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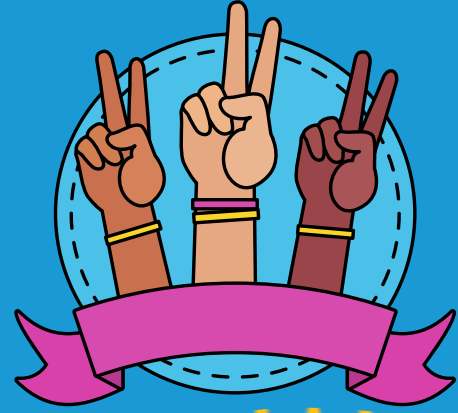
"A City Where Children and Youth
Can Thrive"



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THE OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH SUCCESS



ABOUT

The city's **NEW** designated office for navigation, connections and supportive youth programming for youth ages 24 and below.

MISSION

OCYS is committed to prioritizing San Diego's youngest community by providing access to resources, services, and high-quality programs to improve social, health, and educational outcomes.



VISION

Through trust, transparency, equity, and inclusion, the City of San Diego, Office of Child and Youth Success, will coordinate a network of community stakeholders that will provide a shared framework to deliver high impact solutions to challenging circumstances for young people empowering them to thrive in the community they serve.

GET INVOLVED: CHILD AND YOUTH MASTER PLAN



The City of San Diego's Child and Youth Master Plan will be the roadmap for how the San Diego community will work together to provide services, programs and resources that uplift the voices of children, youth, and families in San Diego.



**COMING
SOON**

The City of San Diego will create the first-ever Child and Youth Master Plan based on the feedback and input of children, youth, and families. Community engagement meetings will kick-off in May 2023!

SCAN ME



The Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council on issues of interest to youth and pertaining to youth in the City of San Diego.



JOIN THE YOUTH COMMISSION

BECOME A MEMBER

"In order to have a society that represents us, we must empower ourselves to enhance our voices. We are the next generation of San Diegans that will lead and endure the good and bad of our society; but we cannot wait for our "coming-of-age" to do so. As youth, your voice, our voice, has the power to create the change we all need - use it."

-Jesus Martin G.M, Youth Commissioner

Your VOICE MATTERS

Questions? Contact us at seanelorivera@sandiego.gov



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Employ & Empower Paid Youth Internship Program

Make a minimum of \$16.30/hour and learn skills for a long-term career in public services.



Visit the Employ and Empower website for more information.

[Apply Now](#)

Got Homework? We've Got Help

The Do Your Homework @ the Library program offers FREE homework assistance for students to support out of school learning and engagement.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Visit the San Diego Public Libraries page for more information!

HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:



Regular Hours

Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm

- Central Library
- City Heights/ Weingart Library
- College-Rolando Library
- Linda Vista Library
- Logan Heights Library
- North Park
- San Carlos Library
- San Ysidro Library
- Scripps Miramar Ranch Library
- Valencia Park/ Malcom X Library



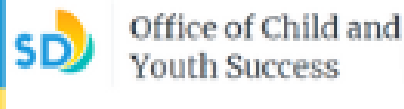
ONLY AT THESE LOCATIONS
SATURDAY - 10:00 AM- 1:00 P.M
-CITY HEIGHTS/ WEINGART
- SAN YSIDRO

HELPFUL LINKS: YOUTH EVENTS AND RECREATION

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CALENDAR](#)

[LIBRARIES CALENDAR](#)

[OFFICE OF YOUTH
CALENDAR](#)



College Readiness Workshops



Free workshops to prepare students for after high-school options. Get support with college applications, essays, financial aid and scholarship opportunities!

TOPICS




DATE AND TIME

SD COMMUNITY COLLEGES & PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP	THURSDAY APRIL 20 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VIRTUAL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING	SATURDAY APRIL 22 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM VIRTUAL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
UC APPLICATION & PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS	THURSDAY APRIL 24 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VIRTUAL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
FINANCIAL AID	TUESDAY MAY 9 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VIRTUAL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING IN PERSON	WEDNESDAY MAY 24 6:00 PM - 6:00 PM SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY

REGISTER

Confirmation links will be sent via email prior to the workshop




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April 27, 2023, 4-6 PM
SAN YSIDRO LIBRARY
 4235 Beyer Blvd,
 San Diego, CA 92173

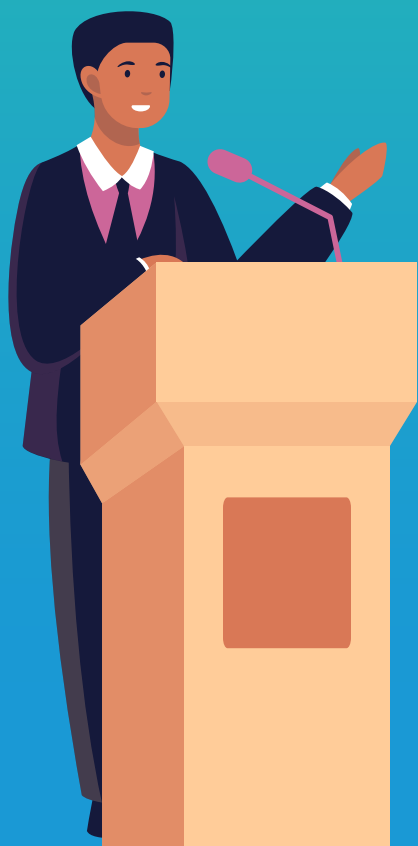
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IF YOU HAVE LANGUAGE ACCESS NEEDS, PLEASE RSVP USING THE QR CODE:



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 San Diego, CA 92173

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Youth Voices:

ELEVATING STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH MENTORSHIP



My Mentorship Testimonial

By: Gabriela Albavera

OCYS Youth and Empower Management Intern, Public Policy

Growing up, my dad would frequently raise his arms to show me his palms. A construction worker for over 30 years, they were always an interesting conglomerate of caulking, paint and callouses. He always stressed the importance of furthering my education to expand my professional opportunities and broaden my horizons to a different reality than his line of physically demanding work.

Over time, my dad's words of wisdom drove me to join programs such as Upward Bound, a federal program that provides educational and professional support and preparation to low-income students from families where neither parent holds a bachelors degree. Through this program, I was able to explore professional careers which included shadowing marine researchers and even a stint at the CA state capitol. These programs allowed me to meet people with very influential roles. My mentors helped me stay focused on my academics while building the confidence to expand my connections. As a first generation college student, the support that I have received from my mentors has helped me in a platitude of ways from editing my graduate application essays to connecting me to potential job opportunities. The support from a mentor is a powerful tool to which I can attest.



Mientras crecía, mi papá levantaba los brazos con frecuencia y me mostraba las palmas de sus manos. Trabajador de la construcción durante más de 30 años, siempre fueron un interesante conglomerado de cascarilla, pintura y callosidades. Siempre resaltó la importancia de continuar mi educación para expandir mis oportunidades profesionales y ampliar mis horizontes a una realidad diferente a su línea de trabajo físicamente exigente.

Con el tiempo, las sabias palabras de mi padre me impulsaron a ingresar a programas como Upward Bound, un programa federal que brinda apoyo educativo y profesional y preparación a estudiantes de bajos ingresos de familias donde ninguno de los padres tiene una licenciatura. A través de este programa, pude explorar carreras profesionales que incluyeron seguir a investigadores marinos e incluso una temporada en el capitolio del estado de California. Estos programas me permitieron conocer gente con roles muy influyentes. Mis mentores me ayudaron a mantenerme enfocado en mis estudios mientras desarrollaba la confianza para expandir mis conexiones. Como estudiante universitario de primera generación, el apoyo que he recibido de mis mentores me ha ayudado de muchas maneras, desde editar mis ensayos de solicitud de posgrado hasta conectarme con posibles oportunidades laborales. El apoyo de un mentor es una herramienta poderosa de la que puedo dar fe.



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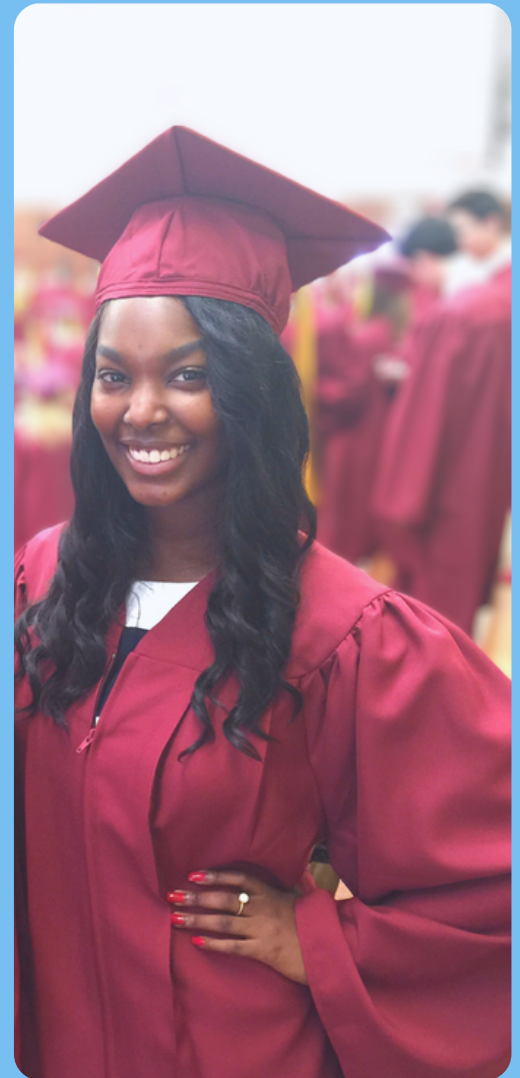
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“Originally, my mentor was my sixth grade teacher. After hearing my story about being in foster care, she decided right there and then that she wanted to be a part of my life and journey. In addition to academics, she has been with me through my life as a young child who moved from home to home constantly. Having a mentor who I know I can trust to understand my unique situation made growing up in the system much more bearable.”

-Alexandra Devers

OCYS Youth and Empower Student Intern, Marketing Strategy



TRUST YOURSELF
you can do THIS



Earth Day Events 2023



Saturday | 15

San Diego350's Carnival for Climate.

Climate-related carnival games, face painting, art activities and ways to get involved in the climate movement.

12-4 pm.
Adults- \$15
12 & under free with adult.

[MORE INFO](#)

Thursday | 20

Earth Day Fun Zone at the Sunset Market.

Join the City's Green Oceanside team to celebrate Earth Day at the Sunset Market Fun Zone. Enjoy family-friendly games and crafts that will center on being better stewards of our planet by conserving water, protecting our watershed, and recycling and composting right

5-9 pm.

[MORE INFO](#)

Saturday | 22

Party for the Planet.

A family-friendly event featuring live music, recycled crafts, a scavenger hunt and more.

11 am-3 pm.
Included with admission.
\$19.95-\$24.95
2 & under Free

[MORE INFO](#)

Thank You

THANKS FOR READING THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH SUCCESS.

HAPPY EARTH MONTH!

