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Duarte Ralph's to close in July

The City of Duarte received formal notice from the Ralph's Grocery Company on April 30 that it will be closing the Duarte location in July, 2015. This is a corporate decision by Ralph's based on a variety of different business factors including that the Duarte Market was consistently one of its lowest performing stores and that many who shop at this store do a portion of shopping elsewhere, making the current model in the City not sustainable.

In conversations with Kendra Doyel, Ralph's Vice President for Government Affairs and Public Relations, she said the supermarket at 1193 Huntington Dr. has been among the bottom 50 of under-performing stores for years out of a 3600 store portfolio nationwide. She also added that the company tried various approaches over the years to attract more customers and that they have not worked.

"We have been renting at that location and our lease is up so we made the decision to go ahead and close that location," she said. "It will probably close around July 10. There are less than 50 employees there and we're working very hard to find locations at other stores for all of them."

The Ralph's Company has closed several Southern California stores in the past few years and

the Duarte closing unfortunately continues that trend. Specifically, during 2014, Ralph's closed approximately 20 plus Southern California stores.

The City has already expressed to the shopping center owner the desire to fill at least a portion of the existing space with a grocery store.

The City recognizes that Ralph's has been a part of the Duarte community for several years and provided a valuable service to the community and the loss is very difficult for the community.

Darrell George, Duarte City Manager, commented, "Although this is a private matter between the Ralph's Corporation and a private shopping center owner, the City is committed to doing whatever it can to help attract another grocery use to Duarte."

The City has received numerous complaints and concerns over Ralph's decision and recommends that complaints be lodged with the Ralph's corporate office at 1-800-576-4377.

Those with computer access can make comments at <https://www.ralphs.com/customercomments>.

— Provided by the City
of Duarte

Duarte School Board appoints Dr. Allan Mucerino Superintendent

The Duarte Board of Education voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Allan Mucerino Superintendent of the Duarte Unified School District at its regular meeting Thursday, May 14. Following a statewide search, Dr. Mucerino was selected as a finalist from among 28 applicants for the position.

"As we interviewed candidates from across the region it became apparent that Dr. Mucerino was a distinctive leader in public education who has the respect of students, families, teachers and administrators," said Board President Reverend Douglas Edwards. "The entire Board spent a morning meeting with the staff and Board of Centinela Valley Union High School District where our insights about his skills, knowledge and compassion were confirmed by all we met. We heard people describe to us the innovative programs he introduced to attract students, his work in collective bargaining, his presence among students and families, his knowledge of Common Core and his fiscal management skills. We drove home deeply impressed and grateful to have selected such a gifted person to become the next superintendent."

Dr. Mucerino is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at Centinela Valley Union High School District. Previously, Dr. Mucerino was a principal for 17 years and held positions at El Toro High School and La Paz Intermediate School in Saddleback Valley Unified, and Ensign Intermediate School in Newport-Mesa Unified. Under his leadership, all three of these schools became California Distinguished Schools and one became a National Blue Ribbon School. Prior to his administrative work, Dr. Mucerino taught for five years at Millikan High School and Hoover Middle School in the Long Beach Unified School District.

He is also an instructor in the Education Leadership Doctoral Program at California State University, Fullerton where he teaches Applications of Research: Forecasting and Planning, Ethical and Legal Dimen-



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO

sions of Leadership, and Methods of Collection and Analysis of Assessment Data.

Dr. Mucerino received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, his Masters in Educational Administration from the California State University, Dominguez Hills, and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the California State University, Long Beach.

He presently lives in South Orange County with his wife, Deborah, and two sons, Matthew and Kyle.

Dr. Mucerino will officially begin as Superintendent of the Duarte Unified School District July 1, 2015.

Duarte to enforce new fireworks restrictions including fines up to \$1,000

The City of Duarte will be enforcing new restrictions on fireworks usage for the Fourth of July, 2015 holiday. Fireworks are only allowed to be discharged on the day of July 4th between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. They are no longer allowed on the days leading up to the holiday.

The only type of fireworks allowed to be discharged in Duarte are Safe & Sane type that have been purchased in California. These types of fireworks are legally sold in Duarte at five different locations starting June 30th. Remember, discharging fireworks north of Royal Oaks Drive is prohibited, with the exception of Royal Oaks Park.

Violators of the City's new fireworks restriction may be prosecuted and receive up to a \$1000 fine and/or six months in jail. The California State Fire Marshall has decreed a zero tolerance against illegal fireworks due to the severe drought conditions. For additional information, contact Duarte Public Safety by calling (626) 357-7938.

Douglas Ross remembers Rocktown

This is My Story of My Life Growing up in Rocktown, a personal accounting by Douglas Ross, is a new addition to the Duarte Historical Museum and available for guests to peruse. Those with an interest in Rocktown are invited to the Museum on Saturday, June 27 between 1 and

4 p.m. for an informal discussion about the history of Rocktown.

Inhabited by mostly African Americans and Mexican working-class families, Rocktown was located in the southeastern portion of Duarte. It met its demise when the 210 freeway cut through its heart.

Ross was born in 1947 and during his formative years lived in the tight-knit community where neighbors watched out for each other. Ross recalls swimming in the river and milking the family cow. He recalls that there were rocks everywhere: "We dodged rocks tumbling down the street when it rained, threw rocks in the river and the homes had rock roofs."

The June 27 event is open to the public and Ross will be on hand to talk about his book and all of its historical photos.



DOUGLAS ROSS



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Visit Duarte's Hanging Tree at the Duarte Historical Museum

A large stump of Duarte's deceased Hanging Tree is now on display at the Duarte Historical Museum. Cured, polished and proudly sporting a bronze commemorative plaque the old oak stump sits before a framed exhibit featuring photos depicting the tree in happier days. Back in the heyday of Route 66 its branches gracefully guarded The Oakleigh Motel. Later it spread its limbs in the courtyard of a building on the south side of Huntington Drive just east of Highland behind the Seven-Eleven.

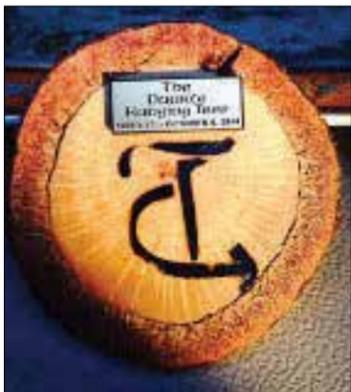


JOSEPH MCVEY is the first to see the newly installed Hanging Tree Exhibit.

Inexplicably, the tree collapsed in the early morning hours of October 8 last year, and was quickly sawed up and hauled off. The tree was rumored to have served as a hanging tree where circuit judges ordered swift justice in the 1800s. Whether myth

or fact, it had become a familiar sight to Duartians and thought of as an old friend.

In addition to the stump, puck size slices of the tree have been carved, branded with the Duarte "d" and plaqued. For a short time and while supplies last, the limited supply of pucks will be awarded to new Legacy Annual Sponsors at the price of a \$1000 donation to the Museum.



A LIMITED number of slices of Duarte's Hanging tree now available.

The Museum is located in Encanto Park at 777 Encanto Parkway and is open on the first and third Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m., closed holidays. Admission is free.

For more information, call (626) 358-0329 or check the Museum website at RanchoDeDuarte.org.

It was the annual Woman of the Year (WOTY) night for the Duarte Woman's Club on March 6, and before long the pending puzzle was solved. After a skit presented by the past recipients of the coveted award, the winner was obvious: Ann Valleroy

Ann joined the DWC in 2010 and has been active on the Board since that time. She is presently serving her second term as President.

"She was a natural candidate," says Margaret Toon, immediate past WOTY. "She was selected for her leadership abilities which are a result of her membership in the Toastmasters Club and also as an actress in a local Drama Club." Ann is an avid gardener and during the drought she introduced the club to low maintenance and water conservation ideas. She also promotes recycling which earned her the nickname "Bag Lady" when she took on the responsibility of collecting plastic bags to recycle.

Prior to retirement Ann worked for the Office of Social Security and with that experience has been a valuable source of information to the Club. She currently volunteers at the Senior Center for the Hi Cap program counseling the seniors.

At the conclusion of the skit and announcement, Ann was descended upon by her extended family which had been hiding in the wings during the program.

In other business for the evening, three new members were installed by Membership Chair Aja Enriquez. The new members are Sandy Kallgren, Nikki Marcos and Violeta Sanders.



MARGARET TOON, former WOTY, recognizing Ann Valleroy as the current Woman of the Year.

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Summer Special Events

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer several special events this summer for children.

Touch-A-Truck – Thursday, June 18 from 1-3 p.m. A FREE, family-friendly event where kids can explore and experience their favorite trucks up close and personal. This event features trucks found at area businesses – as seen around town, and kids activities. Transportation will be provided

from each supervised park with a permission slip.

Ice Cream Social - Thursday, June 25, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. held at Beardslee Park, Encanto Park, Otis Gordon Park and Royal Oaks Park. Children will play games and get a cool treat at each site while welcoming another summer of fun.

Children 5-12 years old are welcome to participate. This event is free.

Summer Cool Down – Thursday, July 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center. Children ages 5-12 can come and relax in the air-conditioned auditorium and participate in a fun activity with a cool snack. All for free! Transportation provided from supervised

parks with a permission slip.

Splashtacular – Thursday, July 16 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Duarte pool. There will be water games, contests and prizes. This event is open to children 15 and under. The cost is \$1 for kids 6-12 years and \$2 for kids 13-15 years. Transportation provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

Day at the Duarte Pool – Wednesday, July 22 from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Duarte Pool. Come and splash around and get wet under the summer sun. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission slip.

Summer Mystery Event – Thursday, July 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. will be held at the Duarte Community Center on Join us and discover the wonderful mystery of this event. There will be refreshments, and fun and fantastic activities. This event is free. Transportation provided from supervised parks with a permission slip.

For more information on these events, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Cell phone footage leads to arrest of road rage suspect in Long Beach

South Los Angeles CHP recently received several reports of a Honda Accord dark in color, with a Caucasian male in his forties engaging in numerous occurrences of road rage. These incidents largely occurred within the city of Long Beach, on the I-405 (San Diego Freeway). Eyewitness accounts recalled the driver abruptly stopping his vehicle in front of the victims, making obscene gestures and committing vandalism by kicking the victim's vehicles. Additionally, the driver has committed several hit and run traffic collisions and used his vehicle to intentionally assault his victims.

After a lengthy investigation, with the help of eyewitness photos and cell phone footage, CHP investigators identified the driver as Donald James Kleven, a resident of Long Beach. Investigators submitted their investigation to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, which subsequently issued a warrant for Mr. Kleven's arrest.

On 5-13-2015, Mr. Kleven was placed under arrest and booked at the Long Beach Police Department, where he is currently held in lieu of \$160,000 bail.

Road Rage is an aggressive behavior by a driver of an automobile or other road vehicle. Some of these aggressive behaviors may include obscene or rude gestures, deliberately making unsafe turning movements or unnecessary breaking, and even verbal insults. Road rage is well known to most of us, either through direct experience, news reports, or loved ones involved.

It is imperative to make traveling motorists aware of the potential danger on the roadways and what measures one can take to protect loved ones.

In the event you believe you are a victim of a road rage incident here are a few things you can do to keep you and your loved ones safe:

- Remain calm
- Always call 911 from a safe location
- Drive to your nearest police station (if known)
- Never stop on the freeway
- Obtain driver and vehicle description & license plates (make, model, color)
- Do not engage the enraged driver
- Have passengers record the incident if possible
- Have an escape route

If you engage in road rage remember these possible consequences:

- Jail or prison time
- Injury resulting in death
- Injury to yourself or others
- Damage to property

Always check your emotions before jumping into a vehicle. Keep calm and remember to never take another person's actions personal.

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Free Summer Lunch

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under beginning June 15. Lunches are served Monday through Friday and there are no limits on the number of participants served. Lunches will be offered at several local Duarte elementary schools. For Summer Lunch Program locations and more information, please call (626) 357-7931 or the DUSD Food Services Department at (626) 599-5000.



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Duarte “Raises the Banner” in preparing for Special Olympics Host Town “Duarte Day” event

A series of festive street banners displaying both the City and Special Olympics logos now decorate Huntington Drive in front of the Duarte Civic Center in anticipation of the City’s Host Town event entitled, “Duarte Day.” The City of Duarte, in partnership with the cities of Azusa and Glendora and Azusa Pacific University (APU), are preparing to open their doors as a Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles from July 21-24, 2015. As Host Towns,

the cities will welcome the 2015 Special Olympics World Games delegation consisting of approximately 88 coaches and athletes from South Africa. Azusa Pacific University will provide housing for the entire delegation of athletes and coaches during the three-day Host Town visit. The City of Duarte will entertain the delegation on July 22, 2015.

The City of Duarte Special Olympics Host Town Steering Committee, a group comprised of City Councilmembers, City Staff, the City of Hope, Duarte Chamber of Chamber and community members, have planned a daylong schedule of activities designed to give the delegation a “Day in the life of Duarte” experience. The day will begin at City of Hope with a welcome parade followed by a luncheon featuring a special keynote speaker and an interactive activities on the City of Hope campus. The delegation will enjoy the remainder of the day at various City facilities including a BBQ at the Duarte Teen Center and a DJ Dance Party at the Duarte Community Center.

“The City of Duarte, proudly know as the ‘City of Health’ is thrilled to welcome the athletes and coaches of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games. It presents a special opportunity to share our city’s history and community with a one of a kind experience for the delegation. Duarte is honored to serve as a Special Olympics host town in partnership with the cities of Azusa and Glendora. We look forward to building a long lasting relationship with the Special Olympics organization,” said Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci of the City of Duarte.

Before the Special Olympics World Games begin on July 25, 2015, more than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries will be welcomed to Southern California through the Host Town program consisting of over one hundred communities from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

Interested in sponsoring the day or volunteering alongside the athletes? Contact 626-357-7931 or visit www.accessduarte.com. Volunteers can also directly register @ Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/1xSFK30>.

ALERT:

Fraudsters impersonating Wells Fargo

By Aida Torres, City of Duarte Public Safety

We have had several cases in Duarte reported recently of fraudulent text messages sent to mobile phones from Wells Fargo impersonators in an attempt to convince recipients to share their confidential information.

Glendora and Arcadia Police Departments posted a similar warning.

Never take action on a request for your personal or financial information, including account numbers, passwords, Social Security number or birth date.

If you receive a text message expressing an urgent need for you to update your information, activate an account, or verify your identity by calling a phone number or submitting information, on a website, do not respond and delete it.

These messages may be part of a phishing scam conducted by fraudsters in an attempt to capture your confidential account information and may be used to commit fraud.

WHAT TO DO

Never open attachments, click links, or respond to emails or text messages asking for personal information. Bank’s text or email alerts will never request personal information. Contact your bank immediately and report

Take the time to visit your bank or credit card websites and review recommendations on how to prevent fraudulent activity on your accounts.

Most financial institutions have web pages dedicated to fraud prevention. Remember, never share your information unless you have initiated the contact and are sure of who you are dealing with.

Banks and credit card companies will not call, text, or email you asking for personal, confidential information.

If you have shared your personal information please take the steps necessary to place a fraud alert with the local credit bureaus and be sure to monitor you have not been the victim of fraud.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), consumers may place fraud alerts on their credit reports with the three major credit bureaus, free of charge.

The bureau you contact is required to notify the other two credit bureaus to place an alert on your file.

HOW TO PLACE A FRAUD ALERT?

You can start by contacting any of the three major credit bureaus below:

Equifax: Online or by calling 1-888-766-0008

Experian: Online or by calling 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion: Online or by calling 1-800-680-7289

If you have been the victim of fraud, place a report with the financial institution to avoid any additional charges, and make a police report it by calling Temple Sheriff’s Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171.

The City of Duarte welcomes the South Africa delegation. We wish you fun and success during your Olympic journey.



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Foothill Family Service celebrates Grand Opening

Foothill Family Service held a grand opening celebration for their center in Duarte on June 6. When Foothill Family opened its Family Center in Duarte in 2008, it occupied only the second floor of a bank building at 1801 Huntington Drive. Since then, the center has served thousands of children and families, focusing on early childhood development, parent education, and school- and community-based clinical, emotional, and behavioral support services, among other programs. When the 12,100-square-foot property became available to purchase, Foothill Family carefully assessed the site's potential to help meet the region's growing demand for services in the eastern

San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. Following months of renovation and preparation, the event celebrated the re-opening of the center with double the space including 12 individual therapy rooms, three family therapy and support group meeting rooms, two Parent-Child Interaction Therapy rooms, and two intake rooms. In addition, the building features expanded staff and office space, children's activity center, health screening room, and community spaces, including a featured meeting room available for use by community partners. "The expansion of the Duarte center could mean a 66 percent increase in the number of high-risk children provided with early childhood development services



FOOTHILL FAMILY SERVICE Duarte Center Grand Re-Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting.

in the area in the first year alone," said Steve Allen, Foothill Family Service Chief Executive Officer. "The early intervention and mental health services that

can benefit children from birth to age five will help them to overcome barriers to learning and build their abilities to function at age-appropriate levels.

Coupled with the parent education programs, which help parents learn how to create and maintain safe, nurturing homes, Foothill Family hopes to make an impact in the community now, and for generations to follow."

Additionally, the enhanced family center will allow 40 percent more children and families facing serious emotional challenges to receive intensive, individualized, one-on-one behavioral mental health services. This direct, hands-on approach helps children learn how to cope and respond to significant conflicts in their daily lives.

School- and community-based services, as

well as programs for pregnant and parenting teens, will also benefit from the center's expanded facilities, particularly its support of a growing staff and service space.

Several community leaders were in attendance at the opening celebration, including Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Duarte Councilmembers Liz Reilly and Sam Kang, Brian Mejia representing L. A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, and Daniel Sanchez from State Senator Carol Liu's office. Foothill Family Service board chair Rob Tolleason, and board members Hunt Salembier and Rosalina Cardenas, were also present.

Foothill Family Service was founded in 1926 and provides a range of community-based mental health and social services to at-risk populations in the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Glendale, and Burbank. Foothill Family Service has earned a reputation for providing high-quality services aimed at empowering families and strengthening communities. Last year, more than 22,000 children and their families benefited from Foothill Family Service's life-changing programs. For more information, please call (626) 993-3000 or visit the website at www.foothillfamily.org.

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The Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) are grateful to Mayor Pro Tem Samuel Kang for the donation of \$1,000 towards the purchase of Legos.

Now children, from toddlers to middle schoolers, will have the opportunity to capitalize on their creativity during Toddler Storytime and the Afterschool Family Library Club.

Research demonstrates that this type of activity builds skills and interests that serve children throughout their school years, and later in life.

Prior to Mr. Kang's contribution, Legos were borrowed from the LA County Public Library Regional Office.

Now, the manipulatives are on hand to help build the foundation for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and they will be available for use on a regular basis.

Knowing the importance of creating an environment that supports imagination, the Friends of the Duarte Library and Duarte Library appreciate the generosity of Mayor Pro Tem Kang.

Senior

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BOOK CLUB

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please join them on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Center. A Librarian from the Duarte Library will be moderator of this group. Please call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to see what book they are currently reading.

PAPER CRAFT CLASS

Two greeting cards are made each month for a fee of \$5. Bring scissors, adhesive, and colored pencils. Sign up at the front desk where you can see samples of the cards. For more information, please call (626) 357-3513.

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.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for the following excursion:

LAS VEGAS – Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, Tuesday, September 15 through Thursday, September 17, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Fee: \$165 per person double occupancy, \$235 single occupancy (Meals on your own).

Registration for the following excursions begins June 8 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive.

FRENCH FESTIVAL – Bastille Day Celebration in Santa Barbara, Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. for \$23.

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ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSION - SUNNY PORTUGAL

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Included in price: round trip air from Los Angeles Intl. Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Not included in price: cancellation waiver and insurance of \$260 per person.

Highlights: Cascais, Lisbon, Jeronimo's Monastery, Folkloric Fado Dinner Show, Sintra, Obidos, Fatima, Evora, Monsaraz, Alentejo Countryside Stay, Algarve, Sagres, Lagos, Faro, Cork Museum, Cooking Demonstration, Azeitao, 2 Winery Tours, 5 UNESCO World Heritage.

CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center will start taking registration for fee classes on June 8 beginning at 9 a.m. Classes begin the week of June 22.

Fee classes include: Aquatic Exercise, Art Appreciation, Cross Fit, Exercise With Shelly, Get Fit, Intro to Computers, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, Yoga.

Free on-going classes include: Cardio Dance, Celebrate Your life in Writing, Ceramics, Chess, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish (beginning, advanced beginning and intermediate), Tai Chi/Qigong, and Watercolor. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Eight minutes to a college education

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

In recently viewing the preliminary tests of the Gold Line between the Duarte Station and the Citrus College campus, I was reminded that since ancient times, educators and those seeking an education have been on a quest to streamline the acquisition of knowledge.

Some of their earliest attempts include the development of alphabets by which to capture ideas with the written word.

Thousands of years later, the modern education establishment still seeks new ways to impart knowledge quickly and efficiently, shortening time-to-degree and increasing literacy, employability and opportunity for people around the world.

The founding of Citrus College at the start of the 20th century was part of a national movement based on one such idea to streamline higher education: the junior college. The idea proposed providing the first two years of a college education, tuition free, to high school graduates at schools they were already attending.

At the time, three-quarters of high school graduates were choosing not to further their education due to financial, logistical and social reasons. National and local leaders realized that a more skilled workforce was vital to the country's economic strength.

Established in 1915 as Citrus Junior College, Citrus College is now the oldest, continuously operating community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth oldest in the state.

As Citrus College was blazing the trail in higher education, the Duarte community also had its sights set on the future by seeking the pathway to prosperity and a good quality



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

of life for its residents. Duarte's early leaders recognized that education was an important part of its vision for the future. Duarte's school district roots date to 1906, when Duarte was part of the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte School District. Duarte School, a five-room schoolhouse for first through eleventh grades, opened its doors in 1909.

In 1954, the tri-city school district disbanded, forming three independent districts. The Duarte Unified School District became part of the Citrus Community College District in 1967, and a partnership was formed that would serve well the education needs of the Duarte community for decades to come.

Throughout the late 1900s, education was an important component of societal evolution, and many new ideas for streamlining educational processes were launched.

In 1970, Coastline Community College became the nation's first college without a physical campus, offering exclusively televised college courses. The widespread use of the personal computer and the onset of the information age made possible new, more efficient forms of com-

munication. The Internet provided the means to access knowledge and the ability share information between students and their instructors who were separated by space and time. By the 1990s and 2000s, distance learning over the Internet became the prevailing method for remote learning.

In the late 20th and early 21st century, the relationship between the Duarte Unified School District and Citrus College was collegial and strong. At the same time, a new method to streamline education and decrease time-to-degree was gaining in popularity throughout the country: dual enrollment. In 2009, through a partnership between Citrus College and the Duarte Unified School District, Duarte High School became the pilot for Citrus College's Early College Program. In this innovative dual enrollment program, students are enrolled in Citrus College courses on the Duarte High School campus, and they receive dual credit for each course.

The program blends high school and college in a rigorous, yet supportive, cohort program, enabling a student to complete a high school diploma and 30 college credits.

Studies show that dual enrollment programs improve college readiness and completion, shorten the time-to-degree, and save taxpayer dollars.

Today, Duarte's early college students are poised to access a new means to streamline their education.

The Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line will open in 2016, enabling Duarte students to continue on their educational pathway at Citrus College – by taking the eight-minute ride from Duarte's Gold Line station to the Citrus College campus.

Thanks to the vision of past and present education and community leaders, the distance to a college education and future opportunity is just a short train ride away.

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Duarte High School student Amina J. Walker receives national honor from NSHSS

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), based in Atlanta, GA, recently announced Duarte High School student Amina J. Walker from Duarte, CA, has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.



AMINA J. WALKER

“On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Amina has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,” said Mr. Nobel. “Amina is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”

“Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities,” stated NSHSS President James W. Lewis. “We aim to help students like Amina build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community.”

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently there are more than 1 million Society members in over 160 countries. NSHSS provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people.

For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Duarte Woman’s Club holds 2015-16 Installation

It was bargain night for the Duarte Woman’s Club when Installing Officer Mariellen Staller announced that Jean Glass and Marion Stone will fill the office of president for the 2015-16 club year making it two for the price of one! Stepping down, Ann Valleroy, the current president, handed over the gavel. Jean and Marion both joined DWC in 2003 and have remained active on the Board over the years.

Conducting the ritual with a harmony in orchestra theme, Mariellen installed the Board as follows: Luz Porlier, membership chair; Ruby Shiroma, financial secretary; Margaret Toon, treasurer; Janet Giles Jones, corresponding secretary; Debi Bunting,

recording secretary; Aja Enriquez, third vice president; Sheri Uhlig, second vice president; Ann Valleroy, dean of chairmen.

With a theme of “hand in hand” the Club will continue its many philanthropic projects including assisting at city events, awarding of scholarships, providing fruit to the Senior Center, aiding the Foothill Unity Center, and docenting at the Duarte Historical Museum.

The Duarte Woman’s Club is open to women over the age of eighteen. The Club meets October through June on the first Thursday of each month usually at 7:00 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center.



ANN VALLEROY, outgoing DWC president, hands over gavel to newly installed co-chairs Marion Stone (L) and Jean Glass (R).

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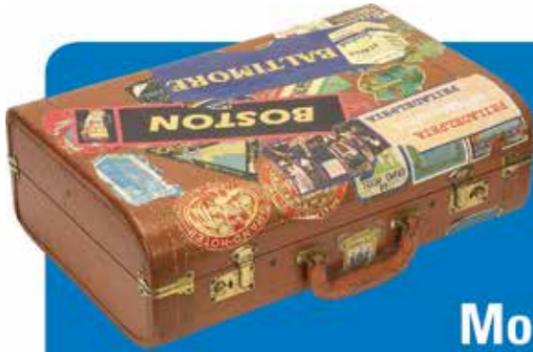
The President's Award was established in 1998. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from customers.

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Well, this seems to be my last official “Chamber Article” and from here on out my words, if written, will be placed under the editorial portion of this wonderful communication piece created by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. I want to personally thank Jim Kirchner for his dedication, patience and untiring devotion to this community and the people he has served for the many years of his service.

Also, Jan Wight, for her directness in assisting me with “how” to create an acceptable article. (Jan, I hope this meets your expectations.)

The title of this article has been my mantra for the years I have served in education and in the Duarte Unified School District. I have had many significant influences during my time here and I can emphatically share with you that I am a better person because of my time in this district and community. Everyone that has been around me knows that I love quotes and quips, and have used them often to shape the message and reputation of Duarte Unified School District, the Home of the Shoulder Tapped Graduates.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

Let me share my Top 10 Favorite Quotes:

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 2. “To answer such questions, we need to be able to talk about what is possible in addition to what is actual.”
 3. “It is amazing how bad our intuitions are about what is possible. Our intuitions are limited by experience.”
 4. “Synthesize happiness. We make ourselves believe we are happy. Make it real!”
 5. “You will never learn anything you don’t experience.”
 6. “Minority influence. Do we make a difference? Even in the smallest group of people, if they are consistent in their message, change does occur.”
 7. “Don’t make the tactical error of trying to dislodge with rational argument a conviction that is beyond reason.”
 8. “Not getting what we want makes as much joy as getting what we want. Find a way to be happy with what you have.”
 9. “Tis nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so.”
 10. “Listen, learn, lead (make decisions), willingness to be led.”
- And, two bonus quotes: “Feel Free to Succeed” and “You can’t place roller skates on a turtle!”

People have approached me many times over the past 18 years and have asked me, “Why Duarte?” Well, they need to come to Duarte to see the people in this district and community that makes Duarte a special place to be. People who have impacted so many young lives with such love, those I call the “Merchants of Hope,” and have instilled in those in the past, present and future with the belief that impossible is spelled I’m Possible!

It has been quite a trip. ISOS, We CAN, Murals, “chicken on a June bug,” shoulder tapped graduate, turtles, cards, bridges, dream catchers, medallions... I have been asked many times in my career, “Terry, when is enough, enough?”

Well, here is my answer to that in closing:

“I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough “Hellos” to take care of every one of those “Goodbyes.”

Goodbye is not enough, so I close with this instead. It has been a pleasure to serve as your superintendent, asst. supt, director and principal. But back to the title, what did I say would be done? It has been my honor to call each of you my colleague and a blessing for me to call you my friend.

Thanks y’all and come see me now, hear!

25th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Andres Duarte

The Andres Duarte Elementary School community held its annual Hispanic Heritage Day celebration on March 27. It was a joyful day filled with music, dancing, food and fellowship. There was a huge turnout this year of parents, grandparents and community members who all came to see the students showcase what they had learned about the Hispanic culture.

The most treasured moment during this special event were the dances performed by every class from TK-6th grade. Irma Hernandez has coordinated these performances for the past 25 years, and they feature different regions within Mexico that include Veracruz, Guadalajara, Chiapas and Zacatecas. The crowd favorite is always the dance performed by the 6th grade class called La Danza de los Viejitos.

Hispanic Heritage Day also includes a Family Picnic for parents, grandparents and loved ones to eat lunch with their children. The band Grupo Retoños del Norte provided music for the students and families to dance to and enjoy during the Family Picnic.

Putting on this event each year is a real labor of love on behalf of the staff and parent volunteers who all pitch in to help with decorations, ironing of costumes, set-up and clean-up. This tradition is one of the trademark programs Andres Duarte Elementary will continue to proudly host. If you are interested in learning more about Hispanic Heritage Day or the many other programs and activities offered at Andres Duarte Elementary School, please call (626) 599-5101 or visit their school website at www.AndresDuarteElementary.org.



Royal Oaks, Valley View Schools recognized by California Business Community

Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce that Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary Schools have been selected by Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as two of 1851 public schools in California to receive the title of 2014 Honor Roll school.

Schools receiving this distinction from the California business community have demonstrated consistent high levels of stu-

dent academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary received CBEE Honor Roll status and earned the “Star Schools” Award for showing a significant increase in the grade-level proficiency of their students over time that includes their significant socio-econom-

ically disadvantaged student population.

“It is an honor to be recognized by The Campaign for Business & Education Excellence, and we are proud that Royal Oaks and Valley View have been selected as Honor Roll schools,” said Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent of Duarte Unified. “Through the collaborative efforts of our faculty, staff, administration and parents, all Duarte Unified schools work

to deliver a first class education that is engaging and adapted to the passions of our students. By incorporating high expectations and quality instruction, we are making record gains in student academic achievement.”

The annual Honor Roll award is made possible with support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, Macy’s, Wells Fargo, Southern California Auto Club,

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the California Business Roundtable, and several private foundations. Chevron Corporation provided specific support in the creation of the STEM Honor Roll.

“Many of our high performing schools are not getting the recognition they deserve. These schools that succeed in reducing the achievement gap and preparing their students for college and careers should be celebrated,” said Lee Blitch, CBEE Chairman and past CEO, San Francisco

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Art Pals



Art Pals at DUSD is an inspiring cross-age teaching program that is creating a community of young artists while promoting friendship, creativity, STEM learning and cultural understanding through visual art!

Stop into a kindergarten classroom at Andres Duarte and you will see students eagerly awaiting the arrival of their high school Art Pals to get their art class started. The Art Pals program successfully fuses the kinder curriculum with fine art projects delivered through lessons created and taught by M.I.T. High School students.

During their 5th period class, the high school students prepare for their weekly visit by diligently researching fine art projects and developing age appropriate lessons that will engage their kinder pupils while exposing them to different techniques, materials and art methods.

Art Pals has been a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing early education as a career choice, and students that never thought they would be interested in teaching before, now have a different perspective. They get first-hand experience learning what goes into a successful lesson plan and how to handle classroom management.

The program has social and emotional benefits too. "Working with the kindergartners has given many of the high school students a sense of acceptance, confidence, and self-worth. And, the pride exhibited by the kinder students when showing their art work to their high school pals is powerful for an educator to watch," said M.I.T. Art Teacher Heather Messner. Heather helped to launch the Art Pals program over two years ago when she saw the reciprocal benefits of her high school students helping out in the kinder classrooms.

The program was expanded this year to also integrate STEM learning through art. Heather collaborated with M.I.T. teacher, Stephen Clayton, who has brought onboard his high school science students to teach science components that coincide with each art project.

The kinder kids loved it! They especially enjoyed lessons involving insects, owls and winter animals that translated into

abstract drawings.

As a result of this program, Heather has found the entire program to be a positive way to bring students together through the creation of art. "The kinder students view their M.I.T. buddies as nurturing, compassionate, talented big kids; and the high schoolers, who may not feel confident among their own peers, are accepted and needed by their little kids."

The Art Pals program submits their finished work to the LA Fair and both the kindergarten and

high school students feel a deep sense of pride to see their projects on display, often with winning ribbons attached. Although, the students agree, the best part about Art Pals is the fun the kinders and high schoolers have together and the friendships that have blossomed as a result.

To learn more about Art Pals and the programs offered by Andres Duarte Elementary and M.I.T. High School, please visit their school websites at www.AndresDuarteElementary.org and www.MountOliveInnovation.org.



KIDS ARE CODING AT VALLEY VIEW

The United States needs to find roughly 1 million more tech workers in the next five years, and to create a new generation of programmers, tech-education leaders say they have to start them young. Duarte Unified is joining the global move to teach kids to code.

"It's the new literacy. It's the new media," said Elliot Soloway, a computer science engineering professor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "Coding is about giving kids the new pencil and paper, it's giving them the new typewriter, the new tool to say things that they couldn't say before."

Earlier this year, the entire Duarte Unified School District opted to participate in the Hour of Code event along with millions of people across the globe to encourage all people to explore what's being called by experts as the "new literacy." Supporters of the movement include

celebrity personalities, business giants and world leaders from Mark Zuckerberg to President Obama.

This launched the formation of a Coding Class tailored for 4-6th grade students participating in GATE at Valley View Elementary. The class meets three days per week for one hour and is facilitated by the school's Teaching and Learning Coach, Mary Jansen.

In just a short time, these students have already written their own code to create a variety of

online games and drawing apps. In addition to computer programming, these students are also working with code to improve problem solving skills, critical thinking skills and communication skills.

Examples of the computer programs the students have developed can be viewed by visiting the Valley View Elementary School website at www.ValleyViewElementarySchool.org or by visiting the direct link at www.duarteusd.org/domain/245.



Join the STEAM Summer School Experience at DUSD

Join the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics Summer Experience offered by the Duarte Unified School District. This exciting opportunity is FREE to all incoming Kindergarten-12th grade students. Children attending outside of the Duarte Unified School District are invited to participate in the STEAM Summer Program, but DUSD students have priority enrollment. Pre-Register NOW online at <http://summerregistration.emsofl.com/>.

Dates: The STEAM Summer Program will take place July 1-July 31, 2015 (Monday-Friday). *Please note, there will be NO classes on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Locations: The Elementary STEAM Summer Program for incoming Kindergarten-6th grade students will be held at Andres Duarte Elementary School located at 1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010.

The Secondary STEAM Summer program for incoming 7-12th grade students will be held at Duarte High School located at 1565 East Central Avenue, Duarte, California 91010.

Times: 8 a.m.-Noon for incoming KG-6th grade students (Monday-Friday).

7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. for incoming 7-8th grade students (Monday-Friday).

7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for incom-

ing 9-12th grade students (Monday-Friday).

Price: Enrollment in the STEAM Summer program is FREE for all students.

Age Requirements: All students must be at least five years old by October 1, 2015, and entering Kindergarten in the fall to be eligible to participate in the STEAM Summer program.

Online Pre-Registration & Enrollment Applications: Registration is available now on line at <http://summerregistration.emsofl.com/>.

Duarte Unified is offering the STEAM Summer Program in partnership with Opportunities for Learning (OFL). This online registration site is provided by OFL and their name will appear when entering your information. If needed, applications in hard copy format are available upon request at the DUSD district office and school offices.

Transportation: Transportation is not provided for regular education summer program students. Transportation is only provided for special education students participating in Extended School Year (ESY).

Required Parent Orientation Meetings for Participation: Parents and students must attend a mandatory student registration and orientation meeting held on the dates listed below:

Incoming K-6th grade students

When: Thursday, June 4, 2015
Where: Andres Duarte Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room

Time: 3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.

Incoming 7th-8th students
When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Where: Duarte High School, Library

Time: 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Incoming 9th-12th students

When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Where: Duarte High School, Library

Time: 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Complete program information, class descriptions and registration details are available online at the district website, www.duarte.k12.ca.us/Page/2971. For additional questions about the STEAM Summer Experience, contact Elementary Principal, Alicia Fields at (626) 599-5610 or Secondary Principal, Jim Arellanes at (626) 599-5712.

M.I.T. students land job offers from sensational senior projects

At Mount Olive Innovation & Technology High School (M.I.T.) students don't just dream about having a bright future following graduation, they must already have a plan in place in order to earn their diploma. Every 12th grade student is required to produce a Senior Project that focuses on career exploration. Students self-select a profession they are interested in pursuing, investigate job opportunities in this field and research the criterion needed to be successful in this line of work. Students then produce professional quality brochures that capture what they learned about their chosen occupation, develop their own resume and write a personal statement.

This groundwork is necessary for students to perform well during the most important and challenging part of the Senior Project, the panel presentations.

Every senior delivers a 10 minute presentation to a panel comprised of business owners, career educators and community leaders from the local area. Based on a rubric developed by the school staff, the panelists score the students' performance and provide crucial feedback for improvement as needed.

This year, the panel members were so impressed with the quality of the Senior Projects, two students even landed jobs! Panelists were so taken by Senior Eric Garcia's culinary arts brochure and resume experience, culinary arts class at DHS and involvement in the Lemonade Brigade enterprise, that he was hired immediately to work for the Souplantation restaurant. And, based on his Senior Project performance, Isaac Gonzalez earned a job prospect within the City of Duarte's Office of Public Safety.

The Senior Project experience can be nerve-racking, but the students agree the entire process is very beneficial. The simulated job search and interview process provides them with a leg up on their competition once they graduate. Because of the work the Senior Project requires, M.I.T. students are ready and equipped to enter the job market as soon as they receive their diplomas. Most importantly, through this process, they are able to make connections and network with potential employers and post-secondary recruiters.

In addition to the Senior Project, all M.I.T. students take an online career interest survey called Choices to help them prepare for post high school life. Students are also exposed to a variety of career and post-secondary education opportunities through numerous school sponsored activities. Highlights from this year include field trips to Pasadena City College; presentations by Mt. Sierra College, Westwood College, and LA Job Core; as well as Marine, Army and Navy guest speakers.

At M.I.T. students are provided with information and resources to secure financial aid, earn scholarships, and complete college applications. Graduate students from Azusa Pacific University conducted a series of 8 workshops at M.I.T. covering resume building, interview skills, professional attire and social skills required for success in a business environment. In addition, Steve Martinez, Outreach Consultant in the City of Duarte's Public Safety Office, put on a series of Skills for Success workshops on how to find a job, keep a job and the personal traits needed for success.

There are paid in-

ternship opportunities and part-time job placement resources available for M.I.T. students too. Seidner's Collision Center hired two students to work after school this year, and several agencies like Santa Anita Family Service, helped students find placement at job sites. Through the district's Shoulder Tapped Empowered Protégé (S.T.E.P.) mentor program, more than half of M.I.T. Seniors have a mentor that works in a career that is of interest to the students.

Most importantly, the dedicated M.I.T. staff comes together to support each senior. Every staff member "sponsors" a senior to help guide them through their journey. Because of the staff's dedication, diligence and teamwork, M.I.T. students have the confidence they need to reach their full potential. Unique opportunities like these at M.I.T. are why Duarte Unified is known as the proud home of the Shoulder Tapped Graduates.

M.I.T. would like to thank this year's esteemed Senior Project Panelists: Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor of Duarte; Sheryl Lefmann, City Commissioner; Douglas Edwards, DUSD School Board President; Kevin Morris, DUSD Director of Community, College and Career for Duarte Unified; Aida Torres, Office of Public Safety; Steve Martinez, Office of Public Safety; Tim Rhambo, Office of Public Safety; Jeff Brown, Businessman and S.T.E.P. Mentor; Frank Othman, Businessman and S.T.E.P. Mentor; Norm Anderson, DHS Counselor; Renee Houlemard, DHS Counselor; and Peter Castillon, DHS Counselor.

If you would like to learn more about the M.I.T. Senior Projects or are interested in joining our team of panelists or becoming a S.T.E.P. Mentor, please contact Principal Luis Haro by phone at (626) 599-5901 or email to lharo@duarteusd.org. Also, visit the M.I.T. High School website at www.MountOliveInnovation.org.

Top coaches flock to Falcon sports teams

Duarte High School's athletic programs made history this year by setting unprecedented school and league records. To date, during the 2014-2015 school year, the Falcons have won five Montview League Championship Titles and performed well in CIF. In addition to winning team league titles for girls' volleyball, girls' basketball, wrestling, boys' tennis and girls' swimming, DHS athletes also excelled in individual competition.

The successes earned this year should come as no surprise because DHS's athletic programs boast a winning combination of talented athletes and loyal fans. But no program is successful without high caliber coaching, and Duarte High has a top-notch coaching staff.

Irene Sunabe, Head Coach of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team, was named CIF Coach of the Year and awarded All-Area Coach of the Year for the second consecutive time. She led her Lady Falcons to a Montview League Championship Title, and all the way to the CIF-SS Division 4A championship match, a feat never achieved at DHS before.

Head Coach of the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team, Chris McMahon, also earned All-Area Coach of the Year recognition. With his guidance, the Falcons shattered Sierra Vista's 65-game league winning streak and won a CIF-SS divisional playoff game to finish their best season in history.

Byron Leung has coached the Boys' Varsity Tennis team for three years now, and he has led them to three consecutive Montview League Championships as well as two undefeated seasons. Leung is a DHS alumnus and played for Duarte High School back in 2007, where he captained the team and helped them to win the very first Montview League Championship Tennis Title in the school's history.

Making his debut as Head Coach this year of the Varsity Football Team is former NFL player, Travis Brown. Travis brings extensive experience both as a player and coach to DHS. He was a receiver on two CIF championship teams, a two time all-Mountain West selection at the University of New Mexico, and played in the NFL for the Rams, Bengals, Bears and Seahawks, but realized coaching was his passion. Since becoming the Head Coach of the Falcon Football Team in 2014, Travis has focused on re-building the young team and their future is bright.

DHS is pleased to welcome the newest additions to this already stellar coaching staff, Scott and Richard Wiard. Scott will take over the Duarte High School girls' basketball program as Head Coach. Richard Wiard, former Bishop Amat coach who has won five CIF-Southern Section titles and two CIF State titles, will be Scott's assistant coach.

"We are excited that Scott has joined the Falcon athletic staff. He and his staff bring valuable leadership experience to the program as well as a deep rooted knowledge of what it takes to be a successful program in the San Gabriel Valley," states Principal Mark Sims.

With the Wiard's on board,
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M.I.T. STUDENTS pictured are, from left to right, Danielle Espinosa, Anthony Elizalde, Alyssa Perez, Jennifer Alvarez, Alex Escobar with Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, School Board President Doug Edwards, STEP Mentor Jeff Brown, and DHS Counselor Norman Anderson.

Duarte Teen Center

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

All Duarte teens grades 9-12 with 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Hip Hop Dance Classes (2-week intensive sessions at the beginning of each month)

Come learn the latest dance moves, hip hop techniques, meet new friends, and showcase your talent! Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 to

6:30 p.m.

Art Exploration Classes (3 week intensive sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays in May and June)

Students will learn the fundamentals of painting, sculpture, and much more!

Poetry to Song Classes (Thursdays and Fridays - May)

Come and learn to create unique poems and song lyrics. Compose original music using garage band music loops and more!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out - This program is for teen boys grades 9-12. Come join this club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions,

sports and much more! The group will meet Tuesdays from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., May 12 & 19, June 16 and July 14.

Drama Club - The drama club will meet once

a week. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Class meets Fridays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months

Nutrition/Cooking Class - Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends! Class meets once a week. Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

Girls Night Out - This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m., May 13 & 27, June 10 and July 8.

Work it Out! - Come join Teen Center staff for "Work it Out" a fitness program for teens! Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips! Come get fit with friends! Class is held Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

This is an opportunity for parents to have a night out. Your

child(ren) will be cared for and entertained with games, movies, story time, and arts and crafts. For more information, please call the Teen Center at (626) 303-0863. Waiver and emergency information required. The fee is only \$20 per child for children ages 5-12 years of age. Parents Night Out dates are: Saturday, June 13, July 18 and August 15 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Call the Teen Center for more information (626) 303-0863.

SUMMER THEME WEEKS START!

Teen Summer Olympics Week!

June 23-June 27 from 3-5 p.m., teams will compete all week long in various summer Olympic games with teen center staff as their leader! Track and Field, Boxing, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball and much more! The week will end with a softball game and the awarding of the gold, silver and bronze medals!

Splash Madness Week!

Come hang out at the Center July 20-24 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and join us for water games all

week, contest, super soaker fun and more! Highlight of the week an excursion to Raging Waters for \$30!

Raging Waters Trip

Date: Thursday, July 23

Fee: \$30

Departs Teen Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

Youth Boxing Program

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome! You'll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape! Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun!

You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center.

Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

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Chamber of Commerce. "There are schools all over California that are leaders in ensuring their students are getting the best quality of education. Those schools need to be recognized."

The Honor Roll is a school recognition program that uses only academic achievement data showing improved academic growth over time and a closing of the achievement gap.

"The American education system has a secret. Many schools are doing well... the Honor Roll proves it. Students are achieving at higher levels than anyone admits and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity," said Jim Lanich, CBEE president. "All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success and leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring successes for all students."

The Honor Roll list grew from 261 schools when the program began in 2005 to the current 1851 for 2014. The number of Honor Roll STAR (higher poverty, high achieving) schools increased from 74 in 2005 to 1328 in 2014.

A full list of the Honor Roll schools and the STEM Honor Roll can be found at ca.edresults.org/HonorRoll or follow Jim Lanich, President and CEO at [@JLanich](https://twitter.com/JLanich) or via email to outreach@cbee.org.

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the Lady Falcon Basketball Team will continue to be a power in the Montview League. They have gone undefeated three times in league play in the last five years and have a 66-6 league record, 122-40 overall record in the last six seasons. They had four 20-plus victory seasons and they are sure to continue to rise.

For more information about the DHS Athletic programs, sign-up information and news from our teams, please visit www.facebook.com/DuarteHighAthletics.



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