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ROP Teacher Recognized

Dan O'Shea was selected by EdFUND of West Contra Costa Public Education Fund to receive the Teaching Excellence award for 2019! He currently teaches ROP/CTE Medical Interventions, Human Body Systems and Sports Medicine at **Pinole Valley High School**. Congratulations, Dan, for your dedication and contribution to education.



Dan O'Shea

Teacher of the Year Nominee for ROP



ROP Principal Dan Hanel with ROP Teacher Erin Susoev and Antioch High Principal Louis Rocha

Erin Susoev has been an ROP instructor for 26 years, during which time she has taught a variety of digital media-related courses. She currently teaches ROP Game Design and ROP Art of Video Production at **Antioch High School**. To best meet individual student needs, Erin utilizes a flipped classroom strategy. Lessons are posted on Google Classroom for students to work through at their own pace. These include reading assignments, video clips, practice projects, recorded lectures, and more. This allows Erin to spend class time

better assisting struggling students while those with stronger skills are able to progress quickly. She continuously evaluates and modifies lesson effectiveness based on student performance and adjusts her curriculum regularly. She is the lead teacher for the school's Media Tech Academy where she coordinates instructors, curriculum, and resources to build career pathways, and monitors and maintains the academy's National Academy Foundation (NAF) certification. Congratulations, Erin!

Sports Medicine Students at State Championship

ROP Sports Medicine students Marika Dow and Yoojeong Kim had the opportunity to help assist with the boys' basketball program for the 2019 season at **Campolindo High School**. They traveled on the team bus to the NBA's Sacramento Kings stadium for the CIF state basketball championship game. Under the supervision of their teacher and Head Athletic Trainer, Ray Albiento, Marika and Yoojeong played an integral role in the game preparation and coverage for the Campolindo basketball teams' first ever state basketball championship win.



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Director's Message

JANET HAUN



As I reflect on my 25-year career with ROP and prepare to retire next month, I am overwhelmed by feelings of pride, honor and blessings. I am proud of the Contra Costa County ROP and how it has grown and developed over the years into an outstanding program that so powerfully impacts the lives of students every day. I am honored to have worked with so many committed, caring, and passionate educators who devote their lives to improving the educational experiences of their students. And I am blessed to know that the work we do will continue thanks to all of you. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for what you do every day and for making my job one of the joys of my life.

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight the winners of our annual ROP Students of Excellence Awards Program. They are to be commended for their personal and academic achievement and for being shining examples of the hope for our future.

We also highlight some of our outstanding teachers whose accomplishments make us proud.

We would like to thank **Chevron Corporation and Phillips 66** for their generous donations that made our student scholarships possible.

I wish each and every one of you the very best in life and will leave confident that the future of ROP and of our students is in very good hands.

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ROP Honors Students of Excellence

Each year the Contra Costa County Office of Education ROP/Career Technical Education Program celebrates the successes of its students. Students are nominated by their teachers to receive these awards. Students earn scholarships generously donated by local businesses that support education.



Arts, Media, & Entertainment



Vidhima Shetty
Journalism Productions
California High School
Brian Barr, Instructor



Cristal Molina
Play Production
Richmond High School
Asedo Wilson, Instructor



Mackenzie Wallace
Play Production
Deer Valley High School
Joyce Thrift, Instructor



Madison Wade
Play Production
California High School
Laura Woods, Instructor



Kevin Alcaraz
Broadcast Journalism
Pittsburg High School
Paul LaCasse, Instructor



Jhon Palpatoc
Art of Video Productions
Antioch High School
Erin Susoev, Instructor



Austin Green
Digital Recording Studio
Heritage High School
Juan Carreon, Instructor



Jason Bjorklund
TV/Video Productions
Deer Valley High School
Kiel Olff, Instructor



Thomas Gonzales
Video Broadcasting
Heritage High School
Gustavo Guardado, Instructor

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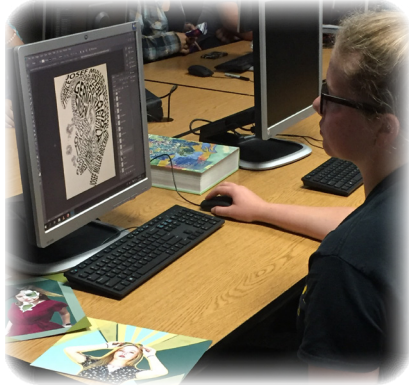


Information and Communication Technologies



Sarah Tatmon

Advanced Computer Graphics
Pittsburg High School
Marilyn Narayan, Instructor



Kaleigh Tompkins

Advanced Graphic Design
Freedom High School
Lori Butler, Instructor



Vivrd Prasanna

AP Computer Science A
California High School
Anh Nguyen, Instructor



Todd Kane-Ross

AP Computer Science Principles
Emery High School
Alvin Burns, Instructor



Lautaro Perez Blua

Intro. to Engineering & Adv. Architectural Design
Monte Vista High School
Rodger Johnson, Instructor

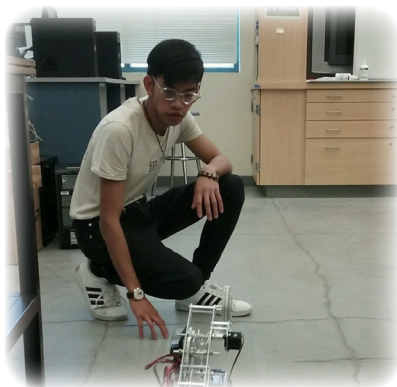


Nicholas Swan

PTLW Computer Integrated Manufacturing
California High School
John Reed, Instructor



Public Service



Enrico Manding

Robotics Engineering Technology
Heritage High School
Robert Pardi, Instructor



Abigail White

Fire Science
Freedom High School
James Scarbrough, Instructor



Daniela Diaz

Law Enforcement Careers
Pinole Valley High School
Patricia Blades, Instructor

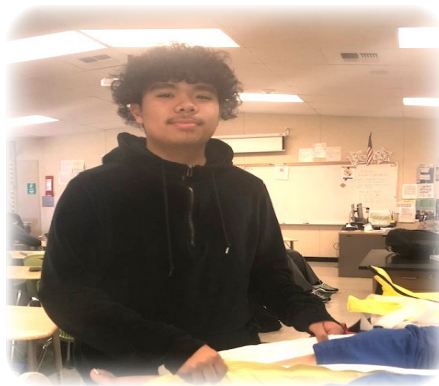
ROP Honors Students of Excellence



Health Science & Medical Technologies



Connor Smyth
Advanced Sports Medicine
Monte Vista High School
Julie Mello, Instructor



Marty Guzman
Advanced Sports Medicine
Dozier-Libbey High School
Kim O'Leary, Instructor



Megan Callagy
Advanced Sports Medicine
College Park High School
Al Douex, Instructor



Abigail Young
Sports Medicine
Northgate High School
Glen Barker, Instructor



Emaline Lubinger
Sports Medicine
Pinole Valley High School
Dan O'Shea, Instructor



Madisyn Leffle
Advanced Sports Medicine
Pittsburg High School
Scott Pygeorge, Instructor



Marika Dow
Advanced Sports Medicine
Campolindo High School
Ray Albiento, Instructor



Pui Sze Cecilia Chak
Medical Interventions
Pinole Valley High School
Dan O'Shea, Instructor

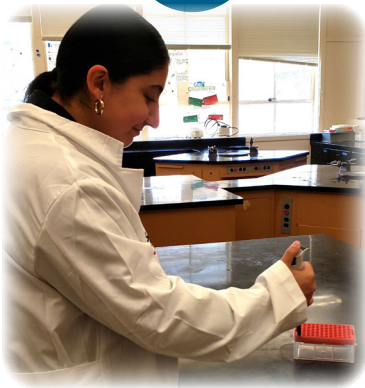


Ana Paula Lopez
Medical Interventions
College Park High School
Al Douex, Instructor

ROP Honors Students of Excellence



Health Science & Medical Technologies



Zohal Zafari

Biomedical Innovations
Clayton Valley Charter High School
Elizabeth Hawkes, Instructor



Diana Criley

Biotechnology
Mt. Diablo High School
Jillian Maganito, Instructor



Emmeline De Asis

Biotechnology
Ygnacio Valley High School
Maria Fletcher, Instructor



Transportation



Calvin Hawe

Medical Technologies
Las Lomas High School
Kathleen Mooney, Instructor



Jacob Berry

Advanced Automotive Technology
Liberty High School
Jonathan Dorr, Instructor



Jacob Bower

Automotive Technology
Alhambra High School
Brian Wheeler, Instructor

Congratulations Lindi!

Congratulations to long-time ROP Principal Lindi Huntsman on her upcoming retirement! Lindi has worked for the Contra Costa County Office of Education for more than 40 years, 25 of which have been as an administrator for ROP.

Lindi's expertise in curriculum development is almost single-handedly responsible for the creation of 68 UC a-g approved ROP courses. She is regarded state-wide as an expert in developing new courses.

Throughout her tenure with ROP she has worked to develop strong CTE pathways that offer challenging opportunities for students. She has provided exemplary support to the teachers in her schools and has developed numerous partnerships that have strengthened our programs.

We thank Lindi for her outstanding service to the students of Contra Costa County and wish her the very best of everything in her future adventures!



ROP Honors Students of Excellence



Education, Child Development, & Family Services



Alyssa Orrick
Careers with Children
Freedom High School
Elizabeth Rodriguez, Instructor



Hannah McClinton
Careers in Teaching
Antioch High School
Rebecca Quiñones, Instructor



Emmanuel Jimenez-Gomez
Careers in Teaching
Ygnacio Valley High School
Thatcher Palmer, Instructor



Energy, Environment and Utilities



Anna Lucido
AP Environmental Science
Freedom High School
John Sierra, Instructor



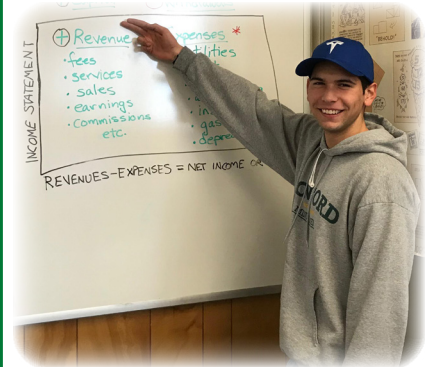
Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation



Elizabeth Ding
International Cuisine
Albany High School
Lourdes Sampayo, Instructor



Business & Finance



Michael Perez
Accounting
Concord High School
Laurie Harris, Instructor



Building & Construction Trades



Brandon Frise
Advanced Construction Technology
Antioch High School
Dylan Howell, Instructor



Jason Exline
Construction Technology
Alhambra High School
Jay Heeb, Instructor



Jorge Rosas Ortega
Construction Technology
Pittsburg High School
Caleb Sydlaske, Instructor

ALHAMBRA HIGH CAD CLASSES GO CRAZY OVER BRIDGES

CAD Instructor Dean Walker, at **Alhambra High School**, has been engaging his ROP students in an Engineering Alliance for the Arts program. Students learn the principles of bridge engineering while preparing for a competition. The engineering curriculum guides students through a design and construction process that is very similar to a real life bridge project. The bridges are made of basic materials but must be strong enough to hold a five pound brick. Student teams compete to win a design contract at the annual Awards Event. Each team gives a presentation on stage in front of friends, family, and other competing teams. This project gives students a great opportunity to develop oral and written communication skills and learn a technical subject while exploring the boundaries of their creativity.



Bridge image

Bay Area Regional Competition (BARC) and the Mayors CyberCup



Mayor Cybercup winners: Rohan Jayaram, Vivrd Prasanna, Anh Nguyen (coach), and Anish Lathker.

Congratulations to ROP AP Computer Science A students from **California High School** for placing first at the second annual Bay Area Regional Competition (BARC) in cybersecurity, and winning the first Mayor's Cup. Fifteen teams of students, from schools around the region, worked all morning, through lunch, and until mid-afternoon, completing two main challenges geared to test their technical and soft skills before industry professionals. The mayor of San Ramon was presented with the coveted perpetual trophy - The Mayors Cup. The California High Team earned an automatic invitation to the State Championship at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in June.

Albany High School Student Wins Scholarship

Congratulations to senior Caleb Johnson for winning the Richmond Community Foundation Hospitality Scholarship of \$5,000.00. Caleb is an ROP student at **Albany High School** in International Cuisine. This scholarship is given to one deserving Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism student who resides in the Richmond, CA area. He was awarded the scholarship in February at a \$500-a-plate dinner featuring six bay area chefs and six prominent wine makers.



Caleb is an ROP student in International Cuisine at Albany High.

ROP Teacher Rebecca Quiñones Wins César Chávez Award

On March 29, 2019, Los Medanos College held its annual "Celebrating the Life of César Chávez" recognition program to honor the life of labor leader and human rights activist, César Chávez. The celebration also recognizes members of the East Contra Costa County community who embody his great tradition of voluntary service, civic activism, and non-violent social change. The East County Educator Award was presented to Ms. Rebecca Quiñones, a teacher at Antioch High School, for her dedication to student learning and success. She currently teaches ROP Careers in Teaching. Through her efforts to provide support, set high expectations, and engage with the **Antioch High School** community, Ms. Quiñones has established deep and lasting connections with students and their families. Congratulations, Rebecca!

Student Creating Long Term Goals in ROP Classes

ROP is truly impacting this student's future and his career. Bryan Canty has always been interested in helping others, but after taking Gretchen Medel's ROP Emergency Medical Career at **Dozier-Libbey High School**, his interest was on high alert. He began relating EVERYTHING else he was learning in all his other classes to that.

As a senior, he enrolled in Kim O'Leary's Sports Medicine class and continued to flourish. He discovered that the "hands on" style learning really suited him and he was able to overcome many challenges for the first time. The classroom became his area of expertise at last. His grades and attitude towards learning changed. He sought out a job on his own with CPR FAST. He gained valuable experience outside the classroom where he continued show initiative and relevance to learning. He is always the first to respond to an emergency on campus and has helped many times. He is currently in the process of completing CPR instructor training, something usually reserved for seasoned health care professionals, and will soon be teaching adults. He will be attending LMC next fall to pursue a career in emergency medicine or fire science.

Bryan was featured on the local and national news for helping in a medical emergency at **Dozier-Libbey High**.

He has also been hired at Antioch High to help provide medical coverage as an EMT at practice and games. Bryan will pursue further education at Los Medanos College next year and continue his training with CPR FAST where he expects to be instructor-ready by summer.



ROP Sports Medicine student Bryan Canty is ready to tackle any emergency that comes his way!

Family Creating New Futures

Richelle Leonardo took the adult ROP Administrative Medical Assistant and Clinical Medical Assistant classes back in 2012, and has been working for Kaiser Permanente ever since as a Medical Assistant. When Richelle's two younger brothers came to the United States to live, she enrolled them into the AMA class seven months after they arrived. Jonathan and Erwin Rayos have completed the first step, the Administrative Medical Assistant class, with Academic honors, and they were 1st and 2nd in their class.

They are now enrolled in the CMA class. While waiting for class to start, they attend ESL classes.



Richelle Leonardo with her brothers Jonathan and Erwin Rayos

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