



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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The Anaheim Pledge...

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AUHSD Unveils Powerful Partnership Under New 'Anaheim Union Educational Pledge'

ANAHEIM September 27, 2017—The Anaheim Union High School District is unveiling a collaborative, comprehensive partnership with higher education institutions and the city of Anaheim designed to ensure that students have the support they need for college, career, and life readiness and success.

Nearly four years in the making, the Anaheim Union Educational Pledge includes Fullerton and Cypress colleges, California State University, Fullerton, the University of California, Irvine, and the city, in partnership with the District to ensure that AUHSD graduates achieve their post-secondary goals.

According to Chief Academic Officer Manuel Colón, the pledge—which was developed with funding support over the past three years from the Orange County United Way—calls for AUHSD to help students develop a six-year academic and career plan, beginning in seventh grade.

The community colleges will provide academic and counseling support for students while still in the AUHSD, and after they enroll in either college. The community colleges will also be offering expanded dual enrollment courses that allow for more college credit upon high school graduation.

Meanwhile, UCI will provide guaranteed admission to all graduates of Anaheim Union High School District who enroll at Cypress College or Fullerton College who meet the eligibility requirements of the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program.

Through TAG, students who have a cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds the minimum requirement and complete the online TAG application are guaranteed admission for most majors. Students must also meet any additional criteria for eligibility, including: meeting major prerequisites, auditions, timelines, deadlines, etc. Students are also advised to choose an alternate major if applying to impacted academic programs (i.e. majors in Engineering, ICS, Business, and Nursing Science).

“UCI is recognized as the leading campus in the country for doing the most for the American dream, by providing access to a world-class education to all qualified students regardless of their background,” said UCI Chancellor Howard Gillman. “We are committed to serving the local community and are proud to be an engine of upward mobility for some of the best and brightest young people in Orange County and across the state.”

At Cal State Fullerton, the University will consider, on an annual basis, the option of providing an Admission Advantage for AUHSD students who apply directly to CSUF and AUHSD students who attend Cypress College or Fullerton College and who apply directly to CSUF. Additionally, the University will provide all Anaheim Union High School District graduates who enroll at CSUF with support onto graduation.

“Orange County’s diverse and vibrant academic community does not begin and end at the physical borders of our many respective campuses,” said Mildred García, president of Cal State Fullerton. “We are all part of the same community and this collaborative partnership is a testament to our collective efforts to ensure every child has equitable access to the transformative power of higher education.”

Finally, the city of Anaheim is promising to offer mentorships, as well as resources for summer internship scholarships for high school juniors through Anaheim's Innovative Mentoring Experience (AIME).

To date, AIME has provided approximately 2,000 students with comprehensive corporate mentoring and summer internship opportunities in Orange County. This summer, 120 juniors earned scholarships and college credit while interning at 19 corporations and non-profits such as Kaiser Permanente and Orange County Transportation Authority.

AIME is proving transformational not only for the students, but for the business and community leaders, too.

"All of us have had someone who served as a mentor and changed our lives," Mayor Tait said. "That is an invaluable role we can play for the next generation. But the real beauty is that the city and Anaheim's business community gain as much from those we mentor as they get from us."

AIME is poised for even more growth, with the establishment of the Anaheim Union Educational Pledge, said Superintendent Michael Matsuda.

"Our goal through the pledge is to eventually have every AUHSD student participate in AIME, making the real-world connections that will help propel them to future success," the superintendent said.

AIME helps set the Anaheim Union Pledge apart from others, Matsuda said.

"After studying other 'Promises,' including the Long Beach Promise and the El Monte Promise, I believe the Anaheim pledge takes student support to a higher level," he said.

"There is more focus on developing transferrable skills such as the 5 Cs (creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and compassion, or kindness) which are needed for success in adult life. Our goal is to develop better workers, better parents, better spouses, better neighbors, and better citizens dedicated to building a more vibrant and interconnected America."

"We are united with the common goal of ensuring our students' success, and each pledge partner is bringing significant resources to bear under a systematic, comprehensive approach," Mr. Colón added.

In 7th and 8th grade, AUHSD students will pledge to commit to activities such as exploring college options and attending the annual AUHSD College and Career Fair. In high school, students will promise to accomplish activities such as going on college field trips, taking the PSAT, and ensuring they are on track with the A-G courses needed to enroll in the CSU or UC systems. Meanwhile, parents will pledge activities including enrolling in workshops focusing on college awareness and access, the admissions process, and financial aid.

In addition to offering dual enrollment courses, Cypress and Fullerton colleges will offer students the opportunity to participate in summer enrichment programs and, like all partners, provide summer internships for high school juniors through AIME.

Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District, said that developing clear, easy pathways from high school to higher education "is

crucial to our mission to serve our community. The Anaheim Pledge reflects our commitment to enabling students to achieve their educational and career goals. This partnership with fellow educators is a prime example of working together to remove silos and have a broad impact on the region. Congratulations to the leadership team at Anaheim Union High School District for the role they have played in bringing the Pledge to reality.”

Students from Fullerton and Cypress colleges who gain admittance to UCI will also have:

- Access to retention advisor for 1-to-1 consultation and guidance.
- Priority registration for success workshops, leadership training, and professional development.
- Opportunity to apply for a book scholarship program.
- Linkage to specialized resources and advisement for Dreamers and undocumented students.
- Access to food pantry and food access and security resources.

Cal State Fullerton will work with AUHSD staff to provide resources and services for students and parents on A-G, financial aid, and the admission process for entering CSUF. A CSUF staff member will attend the school site College and Career Access Team meetings to provide resources and support.

The pledge was developed a four-year period through the Anaheim Collaborative, which included representatives from the AUHSD, the higher education institutions, the community, and Orange County United Way.

"Orange County United Way is proud to stand with great partners in Anaheim and to invest in our future leaders through the venture in the Anaheim Collaborative," said Sergio Contreras, Director of Education and Work-Based Learning at Orange County United Way. "This Collaborative is rooted in opportunities that will create positive, lasting impacts in the lives of our local students and future generations to come. This initial investment will continue to grow and give another reason for the city of Anaheim and its residents to stand proud among a trailblazing district."

Mr. Contreras said his organization will continue to work with its traditional partners, such as Cal State Fullerton and the University of California at Irvine, to ensure educational access to those who seek a path to their future.

Following today's official signing ceremony by the pledge partners, students will have the opportunity to participate in the signing during Educational Pledge Days at their schools this fall.



Important Upcoming Dates:

- Have student check out the Lost and Found in Library. We donate at end of each quarter-October 5th.
- Band Parent Meeting: Wednesday, 10/4 @7pm
- Athletics Sports Tournament: Monday, 10/2 @ Lexington JHS
- Athletics Sports Tournament: Tuesday, 10/3 @ South JHS
- Athletics Sports Tournament Makeup: Wednesday, 10/4 @TBD
- Athletics Sports Tournament Championship: 10/10 @TBD
- Coffee with the Principal: A-G, College and HS info Tuesday, 10/3 @ 9am Library
- FunRaiser has begun! Ask student about envelope sent home this week! Monday collection starts Wednesday!
- OCTOBER 6TH, FRIDAY: MINIMUM DAY & END OF QUARTER
- NO SCHOOL: MONDAY OCTOBER 9TH, STAFF INSERVICE

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

"Fun"raiser 2017

We kicked off our FunRaiser this past week with all students participating in an assembly that highlighted our Color Run that we are doing this year. Presented by our MC Cornelius and the Science department---they entertained our kids while showing them how meaningful donations are for our school and the cool incentives they will get when they bring money in!

- Did you know the following items were purchased with FunRaiser money:
Lion Statue, murals, computers, sports equipment, science labs, band instruments, costumes, sound systems and more!
- Ask your student about the envelope they got in class on Friday---all registration information is in there. Monday collection starts Wednesday of this week. There are a ton of incentives highlighted! Check them out!
- Our Color Run will take place on October 13th---come have fun!



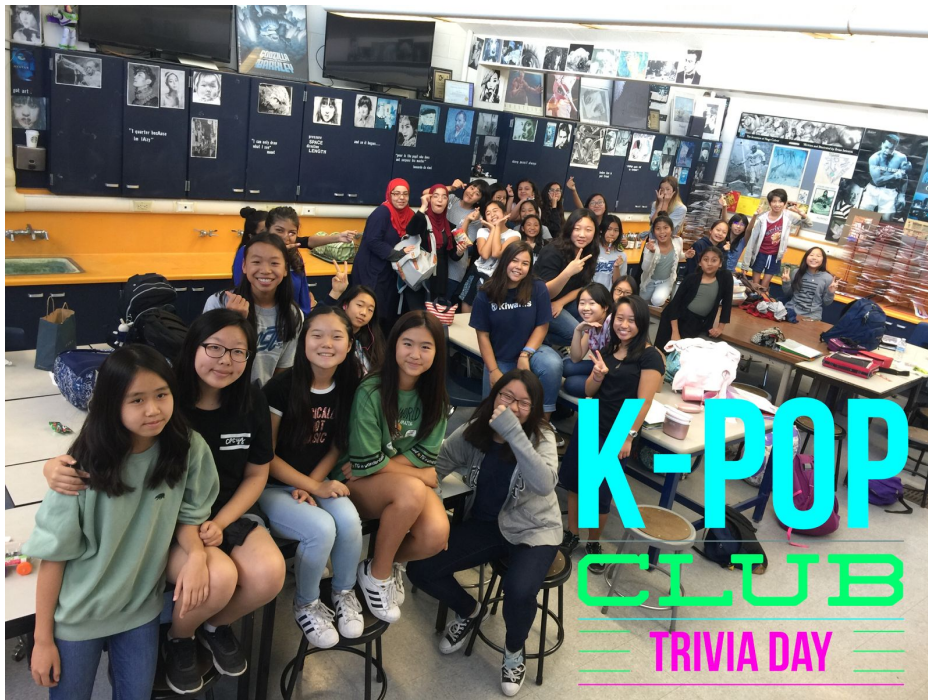
ATHLETICS STARTING STRONG

We started off our athletic tournaments with a strong presence bringing home victories in Tennis, Volleyball, and Football! Thank you to all our parents who came out to support our teams! And congratulations to all our athletes and amazing coaches!



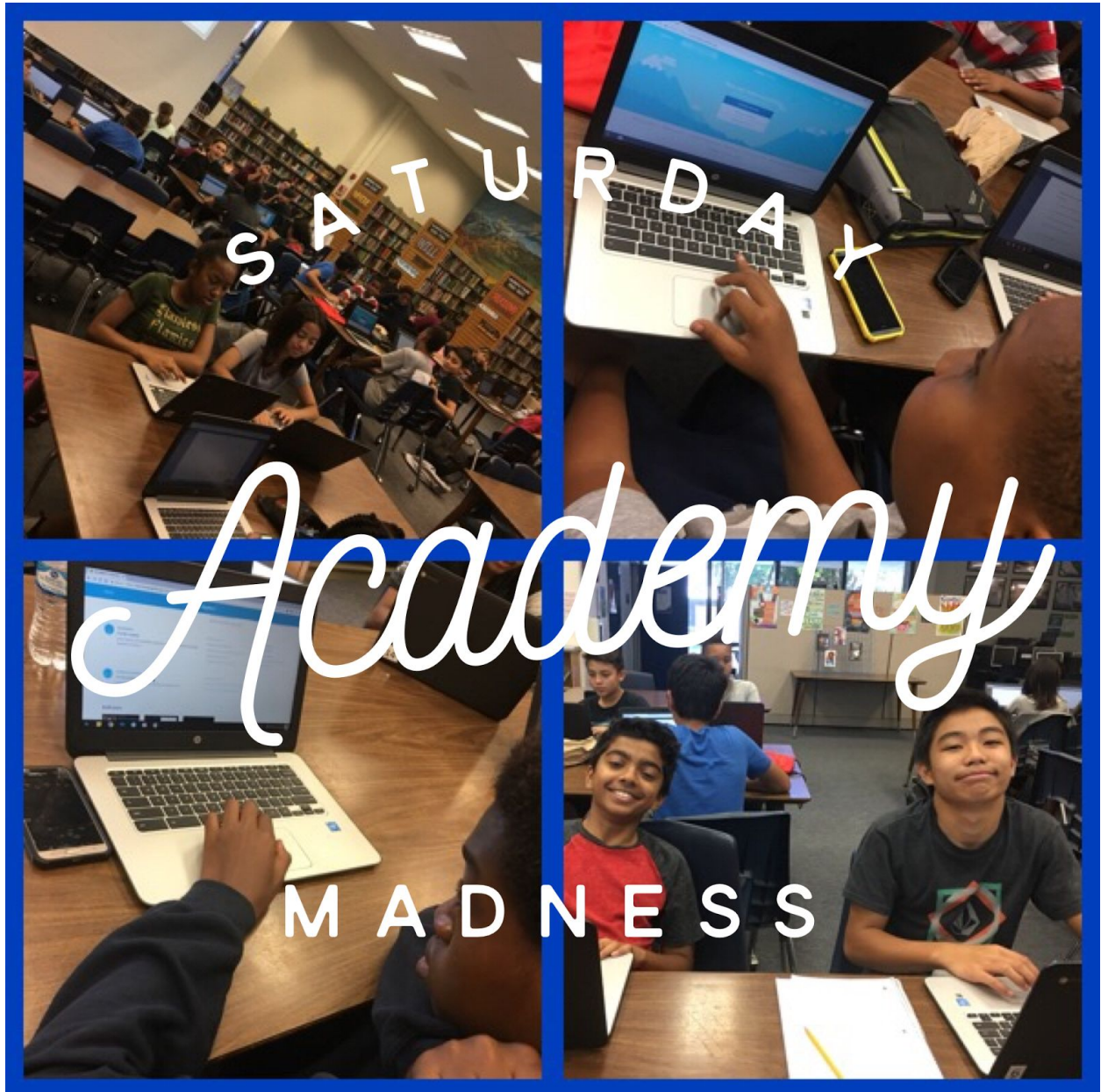
KPOP CLUB and TRIVIA

Under the passionate Mr. Coombs lies secret knowledge of kpop! But he was shocked to see that his students actually called his trivia questions “basic”...haha! He will be stepping up his game next month at the K-Pop Trivia during the K-Pop Club at lunch!



saturday academy

We had a successful Saturday Academy this past weekend. With around 50 students, we had fun not only with enrichment activities, but also getting one-on-one help from our Math Teacher, Ms. Mai. Others played an array of sports with Ms. Fernandez! It was a successful day for students and our school to recover ADA from absences this year. Stay tuned for our next Saturday Academy!



Upcoming Student Activities & Reminders

**COLOR
RUN 2017!**

October 13th

\$50- All you can eat ICE CREAM!
\$100- Color Kit and Pre-Party!
\$150- Dave & Buster's!

For EVERY \$10, enter a chance to WIN prizes!



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LEXINGTON'S 'FUN' RAISER!



District Announcements:



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MEETING**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rahul Gupta J.D.

SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

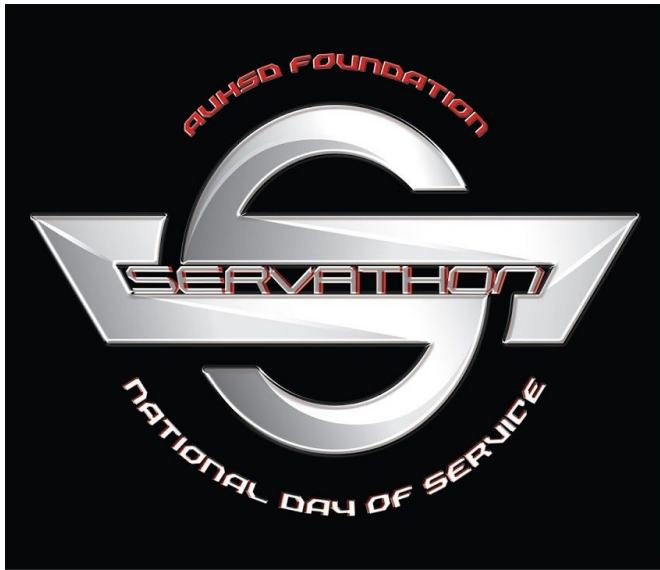
**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2017
6:00 PM**

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KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL**
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On **January 15, 2018**, students from across AUHSD will be engaging in a variety of service projects and activities designed to teach them how to give back to their communities and engage in our civic democracy. The students create and then participate in a community service of their choosing.

The Fourth Annual Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) Servathon is a dual purpose event designed to raise money for our schools while simultaneously promoting students' sense of connection and civic responsibility to their home cities, non-profit groups, and local organizations. While the students serve, the community sponsors such as Keenan and Associates, Disneyland, Home Depot, United Way, \$5 School Tees and others assist by giving donations and support which help pay for the shirts, projects and future endeavors. With the funds raised, students are able to write grants through our Student Service Foundation, which will allow them to continue to give back to their communities.

The AUHSD believes in spreading kindness and compassion by providing opportunities that allow students to serve their community. The Student Service Foundation is one example of how students are engaged in designing and implementing service learning projects that extend their classroom learning and help others. Each month the Board reviews and awards \$400 grants to junior high school and high school students from throughout the AUHSD. Students who want to apply their knowledge to solve real world problems can learn the basics of grant writing, including developing plans, rationales, budgets, timelines, and evaluations by writing a grant for a specific service learning project. Many of these projects are brought to our attention with the help of The AUHSD Ambassador Program and the RSVP Program, which allows students to "Raise Students Voice & Participation", by engaging every student with the question "How can we better our school community and culture". The Ambassadors also play an integral part in the Servathon itself to engage students in the process.

Community Announcements:

Tip-A-Cop
Thursday, October 19, 2017
5:00pm-9:00pm
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
5461 Katella Avenue
(Costco Parking Lot)
Cypress, CA 90630

HELP US SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS
TIP-A-COP
OCTOBER 19, 2017

Cypress Police Officers will be working along side Red Robin staff for an evening of great food and fun to benefit Special Olympics Orange County athletes.

www.cypresspd.org

Mari Gomez
 Teen Director

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