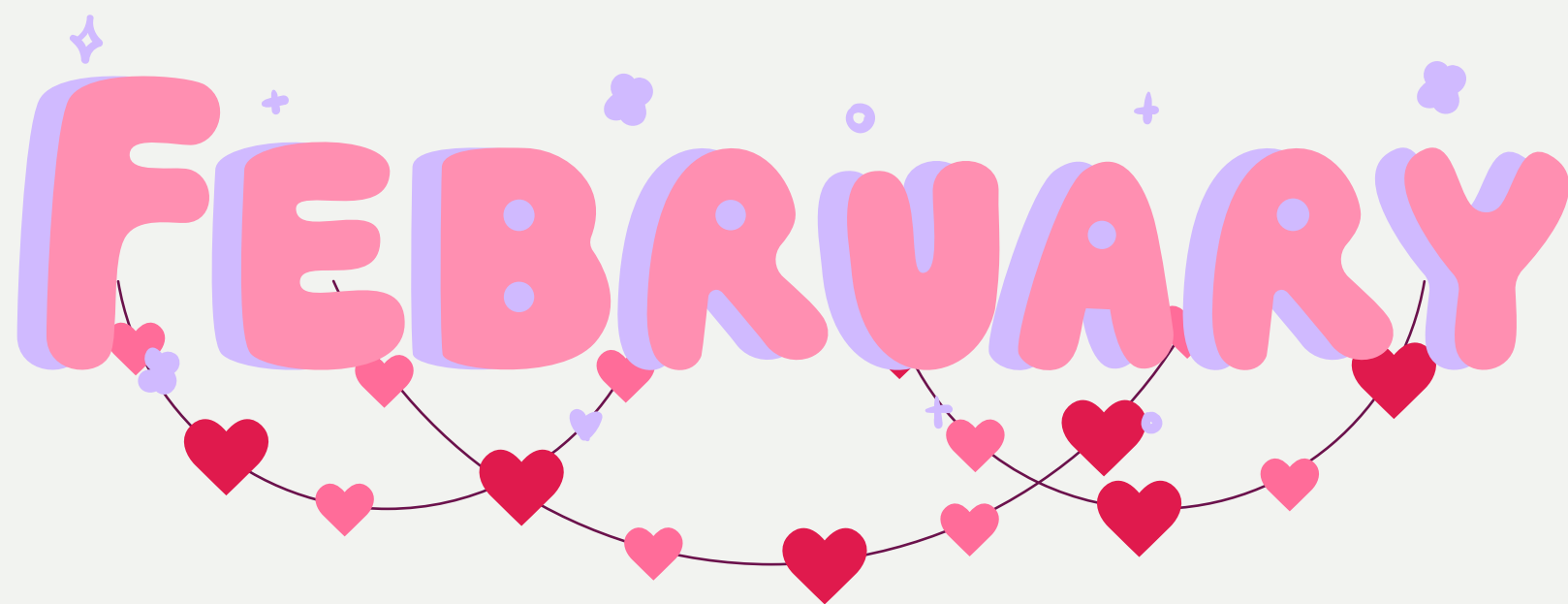


REACH Foundation



Message from the President

Dear Friends of REACH,

Just like that, the month of January is over and we are heading into February! I wanted to highlight one of the REACH Foundation's biggest events—Shamrock 'n Run. On March 15, 2026, the 14th Annual Shamrock 'n Run will be held at Yorba Regional Park. Shamrock 'n Run is a 5K & 2K event where our community comes together to promote health & wellness while also fundraising for the REACH Foundation's programs and events. This event invites participants of all ages and offers interaction with 40+ Community EXPO Vendors. I highly encourage you and your family to sign up on our website now! Additionally, REACH Foundation's Internship Program applications are now open! As a four-year intern, I cannot express enough how influential the internship program was for me. I was not only able to impact my local community, but I also challenged myself by taking on leadership roles. Applications are open now through February 13, 2026, on our website. How will you REACH beyond?

Thank you,

Elizabeth Chan

Internship President

www.reach4pylusd.org

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Spotlight on Success

Lance Low, Intern

Lance is a REACH Foundation intern whose work reflects leadership, dedication, and a strong commitment to community engagement. As the Director of Jog-A-Thons, Lance plays an important role in organizing and leading fundraising initiatives that support our mission. He combines strategic planning with teamwork to create meaningful impact. Lance is actively involved in a wide range of academic, athletic, and cultural activities. He has played seven sports, including golf for over 12 years, and currently competes in Varsity Golf at Yorba Linda High School. He is also a member of his school's marching band and wind ensemble, where he expresses his passion for music. Lance is involved in APISU, and has even traveled to Japan four times. Outside of school, Lance is actively involved in his community through regular volunteering at his local library and by competing as part of an up-and-coming basketball team. Looking ahead, Lance hopes to attend UCLA and pursue a major in applied mathematics or electrical engineering, aiming to apply his technical skills, discipline, and leadership.



First Lego League STEM Program

The REACH Foundation is proud to celebrate an extraordinary milestone. Out of more than 550 teams across Southern California, two REACH Robotics teams have advanced to international competitions, reflecting not only technical skill, but also the collaboration and perseverance that are required for students to succeed on a global stage. Control+Alt+Elite from Kraemer Middle School will represent PYLUSD at the FIRST LEGO League World Championships in Houston, Texas, where they will compete alongside top teams from more than 100 countries. Their overall first place finish was driven by outstanding performance across all areas of the competition, including a 500-point robot score and thoughtful Innovation Project. The F.I.R.E. Sharks from Travis Ranch are competing at the World Invitational in Ontario, Canada. At regionals, they were recognized by the judges with the Core Values Award, reflecting their teamwork and resilience. Both teams' advancement to world competitions is a testament to the dedication of our students, coaches, and families, and REACH Foundation is proud to support.

Upcoming Events and Programs



FLL SPRING SHOWDOWN

The REACH Foundation is thrilled to kick off the FIRST LEGO League Spring Showdown Season, launching the first week of March! Throughout this exciting 10-session season, students will jump into the action with the adventurous theme “Robotic Jones and the Temple of LEGO,” tackling the three core elements of competition: Robot Game, Robot Design, and Core Values. Meetings will be held at Kraemer Middle School and Travis Ranch, working towards a competition in May at regional venues across Southern California. Get ready for a season packed with innovation, collaboration, and fun, and learn more through the [REACH Foundation website!](#)



SHAM ROCK N' RUN

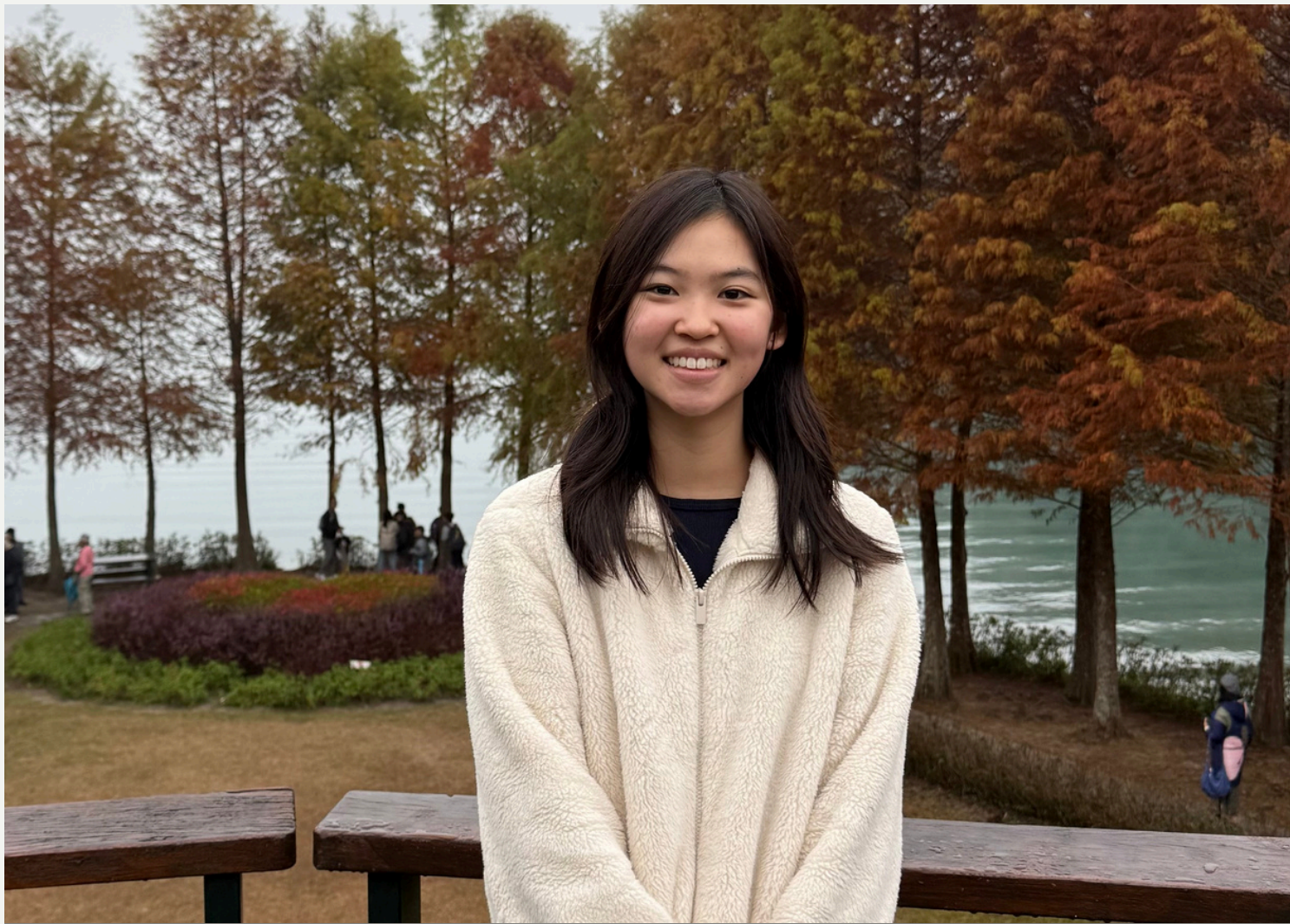
Get ready for the annual Shamrock'n Run coming up on March 15, 2026! The event puts a spotlight on fitness and gives back to the community through the REACH Foundation. The day will be packed with fun for all ages, including a 5K and 2K race, a square course, live music, and plenty of booths featuring dozens of local sponsors. It's a great way to get active, support a meaningful cause, and enjoy the community. There will also be free pancakes in the morning and food vendors! Be sure to [register](#) and help spread the word! Visit the REACH Foundation [website](#) to learn more.



INTERN APPLICATIONS OPEN

The REACH Foundation is proud to support nearly 40 high school interns from across the PYLUSD district. Interested applicants will have the opportunity to interview and join this dynamic program by submitting an application by February 13th. REACH welcomes students from all backgrounds and interests, offering a variety programs to lead, organize, or support. Interviews will be led by our executive intern board, giving students a chance to connect with peers and grow their skills. If you're interested in getting involved and making an impact, click the [link](#) to apply!

Introducing Our Executive Board!



BELLA HUANG - PRESIDENT

With fundraiser experience from her membership in the orchestra and having personally promoted the Backpack of Hope initiative this past summer, Bella Huang will be the new REACH president for the 26-27 school year! Bella wishes to impact more students in the district and create a safe and supportive environment where all interns are able to succeed and develop lifelong bonds with one another. As she adapts to her responsibilities as president and expands on current and new initiatives, all interns are excited to see what Bella will achieve in the future!

COLLIN SHUM - EXECUTIVE VP

Collin Shum competed against two powerful candidates and was elected by the majority as our next REACH Executive Vice President! Having served as co-secretary this past year, he will oversee a majority of our academic platforms, including initiatives such as the From the Inside Speaker Series and STEAM club! He strives to improve intern turnouts to REACH events and programs as well as build a strong structure within each of our academic committees.



MAKHAYLA GILL - SENIOR VP

With a strong speech detailing her plans for the REACH Foundation's athletic programs, Makhayla Gill has been elected as the next Senior Vice President! As a star track athlete herself and having experience volunteering at the Shamrock 'n Run, Madrigal Middle School XC Invitational, and Middle School Track Meet, Makhayla aims to make athletic events more accessible! She plans to start an initiative donating shoes to athletes who may not be able to afford them.



Volunteering & Scholarships



“Top 10% of Class” Scholarship
The Top 10 Percent of Class Scholarship from the California State Fair is an exciting opportunity for high-achieving California high school seniors to earn up to \$2,500 toward college! Open to any student who ranks in the top 10% of their class and plans to attend a four-year college or university in California. Applicants must be California residents and submit an application that includes an essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation by March 2. If you’ve worked hard to reach the top of your class, don’t miss this chance to be recognized! Apply through [Scholarships360](#) and take your next step toward college success!

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund supports Hispanic/Latino students who plan to enroll full-time in a four-year college, university, or graduate school in the U.S., offering awards ranging from \$500-\$5,000. Eligible applicants must meet GPA requirements, plan to enroll full time, and be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient. In addition to financial support, HSF Scholars gain access to valuable mentorship, career, and leadership resources. This is an amazing chance to boost your college journey with both funding and support, so if you’re eligible, don’t miss out and apply [here](#)!



Did You Know:

- The REACH Foundation has disbursed over \$575,000 to student programs, budgeted \$20,000 annually for educator grants, and \$6,000 for PTA Jogathons
- R.E.A.C.H stands for Resources for the, Enrichment of, Academics, Arts, and Athletics for our, Children to reach their ultimate, Heights
- REACH encompasses 20 Award-winning Academic, Arts, and Athletic Programs

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- Instagram: @REACH4pylud.org
- Facebook: REACH4pylud.org
- Website: www.reach4pylud.org

Interested in becoming an intern?

- Applications for the annual program opens from January 15th to Feb. 15th for the next academic year.
- Check out www.reach4pylud.org for more insight

We are excited to see what this school year holds and look forward to working together to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the REACH Foundation.

Warm regards,

The REACH Foundation Team

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make this year extraordinary!

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Our Intern program is a transformative opportunity designed to empower students with real-world experience and leadership skills. The Foundation supports selected highly engaged Interns to foster "innovation, imagination and intrapreneurship."

