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FOSTER YOUTH & FIT COLLEGE & CAREER TRIPS

Counselor Corina Morga, along with the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program & Families in Transition (FYSCP) Program transition specialists, kicked off their fall college and career trips by taking foster and FIT youth from San Joaquin County to San Joaquin Delta College, University of the Pacific (UOP), Sacramento State University and the Greater Valley Conservation Corps. During the tours, students learned about the various programs and opportunities to continue their post-secondary education.

While visiting Delta College, youth experience firsthand what it's like to participate in Delta's Digital Media program. Youth toured Delta's learning spaces which included audio labs, a classroom, and the 93.5 FM KWDC radio station. This program focuses on audio, video, social media, and digital communication. Youth learned the skills necessary to be prepared for multimedia industry careers. This program is very flexible as it offers courses both in-person and online.

During the University of the Pacific tour, youth were exposed to undergraduate programs, such as Communications, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics. As a UOP student, youth can live on campus, allowing them to dive into the Pacific community and enjoy the social and cultural aspects of campus life. The tour guide emphasized that UOP students have the support of faculty, staff, and an array of programs focused on helping students choose their career path. One of those programs is the Community Involvement Program, a comprehensive needs-based scholarship and retention program for first-generation college students from the Stockton community who have demonstrated the potential for sustainable leadership, community awareness, and involvement.

Stingers up! Sacramento State University is the fourth most diverse campus in the western U.S. officially recognized as an Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander serving institution, and a Hispanic serving institution. Sacramento State is where faculty, staff, and students from all backgrounds come together. While touring the campus, youth found themselves surrounded by nature, innovative buildings, and a variety of eateries. Sac State offers 76 bachelor's and 53 master's degree programs. They are a recognized leader in education, innovation, and engagement, dedicated to the belief that there are no limits to their students' potential for excellence and success.

The Greater Valley Conservation Corps (GVCC) helps youth 18 to 26 years old with academic instruction, employment opportunities, green job training, life skills, and much more. It was an excellent opportunity for youth to visit this local location and see their work firsthand. Youth learned about the different sites, certificates, programs, and services provided by the GVCC.

We are excited to announce that we will provide more college and career trip opportunities for the youth this 2022-2023 school year!

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BOO FEST

The FYSCP team hosted the second annual "Boo Fest" for the youth at Mary Graham Children's Shelter on 10/26. The team set up trick-or-treat stations with school supplies, books, toys, and candy! Youth were able to get their faces painted by "About Face 209," who generously donated her time. We also had pumpkins donated for the youth to paint. The games cornhole and pumpkin hot potato were a hit, as the youth were excited to win gift cards! The event was a success, and we are looking forward to our next event, "Friendsgiving," with the youth at Mary Graham's Children's Shelter!



BLESSING BAGS

Thank you, Sabrina Sigle, After-School Program Facilitator with Stockton Unified School District and founder of Blessing Bags, the Facebook group "Blessing Bags 2022," for donating 25 backpacks, shower caddies, and beauty bags to our FYSCP & FIT programs! The backpacks are filled with school supplies, the shower caddies have hygiene products, and shower supplies, and the beauty bags include make-up and other beauty supplies! Thanks to this generous donation, 25 foster & homeless youth will be blessed with brand-new items to make them feel special this giving season.



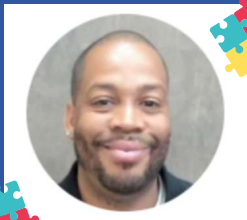
FOOD DRIVE

Families in Transition (FIT) and Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs (FYSCP) launched our Annual Food Drive from October to November this year. We are grateful to the many San Joaquin County Office of Education employees who donated to our food pantry every week. The FYSCP & FIT food drive is dedicated to students experiencing homelessness and hunger. All donations make it possible for students and families in need to receive nonperishable food items.

We were grateful to collect canned meats, cups of noodles, beans, rice, soups, canned pasta, easy mac, canned fruit, peanut butter, and much more. Having access to a meal or ingredients that can put together a meal, can make it less stressful for students and families.

Thank you for everyone's support in making this year's food drive a success! With your contributions, we can make a difference for our FIT and FYSCP students and families!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



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Let's change a child's life today.

F.A.C.E.S OF STOCKTON

F.A.C.E.S. offers a multitude of services that improve the implementation of Individualized Education Plans (I.E.P.) across all education formats. At F.A.C.E.S., they pride themselves on extensive social-emotional counseling, behavior services, assessments, and training. Their program is designed to bridge the gap between the community and the education system to become more successful through extraordinary services to provide a great educational experience.

Services range from school-based counseling and one-on-one behavior services to psychoeducational evaluations and speech therapy assessments. F.A.C.E.S. has also expanded to providing parent counseling, domestic violence counseling, and court-mandated anger management classes. They strive to bring services full circle for each family, from the education system to practical everyday life experiences.



A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT



We would like to thank Lodi Unified School District's (LUSD) Community Liaison Assistant Sandra Salazar. Sandra, we greatly appreciate your advocacy and the hard work you put towards our foster youth. We acknowledge that you are new to your position and your eagerness to learn is inspiring. Thank you for all the emails and phone calls you answer. Your helpfulness is a value and blessing to our FYSCP program. Thank you, Sandra!

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