

KHSD NEWS

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Principal Partners' Day 2016

The Kern High School District's (KHSD) 2016 Principal Partners' Day (PPD) was a tremendous success, showcasing the innovative Career Technical Education programs in the KHSD, as well as celebrating the commitment of local educators and community partnerships.

The District's annual "open house" half-day event at 20 KHSD school sites gave local leaders and business partners an opportunity to learn more about each individual school, its programs, staff, and remarkable students.

Charlie Moe is a South High School (SHS) graduate who visited SHS for the PPD festivities and enjoyed his interaction with well-versed student leaders.

"My company hires for the right attitude and we train skills. I saw a lot of opportunity here today. As we went from class to class, I saw engaged students and technology utilized in exciting ways." – Charlie Moe, After Market Manager, Kern Machinery

Following school site visits and events, 400 people came together for a luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel. The theme for this year's event was "Prepared to Succeed."



Shafter High School



Golden Valley High School



Kern Valley High School



Stockdale High School

Principal Partners' Day (Continued)



Tina Cox

One of the highlights of the afternoon was a moving speech by Tina Cox, an Early Childhood Education instructor at the Regional Occupational Center (ROC). She spoke on the power of working together for optimal student success. She introduced her former student, Ann Margaret Bacorra, a 2016 Stockdale High School graduate, who won a gold medal as a National Champion at the Skills USA National Leadership Conference last June.



Ann Bacorro

Ann Bacorro delivered her winning speech, focusing on the work ethics of her grandparents' generation, and today's technology and information age. Ann earned six college units in Child Development while attending ROC and is now enrolled at California State University, Bakersfield, studying to become a teacher.

"Our Principal Partners' Day program explored our comprehensive Career Technical Education opportunities, our valued community partnerships, and their importance to our students as we move together into the future."

- Dr. Bryon Schaefer, KHSD Superintendent



Left to right: Dr. Horace Mitchell, Dr. Bryon Schaefer, Laura Toomey, Dr. Kim Flachmann, Christopher Flachmann, Mikey Hay, Abby Flachmann, and Joe Hay

The 2016 Principal Partners' Day concluded with the presentation of the KHSD's Jim Burke "Light and Liberty" Award for service to Kern County education. This year's recipient was Dr. Kim Flachmann.

"Dr. Flachmann began her teaching career in 1972. Her desire to teach students how to access the power of writing and thus improve their quality of life has been the driving force behind her 44 years of service at California State University, Bakersfield. This recipient is someone Jim Burke would have been proud to support." - Dr. Bryon Schaefer, KHSD Superintendent

During her career, Dr. Flachmann taught over 5,000 students, won 15 teaching awards, developed a Composition Program serving over 30,000 students, trained hundreds of English teachers, worked on grants totaling over \$4 million, wrote eight books, published 23 articles, and has given over 130 presentations while collaborating with the broad Kern County educational community.

Previous Jim Burke "Light and Liberty" Award winners include The Jockey Club (2015); retired educator Jim Wooster (2014); Dr. William Baker (2013); businessman Steve Anderson (2012); Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall (2011); businessman Ben Stinson (2010); The Harry and Ethel West Foundation (2009); businessman Carl Leech (2007); Dr. Carlos Alvarez (2006); Shannon Smith (Grove), then owner of Continental Labor Resources (2005); businessman Rolly Rhodes (2004); and businessman Dave Spalinger (2003). The District did not host a Principal Partners' Day in 2008 due to budget constraints.

Principal Partners' Day was held this year on Thursday, October 13, 2016, and was co-hosted by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the KHSD, and the KHSD Educational Foundation.

KHSD Tackles Livestreaming Technology



In an effort to provide a digital platform for sharing the activities and accomplishments of the students in the KHSD, School Support Services launched a comprehensive livestreaming element this year. That means you can view the action of Friday night football anywhere you go or from the comfort of your own home!

In the span of just over two months, KHSD brought to the forefront a high-quality, professionally produced live event that promotes all of the qualities of a fun, competitive, and entertaining event. The crew consists of veteran sports announcers Vance Palm, Bryan Adams, and Rick Van Horn, and photographer/producer Kevin Willey.



Left to right: Kevin Willey, Vance Palm, and Bryan Adams



“I’m so thankful to be a part of this exciting new venture, where we’re able to showcase these amazing KHSD students. Whether it’s the athletes, the musicians, the color guard or the coaches, our livestreaming efforts are making it possible for family, friends, and fans to enjoy what makes our Kern high school events so special.” - Vance Palm, Livestreaming Announcer, KHSD

The KHSD plans on expanding our live streaming endeavors to incorporate student led broadcasts in the future. A winter schedule of Boys and Girls Wrestling and Boys and Girls Basketball is also being planned, as well as a spring slate of activities.

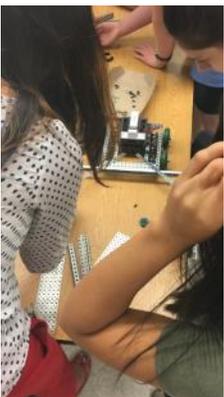
“We are proud to have launched this program and grateful for our generous sponsors Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, Pavletich Solar, and Premier Lighting who have made this possible.”

– Stan Greene, Director of School Support Services, KHSD

To watch live events, or to see an archive of previous games, visit:

<http://instruction.kernhigh.org/school-support-services/>

Girl Power



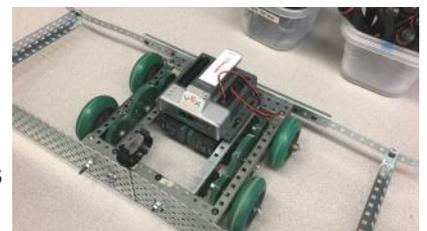
Engineers of the future gathered at Centennial High School to explore careers, meet women in the field, and engage more female students in the classroom and robotics competitions.

The Centennial High School Engineering Club hosted the local event that was one of 52 around the world on October 11, 2016, celebrating both International Day of the Girl and girl powered engineering and robotics events with the goal of doubling the number of girls on robotics teams over the next five years.

Nearly fifty students from Centennial High School, Liberty High School, West High School, Fruitvale Junior High, Norris Junior High, and Ronald Reagan Elementary spent the afternoon with twelve Engineers from companies all over Kern County.

Community partners included Chevron, Freeport-McMoran, California Resources Company, E&B Natural Resources, Nosil Technology, and Aera Energy.

The students were treated to inspirational guest speakers, refreshments, networking opportunities, and working with the engineers to design and rebuild robots to compete in an exciting game organized by Centennial robotics students.





KHSD Competes In Stock Market Challenge

A frenzy of trading activity took place at the 4th Annual Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge, featuring several teams representing KHSD schools. The event is a virtual investment competition for middle and high school students in Kern County.

More than 150 students spent the morning hours getting lessons on investing and money management from teachers and financial advisors. After lunch, teams engaged in a high energy stock market trading competition.

“Every second counts as students track stock movement, analyze industry trends, weigh news announcements (good and bad) and execute trades.” – Kathleen McNeil, District Manager, Junior Achievement of Bakersfield

The action and economics lessons played out in real-time on the trading floor at the CSUB Recreation Center Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

This year’s Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge winners are as follows:

- First Place: South High School, Team: Rebels #1
- Second Place: Garces High School, Team: Prestige Worldwide
- Third Place: Stockdale High School, Team: Black & Silver Lining

Congratulations!

“Win or lose, at the end of the day the students will understand how the stock market operates, the value of teamwork, and the life skills that will serve them now and throughout their adulthood.”

- Kathleen McNeil
District Manager
Junior Achievement of Bakersfield

KHSD KUDOS



Hall of Fame Celebration

South High School (SHS) recently celebrated outstanding alumni and the school's rich history with a Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The festivities began with a special program during Principal Partners' Day, where a few previous inductees and some new inductees enjoyed a ceremony with the SHS band playing the school fight song and many students and visitors looking on. The Hall of Fame events culminated with a dinner and program on October 15, 2016, at the DoubleTree Hotel.

The 2016 South High Hall of Fame Inductees include Lt. Col. Paul F. Feliz, Jackie L. Fisher, Sr., Ed.D., Larry Lafond, Dave Rader, Rocky Rasley, Kathy Robinson, Linda Sargent, Bill Van Worth, Don Ward, and Henry L. Washington

Recycling Champs

The Arvin High School (AHS) Bears are ramping up recycling efforts and making a big difference on campus and in their community.



Courtesy of Arvin High School

With an average of 1,000 pounds of recyclable materials from twenty different containers used weekly in classrooms, along with a cardboard recycling program and a 1,300 gallon recycling container for Cafeteria purposes, savings for AHS equal about \$3,000. Organizers say the financial impact is directly benefitting the bottom line at AHS because of the efforts of Link Crew and Jennifer Stevens, a math teacher and Link Crew Advisor.

"I often use Jennifer Stevens and the Link Crew as examples of what students can do for their school and themselves." – Ray Scott, Mountainside Disposal

Now AHS Link Crew is collecting CRV bottle and cans to create funding to do more for the students of AHS. This also gives the Link Crew more opportunity with 3 recycling challenges throughout the year to receive recognition for their efforts and increases the possibility of receiving cash awards.

KHSD Ag Teacher Honored



Julie Beechinor of Frontier High School just received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"I'm lucky to be a part of educating students who will serve our agriculture community. I never take that for granted." – Julie Beechinor, Frontier High School

Beechinor was selected by the California State FFA Executive Committee for her "outstanding personal commitment to Ag Education and the FFA". She is only the second KHSD teacher to receive this recognition in recent years. Clay Freeman of Foothill High School received the Honorary American FFA Degree in 2014.



State Recognition For Frontier High School Choir

The Frontier High School Advanced Women's Ensemble and Chamber Choir received Superior ratings from all three judges at the Fresno State Choir Competition on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. A Superior rating is the highest rate that can be received in this competition.

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Stockdale Sweep



Courtesy of Stockdale High

Stockdale High School Marching Band competed in a field show competition at Aliso Niguel High School in Southern California October 15, 2016. The group had a tremendous showing and received trophies for High Music Effect, High Visual Effect, High Visual Performance, Sweepstakes Color Guard and Sweepstakes Band Overall. This was the first marching competition of this season for Stockdale. They have four more Saturdays in competition and will finish the season at their own Stockdale Band Spectacular on Nov. 12, 2016.

KHSD Creativity, Color On Display At Via Arte

Talented student artists from several KHSD art programs participated in the 18th Annual Via Arte street painting festival organized by the Bakersfield Museum of Art. The two-day event at the Marketplace on Ming Avenue brings together professional, visiting, local, amateur, and student artists each year. This year's event was Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th.



Bakersfield High School
Winner of "Best Copy of a Master"



Stockdale High School
Winner of "Best Use of Color"



Liberty High School
Winner of "Best Technique"

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

National Nod For Mira Monte High School

The Mira Monte High School Theatre Department was one of only six schools in the country awarded a New Troupe Charter Grant by The Educational Theatre Association. The grant covers the cost of chartering a new troupe.

According to a release by The Educational Theatre Association, the program is dedicated to bringing honor and recognition to theatre students in financially challenged communities through access to the International Thespian Society. The International Thespian Society is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students in more than four thousand affiliated schools across America, Canada, and abroad. Students inducted into the honor society are eligible for leadership opportunities, college scholarships, and invitations to perform at state and national venues.

2016 LCAP Public Forums Announced

The Kern High School District is dedicated to maximizing student success.

Ongoing communication among all stakeholders is key to making sure that our students are supported to the best of our ability. Upcoming Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Public Forums for school-community stakeholders are as follows:

November 10, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m. REMOTE TELE-CONFERENCES/VIDEO FROM SCHOOL SITES

Locations: Kern High School District Office, Board Room, 5801 Sundale Avenue
Foothill High School, 501 Park Drive
Ridgeview High School, 8501 Stine Road
North High School, 300 Galaxy Avenue

December 13, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ East Bakersfield High School, 2200 Quincy Street

For additional information, or if you are not able to attend one of the LCAP Community Public Forum options, please contact Brian Mendiburu, Supervising Administrator, or Denise Huizar, Sr. Staff Secretary, at the District Office at 827-3100, to arrange a meeting with KHSD leadership.

Measure K

Accountability, a Proposed Project List, and FAQ relating to Measure K, the 2016 KHSD Bond, can be found here: <http://business.kernhigh.org/bond/>

Kern High School District Mission Statement

The mission of the Kern High School District is to provide programs and services to allow all students to graduate from high school *prepared to succeed* in the workplace or at the post-secondary level.



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