

VISION Young Leaders' Academy

NEWSLETTER



VISION YOUNG LEADERS' ACADEMY IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MENTORING YOUTH IN VENTURA COUNTY.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE BY BUILDING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE.

OUR MISSION IS TO MENTOR YOUTH, GUIDING THEM TOWARD A STRONG SENSE OF SELF WHICH WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY.

WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION BY BUILDING A STRONG, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY WITH AN OPEN INVITATION TO OUR WEEKLY MEETUPS, MONTHLY HANGOUTS, QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB, AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

JANUARY FIELD TRIP

On January 28th we took 9 members to a UCLA vs. Washington State Women's Basketball game. We walked around campus, watched the game, and even received autographed player cards from most of UCLA's players.



FEBRUARY GROUP HANGOUT

On February 9th we met at The Collection at RiverPark for our monthly hangout. We tried new foods at The Annex, walked to Target for some shopping, ate dessert at Menchie's and enjoyed hanging out with our friends.



IN MEMORY OF MR. CARROLL HOLLY

VISION acknowledges the passing of Mr. Carroll Holly, an avid supporter who dedicated time and resources to the success of our organization. We will forever be grateful for the invaluable contributions he leaves behind.

Mr. Holly was an educator who devoted his life to building relationships with students and making a difference in their lives. VISION's mission was near and dear to his heart. He enjoyed interacting with our members when he transported them to and from our camping retreats, and while attending our annual Taco Tuesday Fundraisers.

VISION recognizes Mr. Holly's incredible dedication to our organization, and he will truly be missed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We started the New Year off with a Community Service Project of making 24 bags for a local homeless shelter. We purchased deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, chapstick, socks, and wipes to make a hygiene bag. Then we bought items for a sack lunch which included a sandwich, chips, fruit, nuts, dessert, water, and Coke. We also included a fleece blanket in each bag. After putting the bags together and making the lunches, we were able to deliver them to the shelter and see the recipients happy and grateful for our donation.



DONATING BOOKS

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Vision Young Leaders' Academy distributed books throughout our community to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading among children for National Read Across America Day. We see the value in reading and the impact it has on children and their future success.

On February 28th we delivered books to Oxnard School District libraries, Colonia Library, Oxnard Child Development Inc. and Green Valley Children's Center. Our members were able to read and distribute books, and the children were happy to receive them. We look forward to distributing more books to our community.



ERICA ALFARO

We are so excited to see the continuing success of Erica Alfaro. She recently was recognized with a mural in National City, CA to highlight her valuable work as a Latina author and guest speaker. If you haven't already, be sure to get a copy of her book, Harvesting Dreams, and follow her on Instagram. @alfaroerica47



UPCOMING EVENTS

March:

FIELD TRIP – UCLA GYMNASTICS
GROUP HANGOUT – BOWLING AT BUENA LANES

April:

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GLOW PARTY – SKATING PLUS
FIELD TRIP – WESTMONT COLLEGE BASEBALL GAME

May:

GROUP HANGOUT – DEL SOL PARK

June:

WALK-A-THON FOR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
VISION CAMPING RETREAT 2024
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS

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