

Duarte View

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MIRIAM HERNANDEZ
Route 66 Parade
Grand Marshal

News Broadcaster Miriam Hernandez 2017 Route 66 Parade Grand Marshal

Actor/Singer Shaquille Maurice Hemmans
Community Grand Marshal

MIRIAM HERNANDEZ is an Emmy award winning Eyewitness News broadcaster specializing in public safety issues and high-profile trials for nearly two decades.

Court coverage probed the controversial deaths of celebrities including Michael Jackson, Anna Nicole Smith and John Ritter. She detailed the legal travails of former Dodgers' owners Frank and Jamie McCourt, former Clippers owner Donald Sterling, as well as Katy Perry, Lindsay Lohan, CeeLo Green, Mel Gibson and Minnie Driver.

Public corruption was the focus in the trials of Bell city leaders and in the federal probe of LA County jails which ended in the conviction of the former Sheriff, his assistant Sheriff and multiple deputies.

She reported on Catholic church's clergy abuse, pursuing the crisis from Los Angeles to Vatican City as Pope John Paul II called a world-wide summit of cardinals.

Miriam Hernandez earned her BA at UCLA and Masters in Mass Communication from the University of Minnesota.

She previously worked for WUSA in Washington, D.C., Good Morning America, and in local stations in Los Angeles, San Diego and St. Louis.

Parade-goers are encouraged to take to the streets in celebration of the robust history of Route 66 for Duarte's annual Route 66 Parade, themed "Then & Now", on Saturday, September 23.

This year, the parade will feature two Grand Marshals. Duarte's very own Shaquille Maurice Hemmans, Actor and Singer, will serve as Community Grand Marshal. Miriam Hernandez, an Emmy award winning Eyewitness News broadcaster, will serve as the Route 66 Parade Grand Marshal.

The parade will step off at 10 a.m. beginning at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Cotter St. and proceed east along one mile of Duarte's historic Route 66. The Duarte City Picnic at Royal Oaks Park will immediately follow the event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy food, craft and game booths and live entertainment sponsored by community nonprofit groups.



The colorful Duarte Route 66 Parade, co-sponsored by the City of Duarte, the Duarte Community Coordinating Council, Human-Good, and the Route 66 Parade Committee will feature antique and classic cars, marching band, floats, and much more. Some 1,400 participants in all will take part in the event, including local schools, church and community groups, and approximately 11 high school bands will compete for trophies. Past participants have included Duarte High School, Don Lugo High School,

Chino High School, San Dimas High School, South El Monte High School, and Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead, Diamond Ranch High School, Pomona, Workman High School, and City of Industry.

Opened in 1926, Route 66 was the first highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles. It was nicknamed the Main Street of America because it passed through the heart of communities, including Duarte, more than 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. Route 66 was decommissioned in 1973 when the interstate highway was completed, but the love and lore of Route 66 lives on.

For more information about Duarte's Route 66 Parade, visit the event page at <https://duarteroute66.eventbrite.com/>. For additional information about the City Picnic contact Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931 or visit www.accessduarte.com.



SHAQUILLE MAURICE HEMMANS
Route 66 Parade Community
Grand Marshal

SHAQUILLE MAURICE HEMMANS was born on July 21, 1994 to parents Lena Morgan & Lloyd Hemmans. Shaquille began his acting career at the age of 11.

Training and competing at local Barbizon OC, he went on to IMTA (International Modeling and Talent Association) competition where he was sought after by agents and managers in the entertainment industry.

Shaquille went on to auditioning for major motion picture films such as "Notorious BIG," and other countless films. Shaquille began singing at the age of 12 in his church choir leading solos and praise team.

From there, Shaquille took the entertainment industry by storm. He was personally chosen by actor David Boreanaz to feature in Fox's hit show "Bones." His talents have led him to Disney Channel's "Ant Farm," as well as a featured dancer on hit MTV Show "Awkward."

Shaquille released an EP titled "I'm Yours," which gained him more popularity by being the opening act performer for Disney Channel star "China Ann McClain," "Ant Farm," and McClain at the House Of Blues Anaheim on Disney Channel.

That following year Shaquille Hemmans performed on stage at the 2014 NAFCA African Oscars where he did a tribute for the late legendary Bobby Womack and his family. He received a standing ovation and was congratulated by many of his peers in the industry, from Actor Keith David, Blair Underwood, and others as well including the Womack family.

At age 22, he performed the National Anthem at Dodger Stadium. In 2017, he worked with Legendary Photographer Karen Bystedt (who has worked for Andy Warhol, Chris Brown, and Sean Kingston) performing for her Kings in Music event.

He is currently finishing up his second year with West End show "Thriller Live", a Michael Jackson tribute concert, as their Lead Male Vocalist.

Duarte's 60th Anniversary Picnic and Route 66 Parade

On Saturday, September 23, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., following the Route 66 Parade, the entire community is invited to participate in the celebration of the City of Duarte's 60th Anniversary of Incorporation. There will be food, game and display booths; entertainment; special activities; plus, much more. Join the celebration! Call (626) 357-7931 for more information.



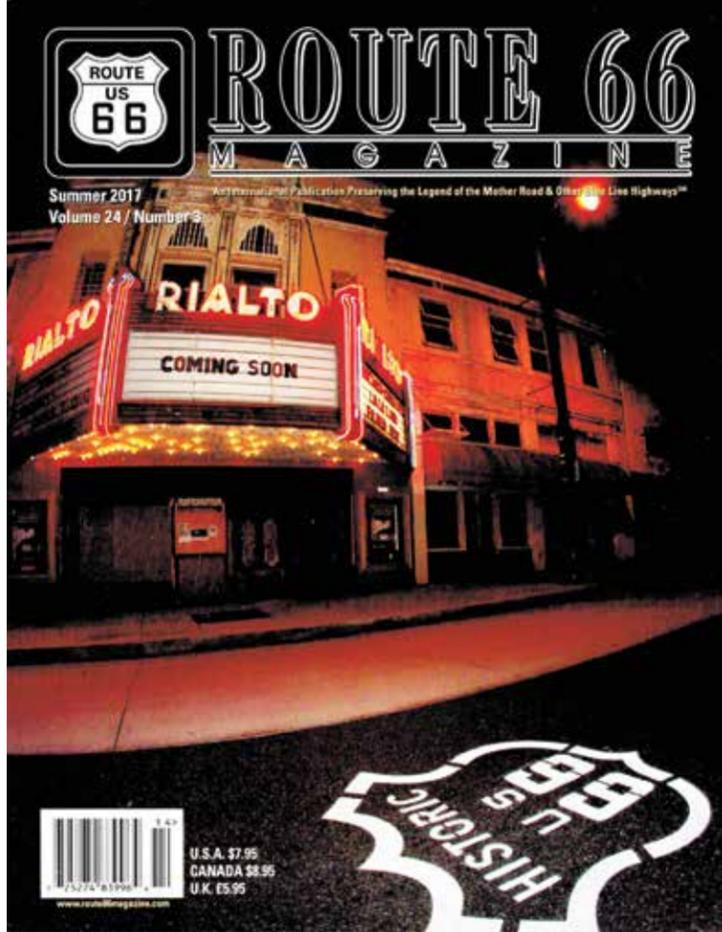
PICNIC PARTICIPANTS join in the fun on the dancefloor with the Duarte Teen Center's Duarte Dance group at last year's City Anniversary Picnic at Royal Oaks Park.



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Summer 2017 Route 66 Magazine available now in Duarte

Route 66 Magazine, the only magazine dedicated to the preservation of Route 66 and other Blue Line highways, is now available for \$8.75 (tax and handling included) at the Duarte Chamber office, 1735 Huntington Dr., Duarte, or go to DuarteChamber.com to have it mailed to you for an additional \$5.



Duarte Chamber has moved, is offering expanded services

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce moved to its new location, 1735 Huntington Drive, during the week of July 24. This new move puts the Chamber on the Mother Road, Route 66. The new site will allow for easy access by members, the community, and visitors with more visibility than ever before.

As part of our new presence in the community we will also be phasing in a new branding that includes Duarte's first Visitor Center. This center will allow us to continue our "Most Business Friendly" status, but also give visitors, new residents, and businesses a one-stop shop to the services that members offer. Information about Duarte's rich history will be available. Soon, the center will offer Duarte and Route 66 memorabilia and merchandise for sale.

The Chamber membership's voluntary Visionary Fund allowed the Chamber to purchase furniture for the offices and conference room. The new furniture gives a cohesive look to the offices and provides for more effective work areas for the organization and membership. Upgraded computer systems will be installed, allowing the Chamber to increase their technology based services for members.

City Manager Darrell George and City Planner Jason Golding stopped by during the move and were impressed by the renovation

of the offices and the new location. Mr. George stated, "This is a great location with plenty of visibility from our main thoroughfare. It provides the space that can best accommodate our Chamber. The City was pleased to work cooperatively with the Chamber to meet all their current needs and for the future."

Tina Carey, Chair of the Duarte Board of Directors, beamed when she first entered the offices. She stated, "It's wonderful to partner with such a great city that has allowed us to better service businesses and residents in our community. What an exciting time for us."

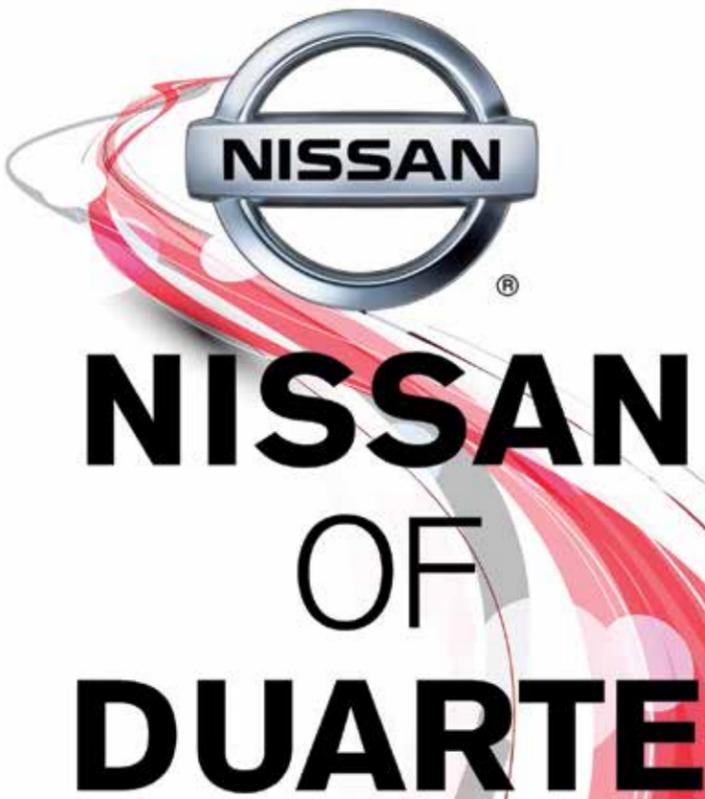
Chamber CEO Jim Kirchner summed up the move, "This new

location is more welcoming and provides a professional representation for Duarte. It will help usher in a new era for the Chamber. Look for our Grand Opening soon. It will be a celebration for all."



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Duarte Kiwanis is Conducting Community Assessment

Have you ever wanted to tell someone about your dreams for the City of Duarte?

You now have an opportunity. The Duarte Kiwanis Club is looking for input from community members and organizations to help set their goals for the coming year.

There are six simple questions:

1. What are the unmet needs in the community?
2. What would make this community a better place to live, work and play?
3. What is working in the community?
4. Do you have a "wish list" of projects that should be maintained?
5. How could Duarte Kiwanis partner with your organization to meet some continuing needs?
6. Who would you recommend that we contact about joining our club?

If you're interested in participating, just send your answers to:

Duarte Kiwanis Club
P.O. Box 46
Duarte, CA 91009

DWC at Concert

Duarte Woman's Club members gather at the Concert in the Park. A little dancing, a lot of socializing and inviting women over the age of 18 to explore membership.

(L-R) Ann Valleroy, Mari-on Stone, Ruby Shiroma, Rose Gant, Jamie Drenk





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ChapCare names Chief Care Officer

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare), a leading Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in the San Gabriel Valley, recently announced that Dr. Victor I. Sunga has been named its new Chief Care Officer (CCO).

Dr. Sunga is a Board-certified Family Practice Physician with over 15 years of experience in the health center, hospital, and private practice settings. In addition, Dr. Sunga comes to ChapCare with almost 10 years of senior management experience, having previously been employed as the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Altura Centers for Health: a FQHC network in California's Central Valley, where he helped oversee significant expansion of services and improvement in quality of care and health outcomes.

"Dr. Sunga comes to ChapCare with a diverse set of experiences, which dovetail nicely with our future agency plans – enhancement of population health to improve health outcomes, and increased access to primary and specialty care services at our health centers," said Margaret B. Martinez, MPH, ChapCare's CEO. "As we embark on the implementation of the State's Payment Reform Pilot next year, ChapCare expects to work with a broad set of public and private partners to develop and implement these activities. Dr. Sunga's clinical and administrative experience, particularly with vulnerable populations, will prove invaluable."

Dr. Sunga received his medical degree from Manila Central University in the Philippines, and his residency in Family Medicine was completed at St. John Hospital and Medical Center Detroit.

"I am deeply honored to be named ChapCare's new Chief Care Officer," said Dr. Victor I. Sunga, ChapCare's CCO, "The organization has a reputation for being one of the key safety-net providers in the San Gabriel Valley, and I look forward to helping the organization continue to grow as we move forward."

Women's

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Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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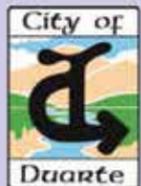
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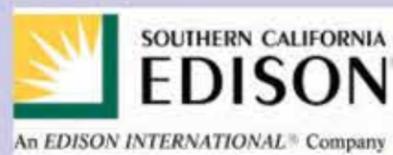
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Pasadena/Duarte 2017 ACTSO Team awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals at NAACP National Convention in Baltimore, MD

Three local high school students including two Duarte High School graduates representing the Pasadena/Duarte NAACP Branch #1054 were awarded a total of three medals: gold, silver and bronze at the recent national ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological Olympics) competition, July 21-24 in Baltimore, MD. Since this Branch started competing in ACT-SO in 2010, six national medals have been won for the community.

Of the delegations' seven

youth competing in eight categories, three were named national winners. Faith Earley, a Covina resident won a Gold medal in Original Essay and is slated to attend Harvard this fall. This year she wrote an essay about African-American Women in the Workforce where she analyzed stereotypes and challenged women to face racial disadvantages and find salutations.

Lauryn Higginson, a Duarte High School graduate, won Silver medal in Microbiology

and will attend the University of California in San Diego. Her project analyzed Invasive Aspergillosis and determined how two azole-resistant samples isolated from patients at City of Hope were resistant. Her scientific research was accomplished through the Duarte Unified School District's partnership with City of Hope.

Kalina Gittens-Jenkins, also a Duarte High School graduate received a Bronze medal for Photography. Her work inspired by her idol, Frida Khalo, demonstrated nostalgic scenes between the "two Fridas" and reminding viewers of the obstacles and challenges humans face daily and emotional healing from racially biased bullying. She has already begun her college studies at Pasadena City College.

The delegation is equally proud of the other local gold medalists who competed: Ashley Cavan, a Chino Hills High junior who competed in Business Entrepreneurship; Dylan Dillard from Monrovia, a San Dimas High graduate who competed in Poetry Performance; Chanelle Herrera, a junior from Orange County's El Modena High, competed in the Short Story category; and Pasadena's John Muir High School graduate Marjorie McNary, a dual-category competitor in Dramatics and Poetry Written.

In her acknowledgements Lauryn Higginson said, "I would like to thank City of Hope and the directors of the SEPA program, for giving me the opportunity to work on my project. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Markus Kalkum, the Principle Investigator of the laboratory, for giving me a list of projects to work on in his laboratory. Catherine Oak, a graduate student, worked closely with me during my research and helped me to establish the steps for the project. Catherine served as a mentor for my experiment. Additionally, I am grateful to Mr. Jeff Radsick, my AP Biology/Microbiology teacher at Duarte High School for the past three years. He served as my ACTSO mentor. Furthermore, I would



CELEBRATING WINNING three medals at the NAACP National Convention by the Pasadena/Duarte 2017 ACTSO Team are, from left, Marilyn Mays, Chairperson; Yesenia Serna, Chaperone; Chanelle Herrera (Short Story); Lauryn Higginson, Silver Medalist (Microbiology); Ashley Cavan (Business Entrepreneurship); Faith Earley, Gold Medalist (Original Essay); Kalina Gittens-Jenkins, Bronze Medalist (Photography); Karen Herrera, Co-Chairperson; Dylan Dillard (Poetry Performance); Marjorie McNary (Dramatics and Poetry Written); and Aida Torres, Co-Chairperson. Not pictured are Frank Valenzuela, Photography, Mentor and Chaperone; and Lois Gaston, Co-Chairperson.

like to acknowledge Ms. Lois Gaston for helping me organize my ideas and serving as a reference if I had questions pertaining to the ACT-SO criteria."

Starting in Houston, TX in 2012, Dominique Rogers won the Branch's first Silver medal in the Original Essay category. The following year, in Orlando FL, Lily Paris and Naomi Berhane were awarded Silver and Bronze medals for their achievements in Photography and Mathematics.

Marilyn Mays, serves as Chairperson, alongside Co-Chairs Aida Torres, Karen Herrera, and Lois Gaston. All of them started together and have continued to lead this effort for youth of all backgrounds. They are extremely grateful for the NAACP, Branch #1054, students, parents, mentors, judges and sponsors make this program possible.

Branch President, Delano Yarborough, salutes the 2017 participants with a special thanks

to the sponsors: Wells Fargo Capital Finance, Pasadena NAACP #1054, California American Water, City of Hope, Tipping Development, Burrtec Waste Industries, The Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley, League of United Latin American Citizens, Duarte Kiwanis, Duarte Elks, Linda Elkaim, Lois Gaston, Lori Cox, James Hill, Sam Kang, Ken Bell, Foothill Transit and in-kind donors, DoubleTree Monrovia and City of Duarte for all their support.

For additional information about the ACT-SO program, contact the Pasadena NAACP at (626) 793-1293 or the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

Santa Anita Family Service shares resource information

Santa Anita Family Service has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1951. Their mission is to create healthier and more stable children and adults through high quality educational, mental health, social services and senior

See Resource on page 15



FROM LEFT, Cheryl Reynolds, Duarte Kiwanis President, and Dr. Karla Perez-Pussman.



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Youth Sports

Online registration available at www.accessduarte.com Quick Links > Register for Recreation Programs starting August 21.

Flag Football and Volleyball

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is will begin accepting registration for Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball leagues beginning August 21. This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a fun and exciting activity, develop a sports skill, and learn good sportsmanship. Practices are held on weekday afternoons. Teams will be formed at Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Otis Gordon Sports Park and Valley View Elementary School. The fee is \$35 per child and includes a jersey top. The programs are open to boys and girls ages 8 -14 years and in a grade no higher than 8th. Register online or at Duarte City Hall. Practices will begin the week of September 5. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

Little All Stars Football for Boys and Girls

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is will begin accepting registration for Little All Stars Football beginning August 21. Little All Stars is an exciting non-competitive variation of football especially suited for young players. An introductory practice will be held on Saturday, September 30. Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings with games on Saturday mornings, October 3 – November 4 at Otis Gordon Sports Park, 2351 Central Avenue.

Little All Stars is for children ages 4-7. Group 1: Children 4 & 5 years of age, Group 2: Children 6, 7 & 8 years of age. The fee is \$30 and includes a jersey top.

City pool open

The Fitness Center Pool offers a Fall session of swimming lessons September 5-14 for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross certified. Register online at: accessduarte.com>Quick Links>Register for Recreation Programs.



Duarte Fitness

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a variety of ways to get in shape. Life Fitness strength equipment is available including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment to choose from. Other Fitness Center activities include racquetball, wallyball, aerobic classes, and swimming.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular yearly membership fees for Duarte residents: \$150 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$200 – Total Facility/Individual, \$300 – Total Facility/Family

Non-resident fees: \$200 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$275 – Total Facility/Individual, \$400 – Total Facility/Family. Corporate membership discount rates also available. Please note the Fitness Center will close for all major holidays.

Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.

Job Fair

Where Connections are Made

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CONTACT:
Kelly Barnes
Duarte Senior Center
(626) 357-3513

barnesk@accessduarte.com



Saturday, September 16

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Senior Center Activities

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older and offers a variety of services and programs. The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

HOT LUNCHES

The Senior Center serves limited hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. The suggested donation is \$3. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513, to receive your lunch you must check in by 11:45 a.m. To make a reservation please do so at least 24 hours in advance for lunch.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you possess a current CA driver's license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to volunteer to pick up meals and deliver to homebound seniors. (Meals are delivered M-F between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient. To become a volunteer please contact Peggy Diamond at (626) 357-3513.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Access Transportation provides transportation for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

HOW TO MAKE MEDICARE WORK FOR YOU

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. There is no cost for this service. Stop by the front desk or call the center to make an appointment at (626) 357-3513.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older and there will be two different classes offered: 8-hour class on Tuesday & Thursday, September 19 & 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; the eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. If you take the 8-hour course your attendance is required at both sessions. There is a 4-hour refresher course on Thursday, July 20, & November 9, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Please check with your insurance carrier to verify if they offer discount for 4-hour course.

Both classes are \$15 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. No reservations are taken over the phone. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., a nurse from HealthCare Partners will check your blood pressure.

NOTARY SERVICE

The Center offers a FREE notary service. The only requirement is that you're a regular visitor of the Center. She is here the 2nd



Tuesday of the month. Appointments required. Stop by the front desk or call the Center to make an appointment at (626) 357-3513.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Sara Polinsky, elder law attorney, will be at the Center to provide free legal counsel. She is here the 2nd Wednesday of the

month. Appointments required by coming in the Senior Center or calling (626) 357-3513.

BINGO

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CRIBBAGE

If you are interested in playing cribbage they get together the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

from 12:30-2 p.m. (They meet once a month during the summer, call the Senior Center to find out when they are meeting next.) Please sign up at the front desk or call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to get your name on the list.

PING PONG

We have a Ping-Pong table set up in the poolroom. Invite a friend to play, or meet new friends who

See Ping Pong on page 8



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Citrus College's Administration of Justice Program prepares students for exciting careers

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), more than three million people were employed in the field of criminal justice in 2016. Few other job sectors can boast the same above-average pay and benefits, alternative work schedules, and careers that are challenging and

interesting, while providing job satisfaction that comes with serving one's community, the state or the nation.

Currently, the criminal justice career sector is one of the fastest growing in the United States. The BLS expects this trend to continue well into the next decade, with police and detective employment growing 4 percent through 2024. But a career in law enforcement

is just one option out of hundreds in the field. The criminal justice field spans a wide variety of jobs and interests, and it includes such diverse disciplines as forensic science, the courts, cybersecurity, corrections, child protective services, fish and game, academia, various legal services, and many others.

Today's careers in criminal justice reward education, and

ensuring that classes are practical, up-to-date and interesting.

Azusa Chief of Police Steve Hunt is one of the program's many success stories. Chief Hunt earned his associate degree in administration of justice from Citrus College and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach, and a master's degree from Woodbury University. He now teaches the next generation of law enforcement professionals in Citrus College's Administration of Justice Program.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

individuals with at least some higher education will find more opportunities and higher salaries. Higher education is required for advancement in nearly all fields, and many agencies offer additional pay for college degrees.

Focusing on both theoretical background and the practical, real-world applications necessary for employment in criminal justice and related occupations, Citrus College's Administration of Justice Program prepares students for a wide range of careers.

The program offers an associate degree or certificate in criminal justice or correctional science and an associate degree for transfer in administration of justice.

Each year, the program enrolls more than 700 students from a variety of age groups, genders, cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds. The majority of faculty in the program work or have worked in the field they teach,

Starting salaries in law enforcement are excellent, ranging from \$60,000 to \$83,000 a year, and agencies in the region are continuously hiring. Major employers include the Los Angeles Police Department, with 500 openings a year; the California Highway Patrol with 200 openings a year; and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, with 1,200 openings a year. In addition, recruiters from around the country frequently visit the Citrus College campus from cities like Dallas, Phoenix and San Francisco.

Citrus College's Administration of Justice Program is continuously evolving to keep up with the increasing demands and changing needs of this dynamic profession. Given the vast array of careers in the field, those who earn an associate degree, an associate degree for transfer or a certificate in the program will find career opportunities that offer interesting work, good pay and personal satisfaction.



(L-R) Administration of Justice faculty member James Woolum, Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt and Citrus College Board Member Edward C. Ortell.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUARTE

Enjoy some conversation with Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly at the Senior Center. Liz is at the Senior Center once a month. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to find out the next time she will be there.

CLASSES

(accessduarte.com>Quick Links>Register for Recreation Programs)

The Duarte Senior Center summer classes began in June. The next registration will be August 28.

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All classes are for adults 55

years and older. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department began taking registration for the following excursions in June: SCRIPPS OCEANOGRAPHY & BIRCH AQUARIUM, and BBQ at DOHENY STATE BEACH are filled.

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Mildred Shaw recalls her days in Duarte

By Claudia Heller

When Mildred Shaw celebrates her 100th birthday on October 1, she prefers no fanfare. "I am happy with peace and quiet these days," she admits. It's understandable that she wants to take it easy after she outlines some of the accomplishments in

her life. Although a resident of Arcadia since 1953 she confesses she thinks of herself as a Duartean.

Mildred and her late husband Warren would have celebrated 80 years of marriage this year. He died in 2007. Their life together is marked with happy milestones and accomplishments that make

our city proud. When they moved to Arcadia from Arizona, Warren, who had served in the Air Force as a navigator on B29 bombers, landed a secret clearance job at Aerojet while Mildred began work at the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte School District (MAD) as an art consultant. In 1961 when Duarte

High School opened, she became an instructional service consultant, a position she held for 25 years. She remembers when construction of the 210 freeway resulted in the razing of 200 homes, an event that drastically lowered school attendance. Mildred then served as the High School Librarian since she was certified for that job.

Looking back, one of her favorite memories was supervising the students' mural project. "Employees at Conroc were dismayed when a newly constructed freeway onramp left their office windows facing a wall of cement. Mildred and other teachers rallied the students into an art project, creating a mural of "pleasant scenery" on the wall. Conroc donated ladders, paint and other supplies and Mildred supervised the project which the students completed during their spring vacation. It was a mural highly prized by the community and won the District third place in a national beautification of freeways competition. Alas, the elements and rampant graffiti eventually ended that project.

Although busy with her career, Mildred became active in local organizations including the Duarte Garden Club, the Galaxy of Arts Council, and the Duarte Woman's Club. In 1976 she



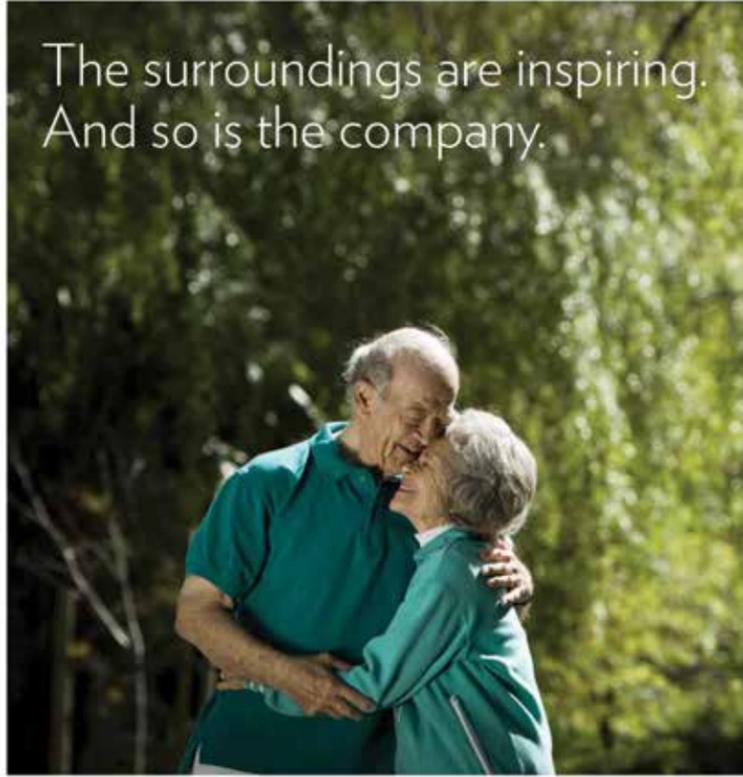
POISED FOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY, Mildred Shaw recalls a colorful career with the Duarte Unified School District and local service clubs.

received the Freedom Founder Award from the DUSD. She and her husband celebrated several of their wedding anniversaries by renting out the Duarte PAC Center and inviting friends and colleagues to share their special day.

Hobbies also kept Mildred busy. She and her husband would take walks at night and pick up pine needles fallen on the sidewalk. They would soak the needles and weave baskets which resembled Native American basketry. For museums in Arcadia and Duarte, Mildred would display her many collections such as salt & pepper shakers, cook books

and Christmas ornaments. She gave talks on California symbols such as the official state flower, fish, tree, etc. and was thought of as the local philatelist. She collected every holiday stamp issued since the stamps first came out in 1952.

Mildred's life took a drastic turn when she became ill and then diagnosed with polymyalgia. In a short time she was totally blind. "It was a shocker," she says, "but I had to adjust." So today, as she approaches her century birthday, she is content with quiet and enjoys reading her Braille books and reminiscing about the wonderful life she has experienced.



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"ChapCare has made providing dental services an organizational priority since it is often an overlooked part of the patient's primary care," said Margaret B. Martinez, MPH, ChapCare's Chief Executive Officer. "Lack of access to dental care can cause dental pain, which can affect a person's overall health as well as other areas of their life such as their ability to attend work or school. We are proud to expand access to dental services in the City of El Monte and its surround-



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Dr. Allan J. Mucerino, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

As a lifelong educator I have committed myself to influence those who can then influence others. Whether they be kids or adults, everyone has a sphere of influence. I have identified three types of influencers in life: (1) those who hate what they do and let everyone know about it, (2) those who sort of hate what they do, but have grown tolerant and lost hope that they can do more so they muddle on (the least influential), and (3) those who love what they do and let everyone know about it. This latter group stands out because they are the people who change the world for the better. Jim Kirchner has changed the world for the better.

I arrived in Duarte in 2015. Mr. Kirchner was among the first people I met. He reached out to me and let me know that he would be happy to do anything he could to help me in my new position as Superintendent of Duarte schools. Here was a City Elder, a long-time City Councilman and well respected member of the Duarte community, reaching out to me. I was humbled. He immediately embraced my progressive-minded ideas and goals for DUSD and has encouraged me ever since to strive to affect positive change in Duarte. "Keep the city moving forward through education," he told me. Education has that unique ability. Education can change the course of a single person's trajectory which in turn can change the course of another person's and so on. Jim is an optimist. He is smart. He has learned from his experiences and imparts that wisdom on others, modestly, if they're smart enough to listen. I've listened.

I am a fan of the humorist Oscar Wilde. I consider him an optimist too. Wilde defined a pessimist as one who, when faced with the choice of two evils, chooses both. Jim believes, like me, that while evil exists, it is no match for good. "Stay positive, keep on doing what you know is right for kids, because our city will only be as good as the next generation of kids who inherit it." He has encouraged me to work closely with business leaders and industry to prepare our kids not only for college and career, but for staying in Duarte and helping preserve it as the family and business friendly city it has been since the turn of the century.

The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, and the young know everything. Those of us who have spent a life working with kids are quick to point out that the young are always ready to give to those who are older than themselves the full benefits of their inexperience, as Oscar Wilde has famously quipped. It is not that the young are necessarily incorrect or that the old are necessarily wise, but it is a fact that, on average, the old have the weight of experience on their side. Jim has that experience and it is why I so value his opinion and perspective. In no small part to Jim's support and encouragement, the DUSD has undergone a renaissance since 2015. The district has been rebranded and is now a regional school district, attracting students from the entire San Gabriel Valley and beyond.

Jim is stepping down as the President/CEO of the Chamber soon. The Chairperson of the Board, Tina Carey, herself an incredible person and influencer, will soon be charged with selecting Jim's successor. If that person is half the person that Jim is, the Chamber will be in good hands.

Jim, I wish you well and thanks for everything.



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO

Duarte Unified Partners with Azusa Pacific University to offer Guaranteed Admission, \$10,000 Scholarships

Azusa Pacific University and Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) are joining together to create a pathway to college for Duarte High School students. To celebrate this important new partnership, APU hosted a reception June 19 inside the university's welcome center, located at 901 East Alosta Ave., in Azusa.

APU President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, and Superintendent Allan Mucerino, Ed.D., and incoming freshman and current APU students who graduated from Duarte High School attended.

Media were invited to the event, which included a signing of the memorandum of understanding, refreshments, and photo opportunities with APU's Cougar mascot.

Duarte High School students who meet admissions requirements will receive guaranteed admittance to APU, a \$10,000 renewable scholarship, application fee waiver, and support with the application process.

"On behalf of our Board of Education, staff, students and their families, we look forward to this exciting opportunity with

APU," said Mucerino. "Along with our recent partnership with the California School of the Arts, this agreement with APU demonstrates Duarte's commitment to advance its school district and increase the success of its students while promoting a college bound culture."

The agreement begins fall 2017 and also includes this year's graduates who met the program's academic requirements. Incoming high school freshmen who successfully follow the academic pathway all four years will be

eligible. In addition, current sophomores and juniors, who meet the requirements, may pursue this educational option.

"For a great number of students across the San Gabriel Valley, Azusa Pacific University is their first choice, yet private college can seem out of reach for many families," said Wallace. "We are committed to making college more accessible and affordable for our neighbors and we look forward to welcoming many Duarte High School graduates into our APU family."



Andres Duarte Academy is an Artful Learning School

Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) teachers, staff, administrators and parents engaged in Artful Learning training the week of June 20 in preparation to launch this one-of-a-kind arts integration framework school-wide at Andres Duarte this fall as the school transforms to a K-8 arts academy.

What is Artful Learning? It is a transformational learning model that empowers educators to use the arts and the artistic process to awaken and sustain the love of learning for all students. Based on over twenty years of intensive collaboration and refinement, field research and implementation with leading educators, researchers and practitioners of the model, the Artful Learning Sequence and Model is a framework that educators can use to revitalize their curriculum and their teaching practice.

Grounded in the artistic process, this extensive, research-proven professional development program gives educators the tools to apply the Artful Learning methodology over a three-year implementation process, ultimately building a sustainable, thriving learning community.

Initiated by American music icon Royal

Leonard Bernstein and realized by thousands of people around the nation, Artful Learning is changing the landscape of teaching and learning. Leonard Bernstein's vision was to use music and the other visual and performing arts as a means of instilling a lifelong love of learning in students. Artful Learning embeds the arts within the learning process through a carefully researched, concept-based, interdisciplinary model that has proven to increase comprehension in students as well as improve academic achievement.

In addition to the Andres Duarte staff, teachers from all schools within DUSD also participated in a segment of the training led by the inspiring Artful Learning team, to learn how to implement powerful arts integration strategies that they can use in their own classrooms to increase student engagement. Several of the participants shared how it was the most powerful professional

Oaks STEAM Academy teacher, Deb Ogden offered, "Initially, as I was in the non-AD (Andres Duarte) cohort, I was concerned about how Artful Learning would enhance my teaching. We were learning strategies, and after 33 years of teaching, my career is littered with strategies I discarded when new ones came to the forefront. How happy I was to find out that Artful Learning strategies could be implemented in my classroom in such a variety of ways and curricular areas, and that they went far beyond simply teaching the arts.

"For instance, many of the things we learned were fun, but were designed to build trust and collaboration skills. So many of the strategies we learned incorporated all four of the Common Core C's - We would create, think critically, collaborate with peers, and communicate in a variety of ways. I gained a new appreciation for my colleagues, as I saw their giftedness in all of these areas.

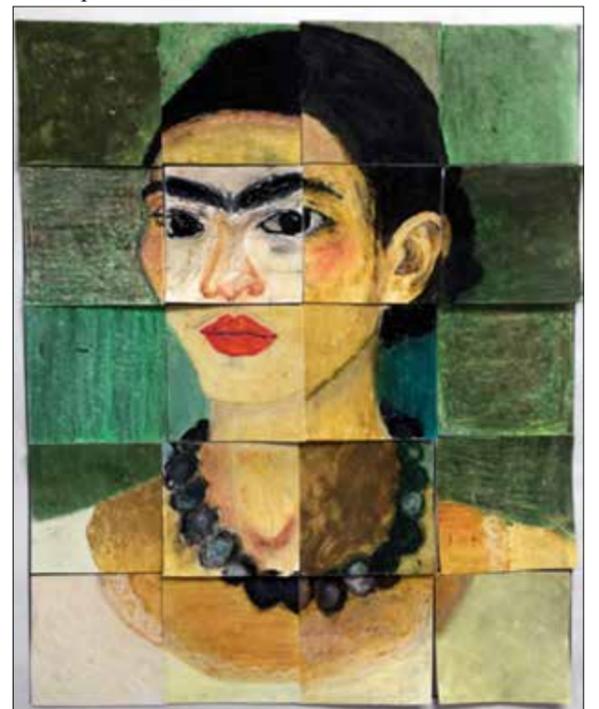
On the last day, we committed ourselves to trying some of the new strategies in a variety of cur-

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NEW ANDRES DUARTE Arts Academy Principal, Erin Villaverde, leading her staff in an Artful Learning strategy.

GRID DRAWING in oil pastel of Frida Kahlo self portrait created by #DuarteUSD teachers during Artful Learning training! Soon students will be producing similar pieces at Andres Duarte Academy this coming school year!



DUSD construction update

Construction projects are in full swing across DUSD. As spelled out in the district's Competitive Advantage Plan, to accommodate the progressive initiatives and projected increase in student enrollment, modernization of the schools' physical learning spaces is underway.

The district's five elementary schools have been reconfigured into four Academies that will include students in Grade 7 this coming school year (2017-18) and students in Grade 8* the subsequent year (2018-19). The names of the new Academies are: Andres Duarte Arts Academy (TK-8*), Beardslee Academy (TK-8*), Maxwell Academy (K-8*), Royal Oaks STEAM Academy (K-8*).

Each Academy will be outfit-

ted with brand new Generation 7 classroom buildings further emphasizing DUSD is leading the progressive 21st Century movement in education. Already, 14 new classrooms with restrooms have been installed at Royal Oaks and an additional parking lot with new exit to Royal Oaks Drive has been built. Landscaping and concrete flat work will provide the finishing touches in mid-August.

Foundation work is also under construction for the new Generation 7, four classroom building at Beardslee.

Valley View will remain a traditional elementary school serving students in grades TK-6 for the foreseeable future until the area impacted by the Fish Fire is given the all-clear for new

construction.

As the district's reconfiguration to K-8 schools is underway, incoming 7th grade students will remain at their current school and students entering 8th grade will attend the Northview 8th Grade Village. Interim classrooms have already been installed adjacent to Duarte High School to house the 8th grade students for the 2017-18 school year.

These projects are funded by Bond Measure E which was approved by the voters in November 2010. The Board of Education authorized Measure E funds, in the amount of \$20 million, be available for these projects at the Board Meeting held on February 16, 2017. Duarte USD has contracted



architect Jay Tittle of the Little Diversified Architectural Consulting firm for these projects and the district's Facilities Master Plan.

The district's newest school, the California School of the Arts, will house their 9-12 grade

program on the campus formerly occupied by Northview Intermediate School. This campus is also under construction to retrofit spaces for the Conservatory classes along with other updates that are being implemented and funded by the CSArts team.

Estimated timeline for each project:

ANDRES DUARTE K-8 PLAN



PHASE I – Site work at Central Avenue parking lot and student drop-off/pick-up. Open date: August, 2017

PHASE II – Modernization of existing buildings to create science labs, music room, and locker rooms. Site work to add staff parking. Open date: August 2018

BEARDSLEE K-8 PLAN



PHASE I – Construction of 4 new classrooms with restrooms, site work and new amphitheater. Estimated Open Date: December, 2017

PHASE II – Modernization of existing buildings to create science labs, music room, and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018

MAXWELL K-8 PLAN



PHASE I – Construction of 4 new classrooms with restrooms and site work. Est. open date: December 2017

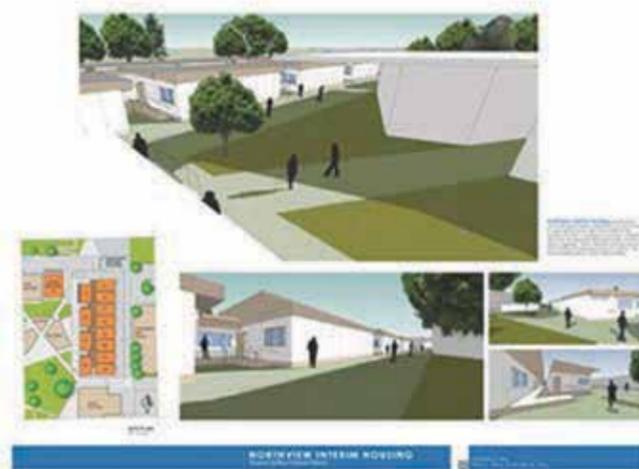
PHASE II – Modernization of existing buildings to create science lab, music room, and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August 2018

ROYAL OAKS K-8 PLAN

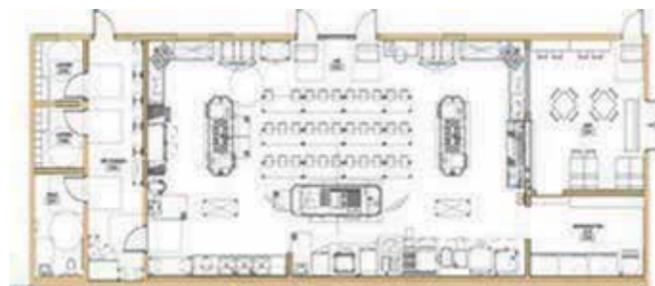


PHASE I – Construction of 14 new classrooms with restrooms, site work, and additional parking lot with new exit to Royal Oaks Drive. Estimated Open Date: August, 2017

PHASE II – Modernization of existing classrooms to create science labs, music rooms and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018



8TH GRADE INTERIM VILLAGE – Installation of 12 modular classrooms in the Duarte High School staff parking lot for the 2017-2018 school year. Convert the PLC to administration space for the Village. Estimated Open Date: August, 2017



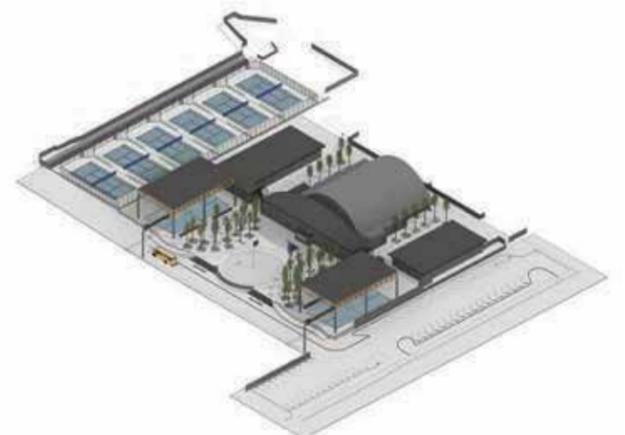
DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY ARTS PLAN

Expansion and improvement of the culinary arts classroom space. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018

DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS COMPLEX

Modernize and air condition existing gymnasium. Add lobby with restrooms, ticket sales and snack bar to gym.

Relocate tennis courts. Modernize both locker rooms to add team rooms. Improve sports fields and access road west of gym. Estimated Open Date: TBD





DUSD East meets West student exchange

A contingency of Duarte Unified high school students and staff toured China June 5-17. They spent time in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou. Highlights of their trip included the Forbidden City, Great Wall and the Bullet Train.

As part of this amazing student cultural exchange program, they also visited Hangzhou School and Ningbo Binhai International Cooperation School. Earlier this year, students from China attended Duarte High and now our students have the incredible opportunity to experience China. They had a great time enjoying the cuisine, sights and culture.

And, over eighty Chinese students in Grades 3-12 participated in a week of the DUSD STEAM Summer School experience. The joined in the fun alongside their DUSD peers and engaged in learning activities, played games and even took a Mandarin class.

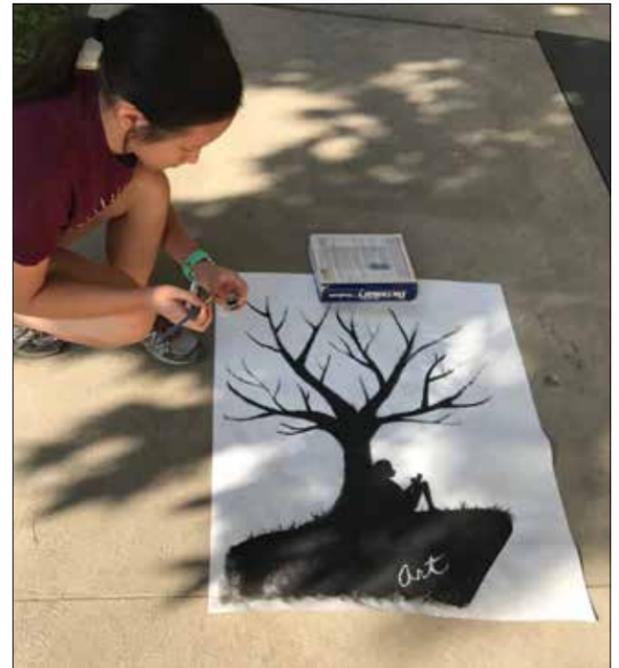
Their stay was commemorated with a culminating ceremony that included certificates for the students and a cultural gift exchange. It was an amazing experience for all the students both from the East and West to meet and learn together.

Artful

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ricular and non-curricular areas, and we dated these goals, so there was some self and peer accountability. I am ready to use a number of these during the first weeks of school, to get my students out of their seats, build community, and have fun getting to know my new classroom family. I am convinced that all of my students, even those who have not felt extremely successful in school in the past, will be more readily engaged, gain confidence in their success, and perform at higher levels. I expect fewer behavior issues because of this. And, the presenters made themselves available to assist in the future in any way they could. It was a marvelous three days of learning!"

Learn more about what's to come at Andres Duarte this year and Artful Learning at <https://leonardbernstein.com/artful-learning>.



School Year 2017-2018

Public Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

The Duarte Unified School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and After School Snack Program. Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if

they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the Food Service Department at 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at <http://meals.duarteusd.org>. Contact the Food Service Director at (626) 599-5022 for help filling out the application. The school will let you know if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, you may turn in an ap-

plication at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep

foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Food Service Director, Duarte USD, 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010, (626) 599-5022

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Household size	Free Eligibility Scale for Lunch and Breakfast					Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale for Lunch and Breakfast				
	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$15,678	\$ 1,307	\$ 654	\$ 603	\$ 302	\$ 22,311	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member, add:										
	\$ 5,434	\$ 453	\$ 227	\$ 209	\$ 105	\$ 7,703	\$ 645	\$ 323	\$ 298	\$ 149

Duarte USD hires record number of new staff

The renaissance taking place within Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) has caught the attention of educators not only in our local region, but across the nation who are seeking to become part of the district's team.

As of July 2017, 58 new certificated and classified members join the DUSD staff, a record number of new hires for the district.

This includes 28 new teachers, comprising 14% of the entire

faculty.

Included among this talented group of individuals are key administrators:

Dr. Nadia Hillman, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Mrs. Erin Villaverde,

Principal of Andres Duarte Arts Academy; and Mr. Russ Earnest, Associate Principal of Duarte High School.

Also, promoted from within the organization to new positions are:

Mr. Luis Haro, Principal of Duarte High School; Mr. Scott Moses, Assistant Principal of the Northview 8th Grade Village; and Dr. Rasheedah Gates, Assistant Principal of Royal Oaks STEAM Academy.

DR. NADIA HILLMAN was unanimously approved by the Board of Education as the new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at the Regular Meeting held on June 29. Dr. Hillman will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of the instructional program for all children enrolled in DUSD.



She brings over twenty years of experience in education to this position. Prior to joining DUSD, Dr. Hillman served for three years as the Executive Director of Elementary Education for Santa Ana Unified. In this role she provided direct support to 37 schools within the district by guiding a highly competent Elementary curriculum and instruction team and working collaboratively with principals and other department heads to implement programs that resulted in improved student performance outcomes.

Dr. Hillman began her career in education as an elementary teacher and district teacher on special assignment for South Pasadena Unified School District. In an effort to affect change at a larger scale, she moved into administration at Arcadia Unified. For seven years she served as the Principal of Baldwin Stocker Elementary and Foothills Middle School.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Duarte Unified School District and its vibrant community where the focus is on providing exciting options for students' long term success," said Dr. Hillman. "I look forward to connecting with all the dedicated educators, staff, students, and families to build on the solid foundation of the Duarte learning community and to grow the initiatives set forth in our Competitive Advantage Plan."

MRS. ERIN VILLAVERDE was selected as the Principal of Andres Duarte Academy after a competitive process that included input provided by Andres Duarte stakeholders, students, teachers, staff, and parents that informed the development of the new principal profile.

Originally from Massachusetts, Mrs. Villaverde moved to California in 1998 and was an elementary and middle school teacher within the San Bernardino Unified School District. From 1999 to 2007, she was a teacher, curriculum resource teacher and literacy coach for Pasadena Unified. In 2007, she joined Charter Oak Unified as the Assistant Principal at Cedargrove Elementary until 2010 when she was promoted to her most recent position as Principal of Washington Elementary where she has served for the past seven years.

Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Villaverde was the recipient of the 2017 Leadership Award by the Association of California School Administrators Region XV. In addition to being a highly skilled educational leader, Mrs. Villaverde has an extensive background in the arts.

She has acted in small and large theater productions across the nation, has appeared in commercials, done voice over work and produced films. In addition to directing annual plays at her school sites, she has also directed children's theater at the Glendale Center Theater and taught on-camera acting classes for kids offered by the Pasadena Education Foundation.

Her passion for the arts makes her a perfect match for Andres Duarte as the school will be launching the transformational learning model called Artful Learning. This arts integration framework will be implemented school-wide this fall as the campus transforms to a K-8 arts academy.

MR. SCOTT MOSES will be the new Assistant Principal for the Northview 8th Grade Village for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Moses has been an integral member of the DUSD team since 2000 where he got his start as a classroom teacher at Beardslee Elementary. Since this time he has taught at several campuses within the district and served in numerous capacities including Summer School Principal, Outreach Consultant and President of the Duarte Unified Education Association.



Mr. Moses is an experienced leader who has been a member of the Community Education Council, Local Control Accountability and Competitive Advantage Plan strategic planning committees. Most recently, he has been a member of the Northview staff and has the advantage of knowing many of the staff and students that he will be working alongside.

"I have spent my career with DUSD, and I am thrilled to become part of the leadership team. I look forward to continuing to serve our students, families, community and staff."

MR. LUIS HARO has been promoted to the position of Duarte High School Principal and will also serve as the Director of Secondary Program Compliance. He is



an experienced administrator who has served in several leadership positions within DUSD since joining the district in 2008. During this time he has gained the respect and trust of colleagues, parents, students and community members alike. Mr. Haro has a wide breadth of knowledge and proven ability to establish a collaborative school culture.

As of 2016, he was the Associate Principal of Duarte High School. Among his key duties was overseeing curriculum and instruction including taking an instrumental role in leading the faculty through a successful WASC accreditation review. Prior to this, he was the Principal of Mount Olive Innovation & Technology High School supervising all aspects of the instructional program at the continuation high school for two years. He also served as the Assistant Principal of Duarte High School from 2008-2014.

Mr. Haro brings a great deal of expertise to his new role as the instructional leader of Duarte High School, and will continue to build on the

positive momentum toward progressive reforms and a heightened focus on rigor that has been achieved in recent years at the school.

Mr. Haro will be supported by a high caliber leadership team that now includes new hire, **MR. RUSSELL EARNEST**, as the Associate Principal of Duarte High School.

Mr. Earnest brings 17 years of prior administrative experience as both a middle and high school principal to his new position. He joins DUSD from the Anaheim Union High School District where he began his career in education as a mathematics teacher in 1993 at Walker Junior High School.

Starting in 2000, he moved into administrative roles that included serving as the Assistant Principal of Sycamore Junior High School and Principal of Brookhurst Junior High School. Since 2010, he has been Principal of John F. Kennedy High School during which time the school was awarded the California Gold Ribbon (2017) and was named a California Distinguished School (2013).

Mr. Earnest has also been actively involved in the success of Kennedy's visual and performing arts programs which includes award winning band and choral ensembles, and he is excited to support the expansion of the arts at Duarte High School.



DR. RASHEEDAH GATES has been selected to serve in a new role at Royal Oaks STEAM Academy as the Assistant Principal. Dr. Gates began her career with DUSD in 2001

as a classroom teacher and then became the Teaching & Learning Coach at Royal Oaks in 2014. During her tenure, Dr. Gates has been a well-respected member of the Royal Oaks team and has been responsible for facilitating family Literacy and STEAM Nights, created recognition programs for English Language Learners, coordinated GATE activities and assisted in the articulation of Common Core Standards in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

"It is with great pleasure that I accept the Assistant Principal position at Royal Oaks STEAM Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. As I step into this new role, I am cognizant about time and place. For the first time, we are keeping our students for their middle years at Royal Oaks. This means that in August of 2017, we will be opening our doors to kindergarten students that will be with us for the next nine years. Mathematically, that is 1,620 days of school, and over 10,500 hours of schooling. By keeping our sixth grade students for 7th and 8th grade, we get to provide a quality education for them another 360 days than in the past. I am delighted at the prospect of having more time with these



students. This is a great time, and a great place and I am honored to be a part of it."

DUSD is quickly becoming a destination district not just for students, but also for gifted educators from across our local region to the national level who want to join in the renaissance taking place within our district.

"Hiring talented administrators and repositioning staff already within the organization who are highly qualified to meet the needs of DUSD's students is a district priority," said Superintendent Allan Mucerino. "I welcome these accomplished educators who will bolster our team by bringing the perfect combination of passion and skills required to fulfill the bold initiatives our district is implementing."

Another Duartean getting his kicks

Duartean Richard Amadori, an amateur photographer and highway historian, gets his kicks studying, exploring and snapping photos of the historic Route 66, and will share the fruits of his passion with an exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum in August and September.

Since the 1980s he has traveled many stretches of the mother road from California to the eastern border of New Mexico collecting authentic Route 66 items as well as contemporary memorabilia.

“My main interest in Route 66 is through California’s Mojave Desert, an area I call The Ghost Town District. My exhibit for the Duarte Historical Museum is a culmination of my travels through The Ghost Town District and beyond, and it contains some of the most presentable items and photographs from my collection,” says Richard.

Having always owned a high clearance vehicle, he has been able to travel on many abandoned segments of Route 66 in the deserts of California, Arizona, and New Mexico. “It’s these areas that I find most intriguing and well-preserved. Being out there gives one the feeling that time has stood still, and there remain many untouched traces of a bygone era.”

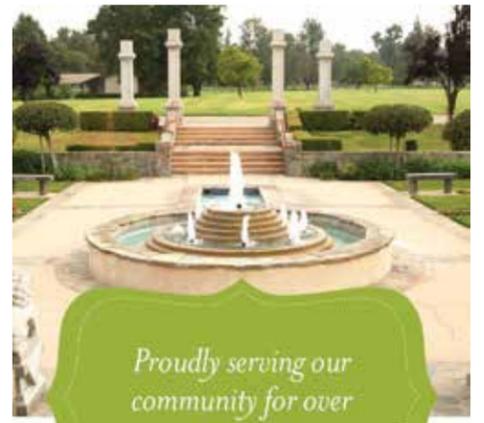
Richard has resided in Duarte for a year and a half. He appreciates and is very familiar with Duarte’s rich history as a thriving Route 66 town. “For instance, I made quite a few visits to The Trails Restaurant for dinner and drinks, and 16 years later it’s still very disappointing to me that this fine restaurant is long gone.”

Richard volunteers as a docent at the Duarte Historical Museum, and enjoys welcoming visitors and answering their questions. He is avid hiker and has done many hikes to Fish Canyon Falls and Mount Bliss. As a former member of both the California and Arizona Route 66 associations he has been rewarded with opportunities of being involved in the preservation aspects of this historic highway. He was a participant in the Route 66 Shield Relay, an event which commemorated the 66th anniversary of Route 66.

This unique exhibit will be featured at the Duarte Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, through September as part of the celebration of the Route 66 parade scheduled for September 23. Museum hours are Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 626 357-9419.



RICHARD AMADORI shares his passion for Route 66 at the Duarte Historical Museum.



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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

All Duarte teens grades 9 through 12 with a high school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets must be filled out and returned.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW!!!! Teen Adventure Camp Week!!!!

Come join us for this week of great adventures! August 7-11 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

\$40 gets you a full week, \$10 daily fee—food and souvenirs are on your own.

A week full of exploring cool places and adventures!!!! San Diego Mission Beach, Hollywood, Olvera Street, Venice Beach and the Drive In Movie! Space will

be limited! Sign Up now!

Duarte Boxing Show

Attention all boxing fans! The Duarte Youth Boxing Club is proud to announce the presentation of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club Boxing Show. This will be an exciting day for fans and supporters of amateur youth boxing in Duarte and surrounding communities. The show will be held on Saturday, August 26, at Duarte High School located at 1565 E. Central Avenue. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at the Duarte Teen Center. Children 11 years and under \$3, Children 3 years and under are free. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. First bout begins at 1 p.m.

Back to School Blastoff Barbecue!

On Wednesday, August 16, the Mayor's Youth Council will host the back to school barbecue! Reconnect with friends, listen to music, join us for XBOX ONE, pool and ping pong contest, eat hot dogs and cheeseburgers. Seniors and Freshmen eat free. Fee: \$2

Teen Survivor- Duarte Island/Best Friends

September 11-15 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Teens will be assigned to



various teams and will compete in obstacles, games, challenges etc. At the end of each day, one tribe will be sent to Tribal Council and a person be voted out of the game and become a member of the Survivor jury. One person will be crowned the winner of Teen Duarte Survivor and win cool prizes!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out!

This program is for boys grades 9-12. Participants will meet Tuesday, August 22, and Tuesday, September 19 from 3:30-5 p.m. Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports, and much more!

Drama Club

Held Fridays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The membership fee is \$5 every 6 months. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

Girls Night Out!

This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants will meet Friday, August 18 and Friday, September 8 from 3:30-5 p.m. to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

On Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. the Teen Center offers cooking classes for \$2 per class.

Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Amazing Family Race to the Finish!

The Amazing Family Race to the Finish is a special event to promote family unity and good health and exercise, while highlighting various city facilities.

The focus of the event is for teams of 4 family or friends to race by foot or transit bus through out the City of Duarte solving clues, competing in challenges, solving puzzles and overcoming obstacles, with the goal of being the first team to complete the race! Cash prizes and more will be awarded! Call the Duarte Teen Center for more information. Space in the race will be limited so sign up now!

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017. Time: 8 a.m. Check In

Fee: \$40 per team

Registration Location: Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista Street, Duarte (626) 303-0863

Registration Date: Now until October 9, 2017

Rules

- Teams of 4 family or friends
- All team members must be age 10 or over
- One member of the team must be 18 or older
- You may only travel by bus or walking/running
- Teams MUST stay together during event at all times

Dental

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ing areas with the opening of our third dental clinic, at our Peck health center."

ChapCare's Peck health center is conveniently located at 3703 Peck Road, Suite A, El Monte, CA 91731. It is easily accessible via Foothill Transit and the Metro bus. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Other services that are available at ChapCare's Peck health center include primary medical care (family medicine, pre-natal, and pediatrics), and health insurance screening and enrollment.

For more information on ChapCare and its health center locations, please call (626) 398-6300 or visit www.chapcare.org.

Resource

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programs provided by impassioned and dedicated professionals. Dr. Karla Perez-Pussman is one of those impassioned and dedicated professionals. She shared her story and the story of Santa Anita Family Services at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Club meeting. Their key programs include:

- Counseling and Social Services
- Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention
- Seniors, Disabled Adults and Caregivers Support
- Veterans and their Families Support
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Intervention.
- Court Mandated Programs

One of the unique elements of their programs is the opportunity to serve their clients in the client's home eliminating issues of transportation and allowing the counselor a better look at the "whole" person.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



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