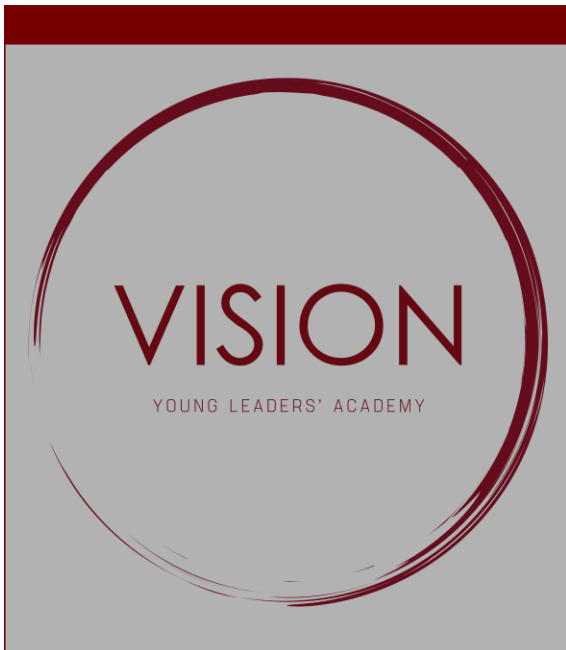


# VISION Young Leaders' Academy

## 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

#### GUEST SPEAKER

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, Hatchman had the opportunity to be a guest speaker at Ventura High School where she shared insights about VISION and her mission of mentoring youth and making a positive impact in their lives.



### FEBRUARY

#### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We had the honor of taking our dedicated members out to dinner at In-N-Out to celebrate their incredible efforts in the African American Speech Exposition. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication.



ANGEL M. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cesar E. Chavez School – VISION member since 2022

*Why did you join VISION?*

I joined VISION because I thought it would be an interesting experience.

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

My favorite events that I have been involved with was going to visit UCLA to see how colleges play sports.

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

The thing that keeps me coming back to VISION is that I find it entertaining and fun.

*How have you grown through your experiences with VISION?*

I feel like VISION has made me more social.

## CELEBRATING 6 YEARS OF IMPACT

This year marks the 6th 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

During the month of February, we had the incredible opportunity to take a group of our current members on a trip to UCLA to visit a former member, Cecilia, 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 importance of having a vision and persevering. The visit to UCLA was highly motivating for our members!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April:

6 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY – TOPPERS PIZZA PLACE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

### May:

COMMUNITY SERVICE – TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
GROUP HANGOUT – TIE DYEING T-SHIRTS

### June:

WALK-A-THON FOR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS  
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND AWARDS  
VISION CAMPING RETREAT 2025  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS

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