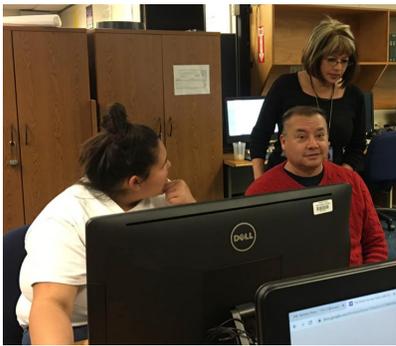


# THE UBCI FILES



## THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

University of Southern California and the California Science Center here we come! Our students were so excited for the “space shuttle” and they got to experience the take off! Later they saw a dog show that taught them how to teach their dogs a thing or two. We finished our day by seeing an IMAX 3D movie, “Super Hero Dogs”. Who knew dogs could be so resourceful!



This year we teamed up with google in a four part workshop series, Grow with Google (GwG) Applied Digital Skills. Our students and their parents gained the resources needed to succeed in school and at work. We provided topics in creating a gmail account, sending professional emails, creating a resume, using google docs. The last of our workshops was affected by the pandemic and we have to switch over virtually. So much needed information to absorb now that student learning is mostly virtual.

## DISTANCE LEARNING IN FULL EFFECT

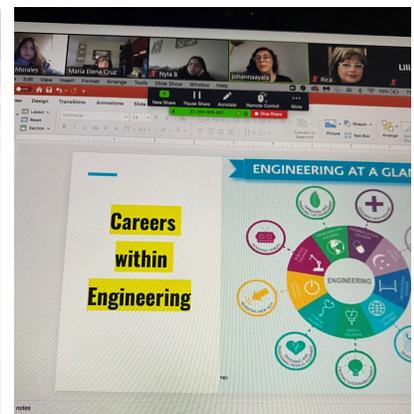
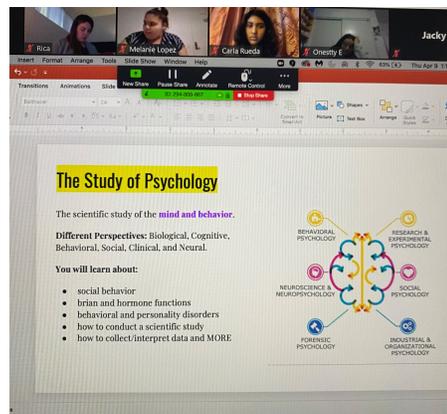
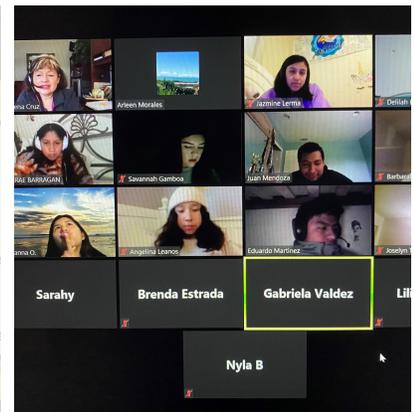
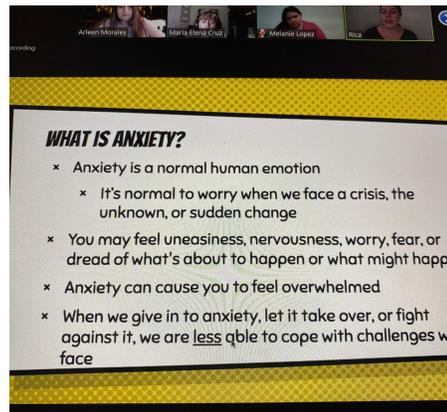
“I like the spreadsheets. I can use them to organize my homework assignments.” - Belem Taxis (9th)

With the recent stay-at-home orders due to COVID-19, our community was thrown upside down over night and the realities for many students became a great burden. As a program we decided to stay connected and host a wide ranging of workshops in a Virtual Series every Thursday.

We presented on coping with changes during COVID-19, including discussions on stress, anxiety, and self-care. Students learned new and effective coping strategies that will help them adjust to and navigate the changes in their life.

In the month of April we held virtual alumni panel. We heard from our alum on their first year experiences at a community college, at 4-year public and private universities. It was phenomna! The information they shared was on point and so invaluable to our 27 high school students graduating this year.

Continuing in April, we presented different majors, studies, and career paths in college. This gave the students that graduated a better understanding of certain majors, such as Kinesiology, Chicano Studies, Public Health, Computer Science, and Psychology. Most students going to college already had a major in mind, but with the help of our presentation, it inspired them to pick a double major or a minor in a field we presented to them.



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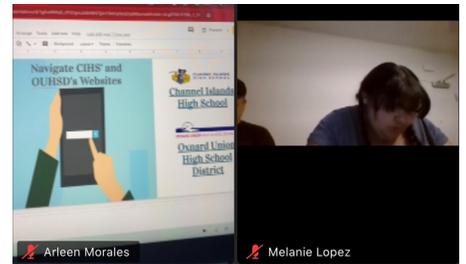
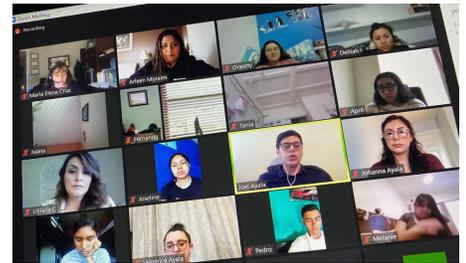
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Part of our virtual series including a showing of the documentary “Precious Knowledge”. It examined the fight that a couple of students at Tucson High faced attempting to save the Mexican-American studies program for the entire district. Our Students were exposed to history and the importance of Ethnic studies in educational institutions.

This is what a UBCI Career Roundtable looks like. We had three powerful Latinos sharing their educational and professional stories with us. We were able to bring in a Roadway Design Engineer, a Medical Assistant III who also has a Certificate as an EMT, and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. This event enabled students to feel inspired, motivated and empowered to embark on their own educational journey and reach their career goals.

Recent school closures, due to COVID-19, prevented staff from engaging with students daily. The Homework Check-In Series allowed staff and students to connect daily via Zoom to ensure that all students were on track and meeting not only graduation but UC and CSU requirements.

Change is never easy, but it’s often the way to grow. In May, some of our Upward Bound parents made their debut on Zoom. We discussed recent changes to the grading policy due to distance learning. Students and parents had the opportunity to ask any questions they may have had about grading, distance learning, school closures, and reopening. Who would've thought this would be the way of communicating their child’s academic status and graduation information. They are now engaging in their child’s education with state of the art technology.

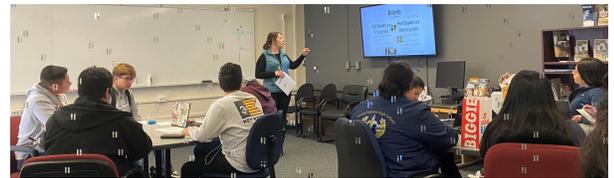


## \$\$ FREE MONEY \$\$ - SCHOLARSHIPS

Before and during the pandemic, we hosted monthly scholarship workshops to help students apply for scholarships. This was the opportunity and time for students to work on personal statements, essay questions, and filling out the application. Not many of the students were aware that this money did not have to be paid back! With the help of these workshops, some seniors of class 2020 won some scholarships! Some of the scholarships won were:

Ventura County Community Foundation, Ellen Brokaw Farm Workers Scholarship, Horatio Alger Scholarship, Oxnard College Scholarship, Adelante Scholarship and more.

These ranged between \$500 to \$10,000 ! We hope to continue these workshops online to continue to help students apply to as many grants and scholarships available to them.



## WHERE TO NOW?

Their hard work does not go unnoticed! After endless nights in applying to colleges and FAFSA, the UBCI seniors finally heard from of the universities they applied to in the fall. A huge congrats to our students of continuing their higher education pathway whether it be community college, a 4-year, or a private!

Some of the schools our students will be attending are starting up north at UC Berkeley, Cal Poly SLO, CSU Channel Islands, UC Los Angeles, and down to CSU Long Beach. Can't forget about our state up at Syracuse University in New York!



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