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Real-World Career Facilities Open at Pleasant Valley High School

Career Technical Education Grants Help Fund New Learning Centers for High School Students

Chico, CA – Chico Unified School District will unveil four new facilities during the Wednesday, November 17, 2021, grand opening and ribbon-cutting event at Pleasant Valley High School at 3 p.m.

Continued advancement and coursework in the skilled trades help provide student opportunities beyond graduation. Hands-on learning and career readiness programs are expanding. Chico Unified offers nine industry sectors and 21 individual Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways district-wide.

Measure K funds were used to match Career Technical Education (CTE) grants to optimize new construction on the Pleasant Valley Campus. Wednesday’s grand opening will showcase four new facilities on the Pleasant Valley High School Campus: the Medical Pathway/Sports Therapy Classroom, Culinary Arts and Viking Fire & Fork Learning Facility, new Administrative Building and the new Multipurpose Room.

The Medical Pathway Project includes two classrooms and two labs. Physical therapy tools, interactive screens and diagnostic equipment provide a real-world skills lab.

The Culinary Arts Pathway Project includes eight industrial cooking stations in the training lab, a video demonstration counter, industrial wait stations, wash stations, and state-of-the-art training equipment. Adjacent to the industrial kitchen lab is a “Restaurant Experience” lab. The Viking Fire & Fork allows culinary students to work and manage a real-world campus and event dining experience.

Several other Career Technical Education grant-funded facilities are currently in construction at Pleasant Valley High School. New projects underway include a child development classroom, Arts, Media and Entertainment (AME) lab and the Architecture and Manufacturing upgrades. Improvements include a new architecture lab, a new Computer Aided Design (CAD) lab with 38 portable workstations and a modernized welding shop.

Learn more about school improvement projects and the growing Career Technical Education Pathways available to Chico High, Pleasant Valley High School and Oak Bridge Academy students at www.chicousd.org.

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About Chico Unified School District’s Career and Technical Education Programs:

Chico Unified School District offers nine industry sectors with 21 individual pathways: <http://www.chicousd.org/documents/2021-2022-CTE-curriculum-catalog.pdf>

- **Pleasant Valley:** Architecture, Engineering, Welding and Fabrication, Food Service and Hospitality, Child Development, Education, Patient Care, Sports Medicine, Graphic Arts, Commercial Arts, Video Production, Public Safety
- **Chico High:** Ag Welding, Agriscience, Ornamental Horticulture, Floriculture, Digital Arts, Engineering, Architecture, Patient Care, Information Support and Services, Software and Systems Development