



## A Message from the Clovis Area Transition Team

The end of the year has arrived. May was full of great events for students all throughout our program. Thank you for another great school year. We have enjoyed every day working with your students. We are thrilled to announce that the Transition Program had 73 graduating seniors in the Class of 2018 from Clovis High! Our Transition Program had a senior graduation rate of a whopping 96% this school year and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. The following 9 seniors earned various academic and merit scholarships: Nathaniel Barry, Ramiro Corral Guerrero, Anisah Garcia Ramirez, Kia Lee, Nouchia Lee, Xochitl Lopez, Caleb Malalis, Nadine Rodriguez, and Juan Pablo Tinoco. We wish the Class of 2018 the best on their future endeavors and encourage them to stay in touch with us! Thank you for the privilege of supporting your students' academic, emotional, and social needs this school year. We look forward to seeing everybody in August as we kick off the 2018-2019 school year. Have a wonderful summer!

## The Spa Treatment Before a Night to Remember

One of our favorite events in May is our CHS Prom Spa Day. This year we had 11 girls participate in our third Annual Prom Spa Day. We transformed our CHS office into a spa and offered services in hair, nails, and makeup. Volunteers gave up their Saturday to ensure that our girls had a wonderful prom experience. Donors throughout our area also gave to this cause, which allowed us to provide snacks, drinks, and goodie bags for the participants. We love to see our girls shine!

## A Day at the Zoo!

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 38 elementary Transition students were treated to a day at the Chaffee Zoo. In order to attend, principals nominated students for having outstanding behavior and grades. Students participated in an educational lab program



Above: Students enjoying their docent-led tour of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo

to learn about ecosystems. They also had a docent-led tour through the zoo and enjoyed the bird show! The weather was great and judging by the smiles and laughter- the trip was a roaring success!

## Making the Grade with the Grizzlies!

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Fresno Grizzlies hosted their annual "Making the Grade" assembly at Chukchansi Park. Our CHS staff members invited twenty 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend as a reward for their hard work this year. Students participated in an educational assembly about making smart choices to achieve their goals and aspirations. After, students received a free lunch and stayed to enjoy the afternoon matchup between the Fresno Grizzlies and the Reno Aces. Overall, it was a great day at the ballpark for some outstanding students!

## Upcoming Events

- Last day of school: June 8
- June 18: Summer school and Summer Leadership Academy begin

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# ★ ★ ★ STAR Squad ★ ★ ★

Congratulations to our STAR Squad Students for the month of May! Our Staff members selected these students for giving their personal best, working hard, staying focused, disciplined, and being a leader inside and outside of the classroom.

**We are proud of you!** Here are excerpts from our STAR Squad interviews:

## Mabel Meza, Clovis High, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Who is your favorite teacher and why?**

**Mrs. Belman** is my favorite teacher because she is like a second mom and is really kind.

### **What do you like about being on the Transition Team?**

I enjoy being part of the Transition Program because everyone is friendly and kind to me when I see them or come to talk to them.

### **What motivates you to do well in school?**

My mom motivates me to do well in school. I do not want to get my phone taken away again.

### **What goals do you have for your future?**

I want to do well in school so that I can attend a CSU for college.

## Montray Skinner, Clark Intermediate, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **What motivates you to do well in school?**

My sister and my brother motivate me to do well in school so I can help them out one day when I have a good job.

### **Who is your favorite teacher and why?**

**Mr. Simon and Mr. Hughes**, because they keep me on track and tell me to work hard so I can reach my goals.

### **What do you like about being on the Transition Team?**

I like the field trips, and the whole team has been very supportive when I am at school. They provide a place for me to talk when I am having a tough time.

### **What goals do you have for your future?**

I want to go to college and study business to become a real estate agent one day.

## Lubna Her, Red Bank, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **What motivates you to do well in school?**

My principal, **Dr. Vue**, motivates me to do well in school.

### **Who is your favorite teacher and why?**

My 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher **Ms. Tomlinson** is my favorite teacher. She has helped me change my life and my choices around for the better.

### **What goals do you have for your future?**

I want to do well in school so that I can become a doctor and support my family.

## Gael Arellano-Villa, Gettysburg, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Who is your favorite teacher and why?**

My favorite teachers is **Mr. Houtsinger** because he has helped me get a little better at public speaking and being confident.

### **Who is your role model?**

My older brother is my role model because he has set a good example for the way we can accomplish many things even if they seem almost impossible.

### **What goals do you have for your future?**

I want to go to college and maybe become an Anime artist.

# ★ ★ ★ Teacher Appreciation ★ ★ ★

As a program, we would like to begin acknowledging staff members across our area that go beyond the normal duties of teaching to support Transition students and our program. Each month we will include a few shout outs from our staff members. Thank you for all that you do!

A very special shout out goes to the one and only **Mr. Luginbill**. Mr. Luginbill is an exceptional support for our program. He always goes the extra mile for any student and stays in constant communication with us. He is extremely generous with his time and efforts. We would like to thank him for gifting some of our transition families with free tickets to a Fresno Foxes soccer game. Each family was so happy to receive the tickets; they are looking forward to enjoying the game together as a family. Thank you Mr. Luginbill for your constant support and love! You are one in a million!

We would like to thank **Mrs. Johns** for all of the ways that she goes above and beyond to support students in the English Language Development program in the Clovis High Area. Mrs. Johns maintains a high standard of excellence for her students while compassionately supporting them as they strive to meet the state requirements for English language proficiency. Mrs. Johns does a wonderful job not only teaching her students the English language and skills they need but she also encourages each student to embrace their unique cultural background and fosters cultural sensitivity among all of her classes. Mrs. Johns, we are so thankful for your partnership in supporting all of our Clovis High area families. Thank you Mrs. Johns!