

THE UBCI FILES

SPRING IN FULL BLOOM



Career Panel. As our students look towards selecting their career pathways in time for college, exposure to different career options is an important resource that will empower students to make more informed and knowledgeable choices. In line with providing such exposure to our students, this spring we had three distinguished special guests: a digital storyteller, who works with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Selena Gomez, and Will Smith; an educator, currently the Director of Student Services at OUHSD; a paralegal in an immigration law office in Ventura County. The students had the opportunity to ask questions regarding their career and their experience going into college.

Writing Skills Workshop Series. An often overlooked, but absolutely essential, skill for college is writing. Once in a postsecondary educational institution, not many professors will spend time going over the writing basics. In our Enhancing Your Writing Skills Workshop series, students practiced their skills on constructing a strong thesis. Notably, students were presented with tips on writing organization and were able to practice this skill using SAT sample essay questions.

Space Exploration. In February, our students learned about the solar system, NASA, the role NASA plays in space exploration, and skywatching tips from NASA. In honor of Black History Month and in keeping with the STEM theme of outer space and NASA, students fittingly attended a screening of the film Hidden Figures. The students left with curiosity of outer space and appreciation of NASA engineers/mathematicians: Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, and Mary Jackson.

Chicana History. Knowing history is very important for traditions, ideas, and values to be passed down to the next generation. This workshop highlighted the role that Chicanx women played into the Chicano movement, art, culture, and more. To celebrate Women's Heritage Month, UBCI students learned about three Chicana activists, three Chicana artists, and three Chicana writers; each of these women uplifted their communities, valued feminism, and promoted Chicana identity in their work.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

At LNEsc Oxnard, we are always seeking innovative ways to engage students in learning. This has been even more important during distance learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To increase student engagement as well as to address the impact of Covid-19 on students' mental health, we hosted a Mental Health Workshop and weekly Motivational & Wellness events during students' lunch time. These workshops also served to enhance students' confidence, motivation, and mental health. By providing them with information, strategies, tools, and exercises, they will be better prepared to face difficulties and challenges in a healthy, resilient manner. It is crucial for students to know how to manage their emotions and stressors in time for college.

Workshops for students included: Vision Boards, I Am Poem, SMART Goals, Meditation, Yoga, Healthy Habits, Resiliency Art and more!



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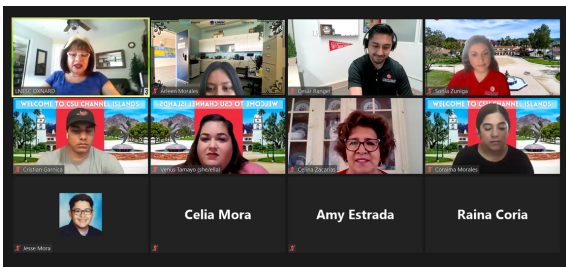
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Knowledge for College gave the students an opportunity to learn of the many requirements of applying to colleges and universities. Students learned of the crucial A-G requirements, the differences between institutions, (community colleges, CSUs, UCs, etc.), and actions that they can take to get college credit in high school. Now they can take necessary steps to get on track with their college goals.



The Spectrum and LNEsc Oxnard digital technology partnership marked the launch of Oxnard Conexiones. The program teaches Latino families important computer skills to bridge the digital divide. Many Oxnardians came out to recycle or donate old computers and electronics. The event included pizza, swag bags, face masks and many more goodies for our students.

Choosing what college or university to attend is a huge step for our graduating students. It's more than a diploma. It's about choosing the right fit. It's about academic life, geographic location, academic and financial factors, and security. It's where lifelong friends are made. It touches all aspects of their lives. CSU Channel Islands joined us to answer any last questions parents and students had before the deadline.



Financial literacy is a skill that must be developed in all adults, but is especially crucial for college students. We introduced the students to what are considered to be the most important steps to start your financial journey: creating a bank account, starting your credit score, school loans, and more. Being financially prepared will greatly benefit our students as they embark on their postsecondary journeys.

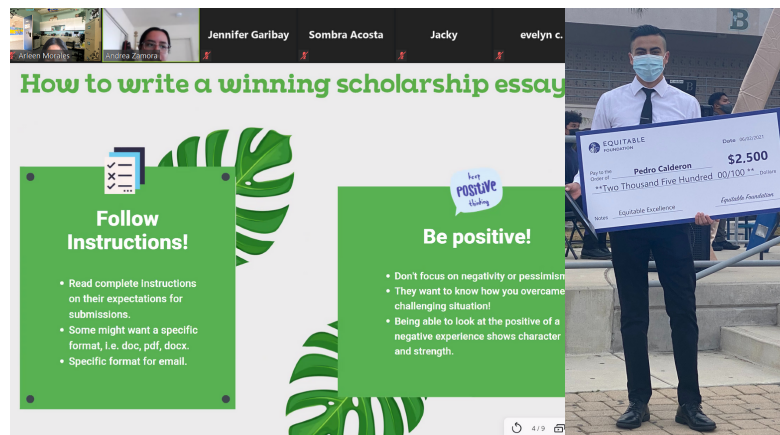
\$ FREE MONEY \$ - SCHOLARSHIPS

During the 2020-2021 school year, we hosted monthly scholarship workshops to help students apply for numerous scholarships.

Many students were unaware of all the scholarship opportunities out there! These workshops not only enlightened students as to the myriad of scholarship opportunities available to them, but they also provided students with help in both completing their applications for the scholarships and on the individual application components (personal statements, essay questions, etc.). Our seniors' efforts paid off, with awards from the following:

Dell Scholarship, Coca Cola Scholarship, Edison Scholarship, Ventura County Community Foundation, GE-Reagan Foundation, Rose Scholarship, AMAE Scholarship and more.

These awards ranged between \$500 to \$40,000 !



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Life has changed for our students in so many ways during their high school years. Academically, they spent half of their secondary school years in front of a computer. Yet, they persevered. All of the students honored during Senior Awards Night will be attending post-secondary institutions across California, from as far north as UC Berkeley to CSU San Marcos. One student received a full ride scholarship. Another student forwent sports his senior year to focus on scholarship applications; this sacrifice paid off, and to date he has received \$224,000.00 in awards for college.

It gave me immense pleasure to have the honor of recognizing six well-deserved seniors with the LNEsc Oxnard Certificate of Excellence: **Pedro Calderon, Miguel Macias, Yazil Mejia, Jocelyn Taxis, Maria Taxis, and Marcos Vargas.** Each student goes above and beyond what is required of them. Thank you for your diligence and consistent high standards of academic performance.



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