



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATING PROGRAM
& FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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FOSTER YOUTH & HOMELESS COLLEGE & CAREER TRIPS

This summer, our transition specialists, along with Human Services Agency (HSA) staff, took foster and homeless youth from San Joaquin County on a field trip to Modesto Junior College (MJC), California State University Monterey Bay (CSU Monterey), and Sierra College in Rocklin. Students were able to make connections with college staff, explore new interests, and learn about the Guardian Scholars Program.

MJC has an exceptional nursing program where students learn in a hospital-like setting. The mission is to provide a dynamic educational environment that prepares future nurses to practice competent, patient-centered care to diverse populations, and inspire lifelong professional growth.

The MJC welding program offers instruction on basic and advanced welding. The course provides an intensive overview of the skills necessary for a welder technician to perform the job, including lessons in math, inspection, safety, materials, quality, metal cutting, grinding, forming, robotics, rigging, and welding.

CSU Monterey provides high-quality broad liberal educational programs. It offers opportunities for students to engage in campus life through Associated Students, Inc., an array of clubs, and service learning that addresses human and community needs. Through leading-edge programs, superior teaching, and extensive workforce training opportunities, CSU Monterey students graduate with the critical thinking skills, industry knowledge, and hands-on experience necessary for employment and career advancement.

The strength of Sierra College is its community. Whether it's community building, academic support, cultural events, student clubs, or basic needs assistance, Sierra College actively engages its students. The Rocklin campus is one of only a few community colleges in California that offers an on-campus, dorm-style residence hall. They will be adding more dormitories to be finished by the 2024 school year.

Our college and career trips have given some students the opportunity to travel out of town for the very first time. For the 2022-2023 school year, we hope to provide more field trips while classes are in session so our students can experience what college life has to offer.

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BLESSING BAGS

Every year, Sabrina Sigle, Facilitator for the Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) after-school program, creates "Blessing Bags" for kids in need from our community. Sabrina has worked at Hoover Elementary for the past nine years, where all 3 of her children attended.

To start the Blessing Bags project, she creates an Amazon Wishlist and shares the link with community members who are eager to donate items on the list. This year, the Blessing Bags are going to foster youth in San Joaquin County! Her inspiration came from a group of siblings who attended the after-school program and were in foster care. They exposed her to the challenges that foster youth experience while in care. Sabrina will be working closely with foster youth in San Joaquin County, CASA, and Foster Youth Services with SUSD. She hopes to be able to distribute 25 bags to foster youth in need this fall. The Blessing Bags include a duffel bag, a backpack full of school supplies, a new pillow and pillowcase, shower caddies full of hygiene products, a Scentsy buddy (scented stuffed plush toy), and much more!

If you would like to contribute to future Blessing Bags, email ssigle@stocktonusd.net or follow their Facebook Group: Blessing Bags 2022.



THE HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

Our Families in Transition Team would like to highlight an organization that has been helping the homeless population in San Joaquin County. The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is a group of staff from Stockton Fire Department, Stockton Police Department, San Joaquin County Probation, St. Mary's Dining Hall, Women's Center Youth and Family Services, Gospel Center Rescue Mission, San Joaquin County Public Health, San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services, along with other agencies in the community. These agencies go out to the homeless encampments throughout Stockton. It takes place in Stockton every Thursday and in Lodi, Tracy, and Manteca every other week. They currently meet on Thursdays at St. Mary's Dining Hall, located at 545 W. Sonora St., in Stockton, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. During these outreach visits, food and medical attention are provided, along with information about getting off the streets. It is helpful for different agencies to be present so they can share resources on the spot.



MAIN STREET GIFTS

Main Street Gifts is a small local business located in the Courthouse Plaza in Downtown Stockton. When shopping at this delightful gift shop, you're not only supporting a small business, but you're investing in foster youth. Every dollar spent at Main Street Gifts goes directly to employing foster youth and providing programs and resources that are much needed in our community.

The fabulous gift shop has thought of everything as they provide something for everyone. From men's gifts, women's gifts, and kids' toys and clothing. They even sell artwork from local artists and have a wonderful display of coffee and tea.

If you're looking for a special and unique gift for someone or feel like giving back to our community, stop by Main Street Gifts. They are located at 306 E. Main Street, Ste. 205 in Stockton, CA.

SHOUT-OUT!

A special THANK YOU to Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) Admissions and Family Services Social Worker Christina Del Prato, and Eloisa Millan, Social Services Case Manager, Foster Youth Liaison. We appreciate your dedication and hard work. Every email and phone call gets answered in a timely manner, and we acknowledge the times you have both gone above and beyond. Your advocacy for foster youth is much appreciated!



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



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