



No CUSD buses were injured during this process, but a new bus was created. ☺



Nutrition Services: **Vince Enserro, Crystal O'Rear, Teri Molina,** and **Karen Haselton** visited Natomas Unified School District in the Sacramento area to investigate their nutrition program. Vince had been to the district before and saw their process and menu items and knew they ran a great program. Natomas has 16 sites and 13,500 students; CUSD has 22 sites and 13,100 students. The big difference is their free and reduced numbers: CUSD has 41% free and reduced; Natomas has 57% free and reduced. Natomas serves about 400,000 more lunches and about 230,000 more breakfasts than CUSD due to the higher free and reduced number, which means they receive much more money to spend. The CUSD group visited their central kitchen, a high school and a combo K-12 charter school. The group noted that Natomas has state of the art equipment with very new facilities. However, while wondering around their kitchen watching production and service, Teri made an observation and brought it to Vince's attention. She said CUSD's food is better than what they are doing and looks nicer. Vince slowed down for a second and looked and admitted that she was 100% correct. Vince had been caught up in all the top of the line equipment and new kitchens and missed the most important part: the food that was coming out. CUSD does more scratch cooked items, offers more choices, and just better food. Vince noted it is easy to get comfortable with what we do and overlook what an AWESOME TEAM CUSD has that puts out the BEST food. Just goes to show, all the newest stuff does not make you the best - hard work, good feedback from the sites, creative people, and the willingness to change makes us the BEST. KUDOS to our Nutrition Services Team for doing an AMAZING job. The program they have created for the students and staff is truly second to NONE!!!

News from Human Resources

Certificated Human Resources will be attending Teacher Recruitment Fairs this Saturday, April 16 at **Chico State** and again on Tuesday, April 19 at **Sacramento State**. With the shortage of teachers in California we are actively recruiting teachers for the first time in many, many years! We hope to convince the best and brightest that CUSD is an outstanding place to work and the Chico community is a wonderful place to raise a family.

Certificated Negotiations: CUSD and CUTA continue to negotiate wages, benefits, class size, the Kindergarten instructional day, elementary supervision and course loads for itinerant elementary prep-time provider teachers (PE, Fine Arts and Music). As we continue with Interest Based Bargaining strategies, we have made good progress on multiple issues. Please contact Heather Deaver if you plan on retiring at the end of this school year.

Classified HR

Future trainings: The Classified Human Resources department and Special Education Department are sending five classified employees to the Para educator conference in Ontario, California. The conference is April 12-14 and focuses on special education. Last year the conference was in San Jose and we were able to send representatives to that location as well. This conference is the largest para educator conference in the state and provides valuable insight and training to the employees that attend. It is hoped that those employees will be able to share their training with their co-workers and that some of the conference speakers can be enticed to come to CUSD and provide the same insights and training in the future.

Josh Kuersten has provided several training sessions this year to classified special education employees. In the future, the intent is to have Mr. Kuersten customize some of his training into more specialized focus areas. It is anticipated that the focus areas will be in areas such as autism, emotionally disturbed, physical handicaps, etc. We will keep you posted on when these opportunities may become available.

We are in the process of developing a survey for all classified employees to help us determine where additional training might be offered in the area of computer software. **Lori Sullivan** is working on the survey and we hope to have the survey out to employees in the next 30 days. Based upon the results, training opportunities will be created. We expect to provide computer software training in the Large Conference Room (LCR) at the District Office and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attending this training is voluntary and notices will be sent providing specific details of the training.

All classified employees should now have an email address. Typically this email address is the first letter of the employees first name followed by @chicousd.org. As an example, Steve Jones' email address would normally be sjones@chicousd.org. Please check and confirm that you have a District email account. If you do not, contact your school office manager who should be able to assist you. You may also complete an Employee Account Agreement that can be found on the CUSD website, <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Information-Technology/Email-Account-Request-Form/index.html> and forward your completed form to Bonnie McCarthy at the District Office.

The District has provided computer locations at every work site to allow employees to check District email. The computer locations will be announced and will be available during work hours.

Job Opportunities: If you are interested in a position in a classification to which you are not currently assigned, you will need to make sure that you consistently check our web page at <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Classified-Non-Teaching/index.html> for job opportunities. This link will take you to the Classified (Non-Teaching) web page that links to our Job Opportunities advertised on Edjoin and also to our Internal Openings. Be sure to check the websites on a weekly basis to ensure that you do not miss an opportunity.

We are currently recruiting for the following classifications:

Classification	Application Deadline	Salary Info
Administrative Specialist	4/21/2016 11:45 pm	Salary Range: \$15.87-\$19.28/hour + longevity steps. (Placement is at the first step for new employees.)
Elementary Guidance Specialist	4/19/2016 11:45 pm	\$14.05-\$17.07/hr plus longevity steps. (Placement is at the first step for new employees.)
Director - Fiscal Services	5/2/2016 11:45 pm	Annual Salary Range: \$74,511-\$115,591 + Master's Degree Stipend

Job Site Transfer/Seniority: In an attempt to expedite the recruitment process and reduce the amount of paperwork generated from written notices, the Classified Human Resources department will cease mailing letters for Job Site Transfer (JST) and Seniority (Snr). Beginning in May, email notifications to all employees who have JST and Snr rights under the contract will be sent and, at the same time, we will continue to mail notices. We expect to run these parallel systems for the months of May, June and July and beginning on August 1 all JST/Snr notices will be sent by email only. In order to ensure that all employees are comfortable accessing email Lori Sullivan will set up a number of training opportunities for all classified employees. Employees will be notified of these training opportunities.

Lateral Transfer:

INTERNAL OPENINGS FOR CURRENT CUSD PERMANENT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

Elementary Guidance Specialist
 Cafeteria Assistant

SITE	CLOSING DATE
Marigold	April 7, 2016
Various	April 8, 2016

LIMITED TERM OPPORTUNITIES

The are currently no Limited Term Opportunities available

Internal openings are only open to current CUSD permanent classified employees. If you are a current CUSD permanent classified employee and are interested in any internal openings, please submit a Letter of Interest form.

If you do not currently hold a permanent classified position with CUSD you are not eligible to submit a letter of interest.

External Job Openings

Administrative Specialist
Classified Staff

4/7/2016

4/21/2016
 11:45 pm

Salary Range: \$15.87-\$19.28/hour + longevity steps. (Placement is at the first step for new employees.)

Elementary Guidance Specialist
Classified Staff

4/5/2016

4/19/2016
 11:45 pm

\$14.05-\$17.07/hr plus longevity steps. (Placement is at the first step for new employees.)

Director - Fiscal Services
Classified Staff

4/7/2016

5/2/2016
 11:45 pm

Annual Salary Range: \$74,511- \$115,591 + Master's Degree Stipend

News from Our Schools

Chico High FFA Highlights:

- **Rikaela Cook** won the Regional Public Speaking Competition for Extemporaneous and she will now represent Northern California at State Finals this April.
- Additionally six students: **Jose Sanchez, Kory Nichols, Maggie Hall, Chet Hervey, Johana Sicheneder and Rikaela Cook** were awarded the California State Degree. This is the highest degree CA FFA can bestow on a member, exhibiting their dedication to agriculture, with the qualifications being: investing 500 hours into their Agriculture project and receiving a minimum of \$1000 in profit.
- **Rikaela Cook** was awarded the Superior Region Agriculture Education Proficiency, where she exhibited her dedication and commitment to Agriculture and its future by working on a recent Fracking Initiative here in Butte County. This work allowed her to expand her knowledge in Agricultural Policy.
- Last but not least, **Rikaela Cook** was elected the Superior Region FFA President, allowing her to now represent over 5,000 FFA members from Northern California on the State level. This is a **HUGE** accomplishment for her and Chico FFA.

Please congratulate and celebrate these individuals' accomplishments. They deserve a pat on the back for a job well done! This is something Chico FFA takes pride in and looks forward to celebrating our students continued success with the entire staff. – **Courtney Champlin, CHS Ag Teacher**



CHS Engineering Program: Good things continue happening for **Mike Bruggeman's** Engineering program at Chico High School. That is due in large part to my two Stratasys - 3D printers. We just finished a couple of new parts for VIP clients. We printed a prototype adapter for the Growler Filler for Sierra Nevada Brewery of Chico and North Carolina. That is the third project we have done for them. I have some good contacts there, I was given a great tour of the North Carolina facility this fall — it is something of an engineering masterpiece. We also completed a radiator hose prototype for Weiss McNair who manufactures nut harvesting equipment here in Chico. They plan to have a new mold created for the hose and needed a prototype for testing. We made a special slip ring in the part so they could maximize the fit. Both businesses were very satisfied with our 3D Stratasys prints. I am also attaching a couple pictures of **Dillon Silverman**. He is the student featured in the case study Stratasys previously did on Chico High School. Dillon now designs for Tony Stewart the NASCAR champion. I also visited Dillon at Tony's facility last fall. He said his CAD and 3D printing experience helped him land the job. He is also a student at North Carolina, Ashville. It has been fun and interesting to share what we do at Chico High and my students have learned a lot from these opportunities. --
Mike Bruggeman, Chico High School Engineering & Architecture



CUSD Schools Perform at California Music Educator's Association Northern Section Region III Instrumental Music Festival: The annual California Music Educator's Association Northern Section Region III Instrumental Music Festival at Chico State University was held on March 2. Twenty-eight (28) school bands (1,000 students) from twenty-three (23) schools - from as far away as Clear Lake and Yreka - joined the event that runs from 8:30am-5:30pm, and includes watching the Chico State Wind Ensemble perform, watching other schools perform, and working with collegiate music teachers. It was a great day of learning and music making. The list of CUSD schools performing included Little Chico Creek, Chapman, Parkview, BJHS, CJHS, MJHS, CHS, and PVHS.

CHS Choirs Win Superior Rating: Sue Delgado continues her magic as both the Chico High Mixed chorus and the Chico High A Capella choir received Superior ratings at the CMEANS Choir festival. Congratulations to Sue and the CHS Vocal Music program!



Annie Get Your Gun: Huge congratulations to Inspire drama instructor **Jarrah Myles** and her incredibly talented drama students. Their performance of *Annie Get Your Gun* was truly outstanding and earned raves across the community. I would not be the least bit surprised to see the lead, **Bella Moes**, who portrayed Annie, perform on Broadway in the future--she was that good! Kudos to Inspire students and staff on yet another hugely successful show!!

PVHS Wins at Skills USA: Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP **Welding Technology** and **Video Production** students have just returned from the Skills USA California State Leadership Conference and Competition held on March 31 through April 3, 2016, in San Diego. Aside from learning valuable leadership skills at the conference, our Welding students competed in their respective contests, where they were judged on their resumes, a written leadership test, a written skill knowledge test and a physical welding test starting at 5:30 a.m. on contest day. PVHS House of BLUE students competed in two contest categories this year; Digital Cinema & TV/Video Production. These students had the difficult task of creating short films on location for two days straight. Also included were two exams, interviews with judges, and presenting a portfolio of work including resumes, references, and pre-production for their films. Every year, competition increases at the State Level, and this year there were almost 3,000 students (a record high) from throughout the state competing in multiple contest areas. Once again, our students did an exceptional job of representing PVHS and Butte County ROP!

2016 State Medal Winners:

- Digital Cinema-Silver Medal
 - **Nate Hopkins & Will Marks** (missed gold by 3 pts. on a 1000 point rubric)
- MIG Welding-Gold Medal
 - **Daniel Schneider**
- TV/Video Production-Silver Medal
 - **Jarett Gillingwater & Earl Ruiz** (also missed gold by 3 pts. on a 1000 point rubric)

2015 PV Graduates & Current Butte College Students:

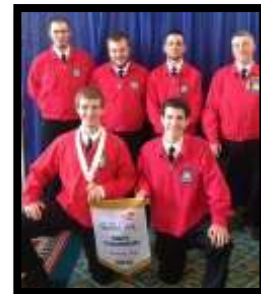
- TV/Video Production-Post Secondary Contest
 - Gold Medal – **Sarah Gray & Tanner Little**
 - Silver Medal – **Jake Frank & Noah Welday**

Additional state participants and teams who qualified from wins at the regional competition in Sacramento:

- Digital Cinema
 - **Cameron Farrell & Summer Soldano**
- Oxyfuel Welding
 - **Michael Evans**

- MIG Welding
 - **Michael Maldonado**
- TIG Welding
 - **Wyatt Brown**
 - **Dustin Leitheiser**
- TV/Video Production
 - **Daniel Smith & Jack Stein**

All of these amazing students are a part of the current **CTE Pathways** and courses here at PVHS. These students are dedicated and passionate; they continue to demonstrate year after year that they are among the best in the state in their given competitive skills areas. Please help congratulate these amazing young filmmakers and welders! Attached are some pictures from our trip. Also, look for some upcoming media coverage in the Chico ER. --*Matt Joiner & Michael Peck*



Mike Peck and PVHS Students Recognized by Chico City Council: On April 5, 2016, PVHS Technology teacher **Mike Peck** and his students received a proclamation from **Mark Sorenson**, the Mayor of Chico, at a city council meeting. The students and their video program were recognized for their recent commercials made on storm water drain issues in the Chico community. The commercials will be televised starting in June. Congratulations Mike and PVHS Video students!!!

Contest winners:

- 1st Place: **Jarett Gillingwater & Earl Ruiz**
- 2nd Place: **Ryan Martin**
- 3rd Place: **Theo Aull & Rob Barber**



PVHS Drama Presents *Into the Woods Jr.*: *Into The Woods JR.* features all of your favorite characters—Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), and the Witch in this lyrically rich re-telling of classic Brothers Grimm fables. This cast and crew have put together a spectacular production that you must see! Come see outstanding performances by **Jack Whitmore, Caleb Johnson, Kendra Pittenger**, and many more. The musical centers on a baker and his wife who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the king's festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse and wind up changed forever. This musical will be performed on April 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. and a special performance during the day on the April 15 for Chico Unified youth at the CFA. Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. You can buy presale tickets online at chicotix.com with a \$1 handling fee. (Performed with special permission from MTI)

PVHS Jazz Band Entertains Chico Noon Rotarians: **Ryan Heimlich** and several of his PVHS Jazz Band students were the noon entertainment at the March 22 Chico Noon Rotary meeting. The band was very impressive and CUSD is very fortunate to have both Mr. Heimlich and his talented students represent CUSD so well in our community.



PVHS Fashion Show: PVHS Art Studio students hosted a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 10, at the Chico Women's Club. "Pheonix" was a fashion show featuring recycled, up-cycled, and unusual materials. This first annual event is the production of the Art Studio@ PV, and promises to be an exciting event for the whole family. Attendees enjoyed hot fashion and live music provided by the PV Jazz Combo.

Relay for Life Team: CHS 9th grader, **Ella Geise**, is heading up a Relay for Life (RFL) team. Her mother, **Beth Geise**, a teacher at Hooker Oak, has done one for Hooker Oak for years and took last year off. Ella decided to do one through her health career pathways class. Principal **Mark Beebe** is aware and is supporting her efforts. Cancer is terrible and some of our youngest and best teachers are now fighting. If you are interested in donating to her team, see: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16CA?team_id=2002982&pg=team&fr_id=73795

Bidwell Jr. High.....Full STEAM Ahead: CSUC Engineering students, **Anthony Hewitt, Danny Phelan, Marisa Jayne, Chad Ringlsetter, Marisa Davini,** and **Grant Rose** 'STEAMED' up with Bidwell Jr. High School's after school program. All are members of CSUC's American Society of Civil Engineers. Bidwell students were presented with a short overview that gave them a look into the field of engineering. They were then presented with 'The Tower Scrap-Challenge' which required them to follow the engineering design model that includes ask-imagine-plan-create-improve. Groups of 3-4 students worked for an hour following the design model steps creating their structures. The event culminated with a competition testing to see which structure could hold the most weight. This group of CSUC engineering students will come monthly to work with Bidwell students who are eager for the next challenge. Fun was had by all.



Praises Received for Counselor: **Ashley Trezza** relocated to Chico for a job at CUSD as a full-time counselor for the early intervention and prevention services. **Angie Brunemeyer**, Chapman Elementary teacher, wrote the following letter to Chapman Principal **Erica Sheridan**:

Mrs. Sheridan,

I want to thank you for providing a full-time counselor, Ashley Trezza, at Chapman this year. It has been very beneficial for my students' well-being and mine. My class is full of students with many types of trauma from cutting, suicidal thoughts, depression, child abuse (sexual, mental and physical), neglect, and so on. I was spending a big chunk of my day counseling students (and sometimes parents), so they could at least focus enough to sit in their desk and be present. I was feeling more like a counselor than a teacher. I also felt horrible because the students who are motivated and able to learn were missing out on valuable instructional time during these moments. Ashley has changed that! Eighty-eight percent of my students are receiving services from her now. I'm able to do my job and my students are getting the professional help needed to get through the day. I believe having a full-time counselor here is saving lives! No joke!

I have a big love for this school and these students! Their lives and education matters! Thank you for providing the services needed so our kids can learn, feel safe, and feel supported. I only hope Chapman can and will continue to provide this valuable service. We need it!!! - Angie Brunemeyer, Chapman Elementary, 6th Grade

The Show: **Durell Siplin**, 4th grade Teacher at Emma Wilson Elementary wants to let us know that the 3rd Annual, Mr. Siplin Presents: "The Show" will be in town on May 19 and 20, 2016.

- May 19, 8:45am is the Primary show (TK-3rd) in the Emma Wilson Multi-Purpose Room.
- May 19, 6:30pm is the Family Night Showing
- May 20, 8:45am is the Intermediate (4th-6th, Ace Program)

Friends and Family are welcome to join us. It will be a day/night that you will never forget.....PROMISE! -- *Durell Siplin, 4th Grade Teacher, Emma Wilson Elementary*

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NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Reta Rickmers **2016 Pacific Region Secondary** **Art Educator of the Year**

Alexandria, VA— The National Art Education Association has named Reta Rickmers, of Chico, CA, to receive the 2016 Pacific Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year Award. This prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of an outstanding NAEA member annually at the Regional level within their division. The award will be presented at the NAEA National Convention in Chicago, IL, March 17-19, 2016.

NAEA President Patricia Franklin states, "This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Reta Rickmers exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession."

NAEA is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art teachers; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation's fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and teaching artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

For more information about the association and its awards program visit the NAEA website at www.arteducators.org

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Art Studio @ PVHS Newsletter

As you probably know, I lost my mother on February 29. I was out of school for over a week. The students made and gave me really lovely cards that helped me at a difficult time. We have rescheduled the field trip and hope your student will be able to come along on this exciting educational experience.
Reta Rickmers

April 14: San Francisco here we come!

I hope your student is joining us for the field trip we have all been waiting for. It is always fun to get to the big city and see some famous works of art! We leave really early so please make arrangements to get them there on time. There will be a substitute teacher for those students not going on the trip. If you need to contact me, my cell # is 530 414-1752.

We will be traveling by charter bus (Mt. Lassen Transit) and we encourage students to bring snacks, pillows, and things to keep them occupied. They will need to bring money for lunch or their own lunch.

Pleasant Valley High School ART STUDIO 1 & 2 & 3

San Francisco Field Trip- Thursday

5:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at PVHS
6:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave PVHS • Bathroom stop at Dunnigan Enter SF via Bay Bridge
9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at de Young Museum <i>Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive</i>
9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • de Young Museum Tower (if time permits)
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palace of the Legion of Honor Art Museum Special Bonnard Exhibit with timed tickets
12:30-1:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at Fisherman's Wharf
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Galleries near Fisherman's Wharf
3:30 - 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Chico over Bay Bridge • Bathroom stop at Dunnigan
7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at PVHS (please be on time to pick up your student)

Please email me at rrickmers@chioud.org if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 10, 2:00 pm:

**1st Annual Art Studio “Wearable Art” Fashion Show
at the Women’s Club**

**Featuring recycled, upcycled, and unusual materials
2 PM Tickets: students/children: \$3, Adults: \$5**



Currently we are creating “fashion art” for the upcoming fashion show. Students are designing, making and modeling the clothes! It is very exciting! If any of you sew and would like to bring your machine and come in and help for a class period, you would be welcome!

April 4: Art Studio Window Exhibit, Ellis Art Supply, 122 Broadway, Chico. Up for the month of April

April 20: CUSD School Board Meeting: Recognition for Ms. Rickmers’ Secondary Art Teacher of the Year Award for the Pacific Region from NAEA

April 21, 6th and 7th period: Guest Speaker: Dr. Cris Guenter on Aurasma, her art, and the business of art.

April 21, 6:00 to 7:00 pm: Community Advisory Board Meeting: As part of our CTA/IFT, we need parents and students to attend this short meeting to give us input and feedback about our program. Please let me know if you can attend. Find out more about our grant and how it supports our program at <http://bit.ly/ifttechhttp://bit.ly/iftcc>

May 5: Art Studio Spring Finale, Art Studio Exhibit, PV Library
Reception catered by PV Culinary 11:50-12:30
The show will be on display all day of May 5th

May 7 and 8: Art at the Matador

May 26-30: Silver Dollar Fair PV Exhibit



C2: Creative Connections

Spring 2016

<http://bit.ly/iftcc>

A publication of the Robert W. Cranston Library at Pleasant Valley High School Institute for Teaching Grant through California Teachers Association

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/iftcc>

Strength Based Learning in Action at Pleasant Valley

Strength based learning is a focus for the funding we have received this year from the Institute for Teaching. Our students have participated in a wide variety of activities, but with a twist of focusing student work to reflect their strengths and the ways in which they can contribute to their community and grow as students and as individuals.

Art Studio students have also benefited from strength based learning by assuming responsibility in groups and individually for the presentation of their art in the community. Their work with Walk for Water, Read Across America, Pastels in the Quad and Empty Bowls, to name a few, reflect this. Currently they are organizing a Fashion show featuring upcycled, recycled and unique materials in collaboration with the music department. Building on each other's strengths is integral to the success of this project.

Music students have formed small groups and worked collaboratively to present their art form throughout the school and wider community. They have formed groups, assigned responsibilities for aspects of each group and contributed in the community. The Jazz Group is an excellent example of this.



Community Advisory Board Meeting

Make sure you mark your calendar to attend our final Community Advisory Board Meeting on April 21st from 6-7 pm



Anita Benitas Visit

On March 30th, Anita Benitas, Program Consultant for the California Teachers Association will visit Pleasant Valley High School to observe both Art Studio and Band classes and observe the implementation of the grant. We are looking forward to her visit and showing her the major impact this grant has had on our students.



Presenting, Doing, and Connecting



Students have been participating in a large number of events. Here is just a brief summary of some of what's been happening.

Music brings Meaning

Student Jazz Combo Showcased

As part of this grant, music students were tasked with forming small ensembles (groups) and choosing, rehearsing, and performing music with a wide range of styles. The grant purchased a lot of sheet music that students are able to look through, discuss, and then practice in order to tailor the groups needs/desires to the event they are performing. So far this year, students have performed and organized music for many events, including the Butte County Office of Education Art Show, a Rotary Meeting, the Fall 2016 Winter Concert, and several campus events. As spring unfolds, we will continue to make music out on campus and in the community!



Jazz Legend Visit

In April, students will have the opportunity to work with jazz pianist and educator Dan Haerle. Mr. Haerle is a Jazz Education Network legend, and has played with Clark Terry and was Nora Jones' piano teacher. Mr. Haerle will spend the afternoon on the PVHS campus working with the Jazz Combos, giving an improvisation clinic, and a few piano lessons!



Guest Composer Visit

The Pull String Duo (made up of composer/guitarist David Dvorin and violinist Matej Seda) will speak to the music theory class in April. Students will discuss the composition process with them and how they can apply such ideas to their own work! Stay tuned for details on the upcoming composition recital in May.

Inside the Art Studio Classroom

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We will be traveling by charter bus (Mt. Lassen Transit) and we encourage students to bring snacks, pillows, and things to keep them occupied. They will need to bring money for lunch or pack their own lunch.

Empty Bowls

A fundraiser for the hungry and the homeless. Students made handmade bowls and tickets were sold to a soup and bread dinner and guests selected a bowl to take home. Empty bowls raised \$10,000 this year for the Torres Homeless Shelter.

Arts for Lunch

On Thursday 12/3 Art Studio students shared their passion for art by helping students create cards, small gifts and chocolate fondue.

Fashion Show

Currently we are creating "fashion art" for the upcoming fashion show. Students are designing, making and modeling the clothes! It is very exciting! If any of you sew and would like to bring your machine and come in and help for a class period, you would be welcome!

Butte County Office of Education 2nd Annual Juried High School Art Show

Each school in the county is allowed 10 pieces. There is a reception with live music and awards are presented.

Creative Fusion

The 11th Annual High School and Junior High School Art Exhibit at the Chico Art Center. Each school was allowed 20 pieces. It is up for the month of March as part of Youth Art Month. At the reception awards were presented.



Reta Rickmers awarded the 2016 National Art Education Association's Pacific Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year.

On March 17th, Reta Rickmers was awarded the National Art Educator's Association Pacific States Art Educator of the Year at the NAEA conference held in Chicago, IL. To the right is the text outlining some of the reasons Reta was selected. Ms. Rickmers attended

SummerVision DC in 2015, presented peer-reviewed sessions at NAEA several times on subjects such as *Art Curriculum: Current and Relevant*, *The Art Studio@PV* (an in-depth art program she developed with a six-year grant from the California Department of

Education), and *Post Modern Art Education in the Secondary Art Classroom*. She has also presented many times at California Art Educators Association annual conferences. As a working artist, she feels that it is extremely important for art teachers to continue to make art.



Ryan Heimlich selected to perform at the CSUC Showcase

Our own Ryan Heimlich was selected and featured in the California State University, Chico Faculty Showcase (otherwise known as the Talent Show). He performed on his clarinet on March 22nd to a packed house. Ryan not only works full time as a teacher for Chico Unified, but also works part time for the university.

This spring, Ryan will be conducting the Spring Musical, *The Addams Family*. Not surprising he is working very hard on the PVHS Musical as well, *Into the Woods, Jr.* We are lucky indeed to have him as a member of the PVHS faculty and as a member of our CTA Institute for Teaching Grant. Congratulations!

Another Successful "Pink / Stop Bullying" Day in CUSD 2016



2016 BUTTE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL RATING SHEET - ROUND ONE
 0 = Penalty 1=Fair 2=Satisfactory 3=Good 4=Very Good 5=Excellent

		PVHS	LPHS
		Prosecution	Defense
Pretrial Motion		[Anshu Kumar]	[Cameron Musler]
	Score	12/9/15=36	9/9/12=30
Opening Statement		[Raina Johnson]	[Rosalind Goodwin]
	Score	3/5/4=12	5/4/5=14
PROSECUTION First Witness Sam Spencer	Direct Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	4/4/5=13	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Rosalind Goodwin]		38585=13
	Witness Performance [Claire Grant]	5/5/5=15	
PROSECUTION Second Witness Lou Williams	Direct Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	5/4/4=13	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Brycen Williams]		3/3/4=10
	Witness Performance [Jacob Landes]	4/5/5=14	
PROSECUTION Third Witness Terry Thomas	Direct Examination by Attorney [Raina Johnson]	4/5/4=13	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Eddie Bird]		2/2/4=8
	Witness Performance [Cassidy Marsters]	4/4/5=13	
PROSECUTION Fourth Witness Dakota Kim	Direct Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	5/4/5=14	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Eddie Bird]		3/4/5=12
	Witness Performance [Ashley Martin]	4/5/5=14	
DEFENSE First Witness Casey Barnes	Direct Examination by Attorney [Eddie Bird]		4/4/5=13
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Raina Johnson]	4/5/5=14	
	Witness Performance [Samantha Ross]		5/5/5=15
DEFENSE Second Witness Alex Rosales	Direct Examination by Attorney [Rosalind Goodwin]		4/5/5=14
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	3/4/5=12	
	Witness Performance [Stephanie Shaver]		4/5/4=13
DEFENSE Third Witness Gale Green	Direct Examination by Attorney [Eddie Bird]		4/3/4=11
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	4/4/4=12	
	Witness Performance [Keyera Mackabee]		4/3/5=12
DEFENSE Fourth Witness Jamie Hayes	Direct Examination by Attorney [Brycen Williams]		4/4/5=13
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Bryant Bettencourt]	4/4/4=12	
	Witness Performance [MaLee Thao]		4/4/5=13
Closing Arguments		[Raina Johnson]	[Brycen Williams]
	Score	6/10/10=26	10/8/10=28
		Clerk	Bailiff
	Score	[Jasmine Tatla] 5/5/5=15	[Toni-Lynn Harm] 5/5/5=15
TEAM PERFORMANCE: Students were courteous, observed courtroom etiquette, spoke clearly, demonstrated professionalism, and utilized objections appropriately.		4/5/5=14	4/5/5=14
TOTAL		80/87/95=262	77/78/93=248

2016 BUTTE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL RATING SHEET - ROUND TWO
 0 = Penalty 1=Fair 2=Satisfactory 3=Good 4=Very Good 5=Excellent

		LPHS	PVHS
		Prosecution	Defense
Pretrial Motion	Score	[Conner Musler] 15/9/9=33	[Jessie Jiang] 15/15/12=42
Opening Statement	Score	[Ethan Waddell] 5/2/2=9	[Simren Verma] 4/5/5=14
PROSECUTION First Witness Terry Thomas	Direct Examination by Attorney [Ethan Waddell]	3/2/1=6	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Brigitte Dahrouj]		5/4/4=13
	Witness Performance [Macen Buis]	5/5/4=14	
PROSECUTION Second Witness Sam Spencer	Direct Examination by Attorney [Keyera Mackabee]	4/2/4=10	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Brigitte Dahrouj]		4/2/3=9
	Witness Performance [Deanna Avery]	5/3/4=12	
PROSECUTION Third Witness Lou Williams	Direct Examination by Attorney [Samantha Ross]	5/3/3=11	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Simren Verma]		4/4/5=13
	Witness Performance [Mary Pekarek]	5/5/4=14	
PROSECUTION Fourth Witness Dakota Kim	Direct Examination by Attorney [Keyera Mackabee]	5/3/3=11	
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Corbin Scholtes]		5/5/4=14
	Witness Performance [Desirae Conn]	4/5/3=12	
DEFENSE First Witness Gale Green	Direct Examination by Attorney [Corbin Scholtes]		5/5/4=14
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Keyera Mackabee]	5/4/3=12	
	Witness Performance [Justin Liu]		5/5/4=14
DEFENSE Second Witness Alex Rosales	Direct Examination by Attorney [Corbin Scholtes]		4/4/4=12
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Keyera Mackabee]	4/4/5=13	
	Witness Performance [Puneet Mann]		5/5/5=15
DEFENSE Third Witness Casey Barns	Direct Examination by Attorney [Simren Verma]		5/5/5=15
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Samantha Ross]	5/5/4=14	
	Witness Performance [Brandi Hoyt]		5/5/5=15
DEFENSE Fourth Witness Jamie Hayes	Direct Examination by Attorney [Brigitte Dahrouj]		5/4/5=14
	Cross Examination by Attorney [Ethan Waddell]	3/3/3=9	
	Witness Performance [Jacob Toews]		5/5/5=15
Closing Arguments	Score	[Samantha Ross] 10/10/8=28	[Simren Verma] 10/8/10=28
	Score	Clerk [Molly Higgins] 5/5/4=14	Bailiff [Sarah Hanoun] 5/5/5=15
TEAM PERFORMANCE: Students were courteous, observed courtroom etiquette, spoke clearly, demonstrated professionalism, and utilized objections appropriately.		5/5/5=15	5/5/5=15
TOTAL ROUND TWO		93/75/69=237	96/91/90=277
FINAL TOTALS			
TOTAL ROUND ONE		248	262
TOTAL ROUND TWO		237	277
FINAL SCORES		485	539

At the 2016 Butte County Mock Trial, awards were given as follows:

- Prosecution pretrial attorneys – 1 award

Anshu Kumar – PV-36	Conner Musler – LP-33
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- Defense pretrial attorneys – 1 award

Cameron Musler – LP- 30	Jessie Jiang – PV-42
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- Prosecution witnesses – 4 awards

#1 Terry Thomas	Cassidy Marsters – PV-13	Macen Buis – LP-14
#2 Lou Williams [tie score]	Jacob Landes – PV-14	Mary Pekarek – LP-14
#3 Sam Spencer	Claire Grant – PV-15	Deanna Avery – LP-12
#4 Dakota Kim	Ashley Martin – PV-14	Desirae Conn – LP-12

- Defense witnesses – 4 awards

#1 Jamie Hayes	MaLee Thao – LP-13	Jacob Toews- PV-15
#2 Casey Barns [tie score]	Samantha Ross – LP-15	Brandi Hoyt – PV-15
#3 Alex Rosales	Stephanie Shaver – LP-13	Puneet Mann – PV-15
#4 Gale Green	Keyera Mackabee – LP-12	Justin Liu – PV-14

- Prosecution closing attorneys – 1 award

Raina Johnson – PV- 26	Samantha Ross – LP-28
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- Defense closing attorneys – 1 award
[tie score]

Brycen Williams – LP- 28	Simren Verma – PV-28
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- Clerk – 1 award

Jasmine Tatla – PV-15	Molly Higgins – LP-14
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- Bailiff – 1 award
[tie score]

Toni-Lynn Harm – LP-15	Sarah Hanoun – PV-15
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- Artists – 1st

N/A	N/A
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- Journalists – 1st

N/A	N/A
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BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF SUPPORTS

"Youth Build— Butte County Collaborative"

▪ PAULA M. FELIPE
▪ CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR



A new program in Butte County is helping troubled youth and young people coming out of jail and struggling with substance abuse issues gain a new lease on life.

"Youth Build-Butte County Collaborative" (YB-BCC) is helping 16 to 24-year-olds by providing opportunities to learn job skills, vocational training, earn their high school diploma, and certification in trades. The program is for youth or adult offenders or those who dropped out of high school.

"Young people spend part of the day in a classroom and the rest of the day learning job skills, like construction and welding," said Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea. "They are doing something constructive and positive. This program is about saving lives and breaking the cycle of recidivism at the Butte County Jail."

Sheriff Honea said keeping young people engaged and productive while under supervision also prevents gang involvement, curbs substance abuse and juvenile delinquency, and can serve to reduce recidivism.

This program partners with community agencies, and also provides assistance to find safe and sober living environments, job opportunities, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, career counseling, and resume writing skills.

"We operate on a wrap-around type model that works to build a continuum of care as participants move through the program," said Sergeant Eric Lyon of the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). "The program is up and running. Right now we have about 25 people participating."

The program runs Monday through Friday and is funded by a federal justice grant (the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant--Byrne JAG), which involves an agreement between the State of California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and Butte County.

BCSO is collaborating with other community and government agencies, including Chico Unified School District, Behavioral Health, Youth Build Chico, Skyway House, Sentinel Offender Services, Habitat for Humanity, and California State University, Chico.

"Opportunities for work experience and industry certifications are offered," Sgt. Lyon said. Certification from the National Center for Construction Education and Research; Multi-Craft Care Curriculum; Forklift Certification; OSHA 10 Certification; CPR/First Aid Certification; and Hazardous Material Waste Certification are possible certifications in this program.

"We want to encourage young people to be part of rebuilding the community and to plan for their future steps--whether they want to go to college, a trade school, do an apprenticeship, or start a career path," Sheriff Honea said.

BCSO oversees and manages the finances and provides some of the program participants and acts as a liaison between the local agencies and the BSCC, while providing a member of the steering committee.

The grant funding will also enable Butte County to partner with a local treatment facility to provide a sober living environment for up to three months in addition to providing outpatient substance abuse education and counseling services.

This grant-funded program demonstrates an investment in young people in Butte County and their future. Sheriff Honea reiterated, "We want young people to develop skills and have the opportunity for higher paying jobs while decreasing their dependence on criminal activity to meet their needs."

For more info, contact Sgt Eric Lyon at elyon@buttecounty.net ★



The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights and the Holocaust Educators Network invite you to join us for the Summer Satellite Seminar

June 20 - 24, 2016

This one-week seminar will provide teachers with the content background to create safe spaces for exploring sensitive topics, such as bullying, exclusion, and state-sanctioned forced removal and genocide. Through the lens of the Holocaust, Japanese-American incarceration, and the "Secret War in Laos," participants will examine the impact of "bystanders" and the power of "upstanders" to change the history of their communities and the world.

- ❖ Join like-minded colleagues to explore strategies for promoting resilience and social justice utilizing powerful primary and secondary sources
- ❖ Work with Holocaust survivors, Secret War witnesses, Japanese-American internees
- ❖ Collaborate on developing Common Core aligned lessons and activities
- ❖ Explore technology tools for taking student writing and voices beyond the walls of the classroom

Who? Teachers in grades 5 through University – across grade levels and disciplines

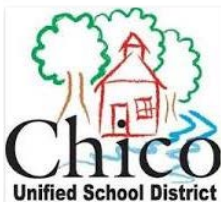
When? June 20 - 24, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (*June 23, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM + Cultural Event 5:00 –8:00 PM)

Where? Marsh Jr. High School, 2253 Humboldt Road, Chico

Cost? Attendance is free!

Credit? 3 Continuing Ed Units (CEUs) available for purchase upon completing the seminar (optional)

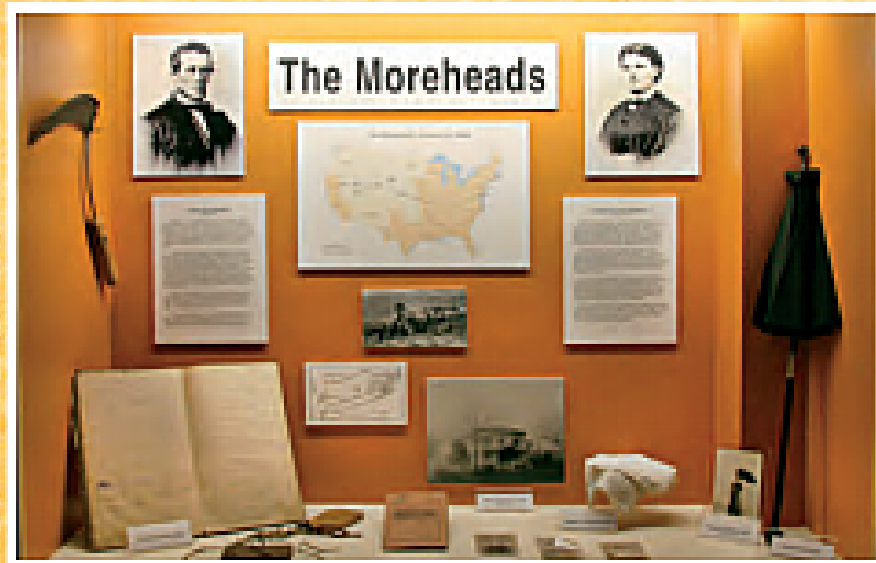
How? To apply, visit <https://www.thememoriallibrary.org/california-application/> for our online application. Applications are due by March 31, 2016. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.



Questions? Contact Pam Bodnar (pbinuganda@yahoo.com) or Gail Desler (gdesler@gmail.com)



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Chico Museum



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The Chico Museum welcomes field trip groups to visit **Chico Through Time**, a comprehensive timeline of Chico's History

Exhibit Themes

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Chico Agriculture
Rancho Chico and the Bidwells
Local Chico Government
Police Department
Fire Department
Chico Chinese Temple
The Morehead Family
Clifford's Jewlery
Chico City Schools

School group policy

\$35 flat fee per class

Thursday - Friday,
9 or 10 am

Field Trips available

March - December 2016

Minimum of 1 adult per 10 kids;
1 adult per 5 kids preferred

***Reservations must be made at
least 1 week in advance***

For Reservations please call or email

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