

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

PAINTING CLASS

April and Marsha helped us explore our artistic side by painting canvases with silhouettes. They generously shared their time, provided all the materials, and encouraged everyone to create something special.



FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This Valentine's Day, we made 180 cards for local nursing homes and delivered them along with candy and a fun card game for the residents to enjoy in the activity room. We hope our small act of kindness helped brighten their day.



Itzel S. – 8th Grade – Cesar E. Chavez School – VISION member since 2022

Why did you join VISION?

I joined VISION because I wanted to hang out with my friends and do all the fun activities.

What are your favorite events you have been involved in with VISION?

My favorite events have been the UCLA volleyball games and the arts and crafts activities.

What keeps you coming back to continue being a part of VISION?

The thing that keeps me coming back to VISION is the happy and fun atmosphere there is when we do activities and all the support the mentors give me.

How have you grown through your experiences with VISION?

I have grown through my experiences with VISION by gaining more leadership skills and becoming better at my communication skills which have helped me gain confidence and pushed me to apply to Oxnard Middle College High School.

CELEBRATING 7 YEARS OF IMPACT

This year marks the 7th anniversary of our nonprofit, and I'm incredibly proud of the progress we've made in empowering youth within our community. Since day one, our mission has been to provide guidance, support, and opportunities for young people to realize their full potential.

As we celebrate this milestone, I am excited about the future. With your continued support, we look forward to expanding our reach, growing our impact, and creating even more opportunities for the youth we serve. Here's to many more years of growth and positive change!



VISION SUCCESS STORY

UCLA CAMPUS

We had the incredible opportunity to take a group of our current members on a trip to UCLA to visit a former member, Valeria, who has gone on to achieve great success. We toured the beautiful campus, she showed us her dorm, and we had a chance to watch a women's basketball game. It was inspiring to hear her share how field trips like this one ignited her dream of attending UCLA. Through her years of dedication and hard work, she made that dream a reality, and her success is a powerful testament to the importance of having a vision and persevering. The visit to UCLA was highly motivating for our members!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March:

GROUP HANGOUT – BOWLING AT BUENA LANES
7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY – TOPPERS PIZZA PLACE

April:

7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

May:

GROUP HANGOUT – GOLF N STUFF

June:

WALK-A-THON FOR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND AWARDS
VISION CAMPING RETREAT 2026

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