



# COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

June 1, 2009

John Ervin III, Director

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# COLLEGE OUTREACH



- **Historically Black College Recruitment Fair**

Approximately 180 students and chaperones attended the HBCU Fair in Sacramento on September 13, 2008 along with a Battle of the Bands and a HBCU Football Game

- **Historically Black Colleges & Hispanic Institutions Recruitment Fair**

The HBCU/HSI College Fair was held at Davis High on February 26, 2009. Approximately 405 students from MCS and other districts attended. Over 25 colleges/universities were represented

- **Annual African American Education Conference**

Approximately 200 students attended on February 21, 2009 at MJC

- **Annual Hispanic Education Conference**

Over 200 MCS students attended on April 4, 2009 at MJC



# COLLEGE OUTREACH cont.

- **Harambee Conference**

75 MCS students attended on May 15, 2009 at CSUS

- **Save Me A Spot In College**

Approximately 68 MCS students submitted entries in the scholarship contest - 7 elementary, 29 junior high and 32 high school - from the 4,000 info postcards sent to all the schools. Approximately 250 students from Stanislaus County entered

- **HBCU College Tour**

Three students from MCS have signed up to attend the Historically Black College and Universities Tour from June 14-19, 2009 with John Ervin chaperoning. They will join students from Lodi, Elk Grove and Stockton school districts



# COLLEGE OUTREACH cont.



HBCU/  
HSI  
College  
Fair





# KAISER EDUCATION THEATRE PROGRAM



**Over 7,500 MCS students were served by the Modesto City Schools and Kaiser Permanente partnership**

- **Walk to School/HEAL Chi Initiative**

Safety Programs were presented on September 29, 2008 at Kirschen, September 30, 2008 at Martone, and October 1, 2008 at Shackelford

- **Zips Great Day (theme: Nutrition, Exercise, Conflict Resolution)**

Presented at Kirschen, Franklin, Wilson, Shackelford

- **The Best Me (theme: Healthy Eating & Active Living)**

Presented at Marshall and Fairview

- **Nightmare on Puberty Street (theme: Coping with Peer Pressure and Journey of Highs & Lows of Early Adolescence)**

Presented at Mark Twain, Hanshaw and La Loma

- **Secrets (theme: HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention)**

Presented at Modesto High School (first MCS high school to host Secrets)

- **Peace Signs (theme: Violence Prevention)**

Presented at Bret Harte along with Peace Signs workshops

- A recent feature in the Kaiser Newsletter, recognized the strong partnership between Kaiser and MCS. Kaiser thanked Superintendent Flores for a successful partnership



# PARENT EDUCATION/TRAININGS

- **Effective Black Parenting**

For Fall 2008, 36 parents graduated

- **Parent Institute**

The Parent Institute graduated 708 parents

Johansen - 123 on 5/13/09

Davis- 91 on 12/4/08

Downey -133 on 4/9/09

Enochs - 132 on 3/26/09

Elementary sites included 229 graduates total

Kirschen - 71 (11/12/08), Tuolumne - 71 (4/7/09),

El Vista - 29 (5/12/09) and Martone 58 (5/19/09)



# DROPOUT PREVENTION



- **MCS/SCOE Dropout Prevention Summit**  
Held on February 4, 2009 at Peterson Event Center
- **A Diploma In Every Hand**  
MCS is developing strategies to improve attendance and increase the graduation rate. MCS will establish personal connections and develop relations with students and families empowering them to stay engaged in the educational process
- **Attended the National Dropout Prevention Conference in Atlanta, Georgia November 15-17, 2008**
- **Youth Graduation Empowerment Project**  
The YGEP seeks to mobilize diverse high school students who will address chronically low High School Graduation Rates in California. More than 25 supporting organizations are involved. Three students from Modesto High sit on the statewide committee along with John Ervin, and Board Member Cindy Marks



# UPLIFT TO SUCCESS MENTORING

- Started a mentoring group, **Uplift To Success**, pairing Modesto High School students to mentor Marshall Elementary students to improve grades; interest in school; and to re-engage the students by building confidence and self-esteem
- Mentors are required to go through ten hours of initial training and monthly follow-up training
- The theme is 'Assault on the Achievement Gap'
- Mentors are role models, friends, a confidant and a nurturer of possibilities for the mentees



# UPLIFT TO SUCCESS cont.



Joaquin Perez, above, mentors student Jesse White, helping him with his math

Anastacio Rodriguez & JaQuan Edwards share a light moment with a group of students at right

Modesto High students mentoring Marshall students





# UPLIFT TO SUCCESS cont.

- The plan is to eventually expand **Uplift to Success** to other high schools and elementary schools
- The keys to successful peer/cross-age mentoring are on-going training, proper supervision and positive reinforcement of mentors and mentees



# DIVERSITY TASK FORCE/ DIVERSITY TRAININGS



- **Beyond Diversity Training**

The Pacific Ed Group trained approximately 50 classified staff, MCS Board Members and a few certificated staff along with 5 students on November 13 & 14, 2008. The majority felt it was informative, interactive, educational and interesting. 81% percent of those responding to the survey would recommend this training to others

- **TRIBU Assemblies**

Hispanic Heritage Month included several TRIBU assemblies at Bret Harte on October 1, 2008 and an evening TRIBU performance at Hanshaw Middle School on October 3, 2008

- **Black History Month**

18 HYLC students from Modesto High attended the Black History Month celebration at Johansen High on February 12, 2009

- **Attended the Cambodian New Year celebration**



# DIVERSITY TRAINING cont.

## ■ Diversity Task Force

The Diversity Task Force continues to meet monthly

The Diversity Task Force plans to distribute the re-printed Safe Schools posters at the beginning of next school year to all 5<sup>th</sup> – 12th grade classrooms

The Diversity Task Force helped celebrate Day of Respect at Marshall Elementary on May 26. The day focused on bullying prevention and the importance of respecting others. It included 15 high school student speakers among other speakers. Johansen plans to celebrate Day of Respect in the early fall next year



# COMMUNITY NETWORKING & COLLABORATION EVENTS

## ■ **Amgen Bike Tour & Bike Safety**

The Amgen Bike Tour Stage 4 Finish came through Modesto late in the day February 17, 2009

Over 300 helmets were passed out to Ensen students at a Bike Safety Assembly on February 3, 2009, in conjunction with City of Modesto Parks and Recreation

## ■ **Soroptimist Day of Service**

Over 200 female junior high students attended "Live Your Dream" on Saturday, March 7, 2009

## ■ **Student Voice Summit**

Several MCS students and staff attended the Student Voice at Modesto High School on December 14, 2008, which included Lt. Governor John Garamendi

## ■ **Bi-National Health Week**

Hanshaw hosted Bi-National Health Week on October 11, 2008 with more than 1,000 community members. More than 500 digital converter certificates were given out