



EDUHSD E-News

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El Dorado County District Attorney's Office Internship Program

This summer, several highly motivated local high school students applied, were interviewed and participated in an internship program at our local District Attorneys' (D.A.'s) Office in Placerville. They were under the guidance of Craig Hellberg, who is the Special Investigator in the D.A.'s office, who has been facilitating the program in the Criminal Investigations Unit since 2009. At that time, they only recruited from Folsom Lake College and Sac State. 2017 was the first year it was open to high school students. Upon passing a background check, 10 interns from Oak Ridge, Ponderosa and Union Mine High Schools started the program on June 1st - August 4th. They committed to 16 hours per week. The main focus was working on a paperless program which involves the preparing and scanning (digitizing) of old paper case files to help meet the goal of being a 100% paperless office. The interns rotated job assignments from the paperless project to assist with real criminal cases. They learned about the entire process of a criminal case which included 911 calls for help, officers arriving on scene, arrest, jail and evidence (reports, video, audio, photos, drugs, weapons, etc.). They learned about the roles of prosecutors, DA Investigators and defense attorneys. They learned about police in-car video cameras and body cameras. They observed jury selections and real trials which included opening statements, witness testimony and jury verdicts. They also toured the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department Property Section and Dispatch Center. The program was an amazing success. The most common statement made by the interns was that they learned what the "Real world of the Criminal Justice System is like - and it's Nothing like TV." For more information about the program, contact Craig Hellberg at craig.hellberg@edcgov.us.



Photo by Craig Hellberg

Trauma Dolls

The El Dorado High School (EDHS) Key Club is a service club sponsored by the Placerville Kiwanis and participates in service projects in our community. Last week, students from the EDHS Key Club delivered Trauma Dolls that they made for Marshall Medical Hospital ER Staff.



L to R: Sara Lander, Amy Bryant, Giovanna Smith, and Erica Lander

An Unforgettable Voyage

Oak Ridge High School junior, Jessica Chanda, traveled to Krobo, Ghana this summer where she spent two remarkable weeks helping to build a school and teaching local children how to speak English. Jessica learned the best way to teach English to her students. "I spoke slowly and enunciated my words," she said. "And they love songs and games. Popular choices included Queen's 'We Will Rock You,' 'Do-Re-Mi' and dancing to 'The Macarena.'" She already has her eyes set on going back to Ghana or to another country and one day hopes to join the Peace Corps.



Photo by Village Life

Mattress Fundraiser

On July 22nd the 1st annual Union Mine High School (UMHS) Mattress Fundraiser was held at UMHS with every purchase benefitting the Diamondback Football team. The fundraiser was a great success, raising nearly \$3,000. Thank



Photo by Kathy Mettler

you to Coach Bist for coordinating the event, the players for wearing silly costumes, and the community for supporting our programs.

CADA Leadership Camp

Student leaders from Ponderosa High School were chosen to attend CADA Leadership Camp in Santa Barbara. They worked together with over 400 other student leaders from across California to put on events and activities at camp, as well as participate in leadership development lessons and idea-sharing sessions. Students gained valuable leadership skills in group management, public speaking, creating a positive school culture and team work. Student Leader, Reagan Anderly, shared "I was able to meet new people that also share the same passion for leadership that I have. It was exciting to get new ideas to take back to my school and make it more fun!"



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Help us celebrate the great things that our students, faculty and staff accomplish every day!

