



## Delano Joint Union High School District Newsletter

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*Character. Loyalty. Excellence.*

## Students participate in a Washington D.C. Trip

The district's regional grant application has funded the Close Up Program for eligible migrant students. The region determined a need to educate students in civic participation to promote a healthy community and provide them with a practical understanding of the public policy of local and federal systems. Selected migratory students must attend preparation classes in order to take part in the D.C. trip.

Close Up's mission is to inform, inspire, and empower youth to exercise their rights and accept the responsibilities of being citizens in a democracy.

Selection gives priority to eleventh graders. The migrant counselor provides eligible

students with the Close Up application and a summary of the program to recruit applicants who must then submit an essay describing why the student should be selected for the program.

Reported Mrs. Dolores Rodriguez, the district's Director of Migrant Education, "Students gain a deep understanding of our nation's most famous historic sites, receive a behind the scene experience of seeing our elected officials in action, and create friendships and memories that last them a lifetime. Students also participate in mock elections where they hold debates, discussions, workshops, and various social activities that maximizes student engagement.

This is an amazing method to show our migrant students the people, places, and institutions that have shaped our nation."

Selected students must complete a 10-hour study of the U.S. government that includes a pre- and post-assessment prior to the 7-day Washington trip.

This year's spring trip involved eight boys (pictured above) from the district's three high school. Mrs. Rodriguez said it was an amazing and unforgettable experience for the Delano students to spend some face-to-face time with Congressman David Valadao and Andy Vargas, representative on behalf of Senator Kamala Harris.

Close-up Washington D.C. participants were: Andres Ambriz Ibarra, Uriel De Haro, Daniel Guerrero, Hector Mora Cisneros, Fernandez Munoz, Eduardo Pompa, Luis Antonio Pena, and Bryan Reyes.

**"The trip was a unique experience and really opened my eyes to different problems that affect other states across the country."**

**> Uriel De Haro**



## RFKHS Girl's State Representative has been selected

Amanda Pimentel has been selected the Girls State representative for Robert F. Kennedy High School. Aubrey Jasso is first runner-up and Cithlalic Martinez the second runner-up.

The Girls State delegate is the daughter of Jesus Pimentel

Sanchez and Amanda Raquel Contreras Barajas.

At RFKHS she is a five-semester valedictorian, for three years has taken part in school sports, and one year has served as a student Senator.

The 4.0 student is considering Cal State University Bakersfield,

UCLA, Stanford, and University of California Santa Barbara. She plans to major in civil engineering or architecture and is even considering beauty school. At RFKHS she says her most challenging class is physics.

**Congratulations to our Delano Joint Union  
High School Teachers, Support Staff, and  
Students of the year.**

# People

**Carely Fierro**  
Student  
Valley High School

**Linda McKnight**  
Teacher  
Valley High School

**Mariali Arredondo**  
Student  
Delano High School

**Jose Lopez**  
Support Staff  
Delano High School

**Jose Espinosa**  
Support Staff  
Valley High School

**Sheila Lee**  
Teacher  
Delano High School



## June

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

1 DHS  
Graduation

12 School Board Meeting  
Summer school session 1 begins  
11 Schools/District closed

18 Schools/District closed

25 Schools/District closed



# of the Year

**Ivan Sanchez**  
Support Staff  
Robert F. Kennedy High School

**Sara Cipriano**  
Teacher  
Robert F. Kennedy High School

**Diana Calderon**  
Student  
Cesar E. Chavez High School

**Araceli Meza**  
Student  
Robert F. Kennedy High School

**Martin Perales**  
Support Staff  
Cesar E. Chavez High School

**Juan Tony Mendez**  
Teacher  
Cesar E. Chavez High School



## July

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

4 Independence Day

9 Schools/District closed

10 Summer school session 2 begins

16 Schools/District closed

24 School Board Meeting

23 Schools/District closed

## Delano High School's Football Hall of Fame

The tenth "class" of Delano High School Football Hall of Fame inductees will be honored on Saturday, June 9, at the high school cafeteria.

Each inductee is receiving two free tickets for interested family, friends, and others. Tickets are now on sale for \$35 each and may be purchased from or arranged by calling Gary Girard 661-725-8803 or 661-364-7806.

Formal dress is not required. Cafeteria doors will open at 4:30

p.m. with dinner, invocation, flag salute, and National Anthem at 5:30 and ceremonies to start at 6:15 p.m.

The inductees, most of whom have reported they will be present, are Merle Basset, John Fielder, Robert Oh, Brent Peterson, Dan Rodriguez, Alex Madrid, Anthony Gabaldon, Ugo Ledezma, George Fowler, Frank Gonzalez, Patrick Martinez, Martin Gardea, Martin Alejandro, Marke Rodriguez, Arturo Jauregui, Garrett Henson, and Robert Campos.



*Delano High varsity boys tennis after their win over Mission Oak.  
L-R: Justin Salon, Xavier Duran, Quintin Cacal, Jaime Alvarez, Mic Dapito, Hector Cisneros, Agustin Santiago, Andre Zizumbo, and Coach Marc Gomez*

## Chavez to host Job Fair June 14

Delano's Job Fest 2018 is planned for Thursday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at Cesar E. Chavez High School.

There is no charge to take part in the event which allows interested businesses to meet hundreds of potential employees ready to work.

The event flyer says that participants may network with other businesses, market their business to

the local community, and learn about cost-saving incentives for their business.

For more information, please contact Cristina Martinez at 661-721-5122 or by email at martincr@kerndhs.com.

## Delano High boys tennis repeats as EYL champions

Delano High School boys tennis gained a share of the East Yosemite League championship by winning their final nine matches after an opening EYL loss to Tulare Western. DHS tied with Western for the crown after last year the Tigers won the title outright to end a drought of titles dating back to 1947.

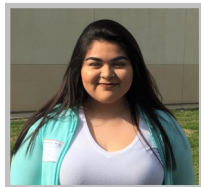
In an EYL final 8-1 crushing of Tulare-Mission Oak, Delano victories

came from Jaime Alvarez, Xavier Duran, Hector Cisneros, Andre Zizumbo, Quintin Cacal and Justin Salon in singles and the doubles teams of Cisneros/Zizumbo and Cacal/Duran.

Starting in 2013, Tiger tennis coach Marc Gomez has had six straight winning EYL records with combined 45 wins and 15 losses.

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Why I love Delano Joint Union High School District...



**Julissa Martinez**  
Cesar E. Chavez HS  
C/O 2016

"The staff and how they are always willing to help you."



**Colby Barker**  
Valley HS  
Asst. Principal

"I get to work with lots of colorful people."



**Cherry (Ubay) Popoy**  
Delano HS  
C/O 1992

"The way they [District] celebrate the successes of all of the students!"



**Les Lucas Sr.**  
Transportation  
Supervisor

"The opportunity to see young people's lives molded and changed."



**Alejandra Ayon**  
Delano Adult School  
Testing & Asst. Tech.

"Being able to work with adults and be part of their success and their families."

This newsletter of the Delano Joint Union High School District will be issued monthly. Distribution is planned at Delano, Chavez, and Kennedy high schools as well as at a few local establishments in the community. A digital copy can be found on the District website [www.djuhsd.org](http://www.djuhsd.org) under the 'newsroom' tab. Rosemarie Dao posts articles on the district website and may be reached at [rdao@djuhsd.org](mailto:rdao@djuhsd.org). Writer Gary Girard may be reached at 661-725-8803 or 661-364-7806.

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