



May 2016

Superintendent's Letter

Dear Friends of East Side Union High School District,

The school year has officially ended and I'm extremely excited about all of the amazing accomplishments that have taken place. This version of our newsletter is focusing on highlighting the work of our staff and students for the past few months. It has been another very rewarding school year.

Thank you for your continued support of all of our great East Side schools.

Sincerely,
Chris D. Funk
Superintendent

Employees of the Year

Congratulations to Gilberto Cenavia, Head Custodian at the Education Center for being named the District Classified Employee of the Year and Kaitlin Jenkins, English Teacher at Santa Teresa High School, for being named the District Teacher of the Year!



Academy of Finance Students Won 'Best Product'

Independence High School

Last month, Independence High School's Academy of Finance students won "Best Product" at the Junior Achievement of Norcal Company of the Year Competition. The students worked on establishing a clothing brand called 1516 *Visionaries* with a T-shirt as their main product. The judges were impressed by the logo design and quality of the product. Each of the 6 winners received \$100 scholarships.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit that helps promote entrepreneurship and business to teens. Teens learn the skills to organize and manage their own business. Volunteers from the business community serve as advisors and mentor the students. Students appear before a panel of expert judges who determine their overall performance against the competition criteria.

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Genesys Works

Year-Long Internships for Seniors

ESUHSD is partnering with Genesys Works, a non-profit organization that enables inner-city high school students to break through barriers and discover through meaningful work experience that they can succeed as professionals in the corporate world.

Students enter the program during the summer prior to their senior year, and after 8 intensive weeks of training, are assigned to work at one of Genesys' client locations, part-time, during their senior year.

The training is designed to arm students with the knowledge they need to provide value to corporations in specific technical fields and also with the professional skills they need to enter and succeed in corporate environments.

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Strive San Jose

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce is actively supporting the 21 ESUHSD Career Pathway Programs. Strive San Jose is dedicated to supporting our schools through recruiting employer partners to provide career exposure opportunities to students aspiring to enter the workforce. On June 15-17th,

2016, in partnership with the Work2Future Foundation, the Chamber is actively recruiting employers to provide more than 50 paid internship opportunities to students in a Career Pathways program.

Current employer partners include Kaiser Permanente, LinkedIn, San Jose Sharks, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, VTA, Silicon Valley Business Journal, and many more!

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Silver Creek Competes in Japan Bowl

Silver Creek took 2nd place in the California State Japan Bowl Competition and secured 5th place out of 38 schools that competed in the National Japan Bowl Competition.

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Andrew P. Hill High School's Early Childhood Program

For nearly four decades, students at Andrew Hill High School have studied the growth and development of young children through elective classes in a campus learning laboratory that serves as a day center for 2-to-5 year olds.

It's Early Childhood Development Center has earned statewide recognition: It has been rated among the best of thousands of early education programs in California, receiving a near-perfect overall score.

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Oak Grove High School Air Force JROTC Champs

Oak Grove boasts the 2016 Air Force JROTC Academic Championship and

JROTC Joint Service Academic Bowl Championship. They were 1 of 8 teams in the country selected to compete this summer in Washington, DC, for the AFJROTC Finals.



Overfelt's Big Win in the National Chromebook Challenge

The GoFundMe Chromebook Challenge is over and Overfelt High School students are the big winners! Overfelt was one of 9 schools using GoFundMe to help provide Chromebooks for their students as part of the GoFundMe Chromebook Challenge. They were competing to see which school would get the most Facebook shares from the contest.

Overfelt secured the most Facebook shares and will receive 100 Chromebooks (\$19,500 value). They also raised \$17,630, and every dollar donated to this campaign will be used to purchase additional Chromebooks.

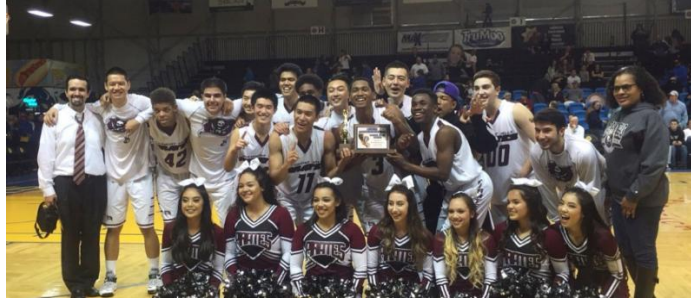
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Piedmont Hills High School Boys CCS Champs

Piedmont Hills overcame a 10-point second half deficit to defeat Oak Grove, 48-44 in CCS Division I championships game at Kaiser Permanente Arena in Santa Cruz.

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Yerba Buena High School Golf League Champs

Yerba Buena's golf team won the BVAL West Valley Division League Championship. This marks the first golf league championship in the school's history.



AED Racing Hearts

Life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) were installed in all ESUHSD schools. After the official launch, students at Mt. Pleasant High School participated in a hands-on demonstration by the American Heart Association.

The AED program at ESUHSD is the first such program in a school district in the City of San Jose. There is a total of 41 AEDs installed throughout the district, increasing the heart safety of more than 26,000 students, as well as staff and parents visiting the schools.

This is part of a larger county initiative with partnerships and funding contributions from Supervisors Cindy Chavez and Joe Simitian, Racing Hearts, Health Trust, Sports Basement and Silicon Valley Leadership Foundation.

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District Music & Choral Concert

The district held festivals for band, choir, guitar and dance throughout the spring semester showcasing our talented students with each event being adjudicated by a local professional.

Silver Creek High School hosted the District's Annual Choral Concert in April. Congratulations to all that participated!



Independence High School Theater Grand Opening

Independence held its Performing Arts Center ribbon cutting ceremony in March. The 27,640 square foot theater was modernized and restored from its 1976 original infrastructure.



Cesar Chavez Writing, Art & Multi-media Awards Ceremony

ESUHSD held its annual Cesar Chavez Writing, Art & Multi-Media Awards Ceremony at Mt. Pleasant High School.

Grand Prize Winners

Peyton Nguyen - Art Category

Jennifer Hernandez-Garcia - Writing Category

Jack Griffin & Erikjon Villedo - Multi-Media Category



37th East Side 11

Photography Awards & Ceremony

With the dedication of ESUHSD photography teachers and staff, the 37th annual art show, "37th East Side 11," held spectators captive to the beauty of photography and inspiring student talent.

See more photos on our district Facebook page: [ESUHSD Facebook Page](#)

Best of Show B&W - Winners

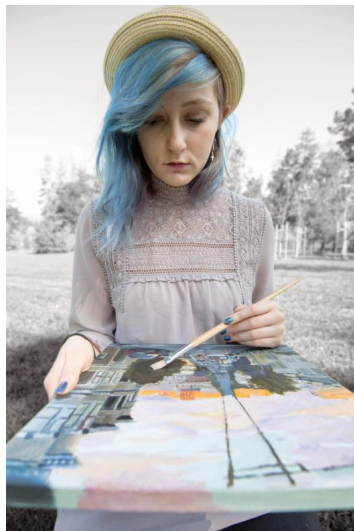
Kassandra Hibbs - Santa Teresa

Karla Roldan - W.C. Overfelt

Best of Show Digital - Winners

Miranda Jacob - Evergreen Valley

Dixie Murillo - Piedmont Hills



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