



Central Valley Project

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Project Director's Message



Warm greetings to all students, mentors, parents, school officials, and community members! I am Diana Moron Guzman and have the honor to be the Project Director of CVP (The Central Valley Project at UCLA) for our 2018-2019 academic year. CVP was established in 2012 by Luis Sanchez, Maria Mendoza, and Cynthia Montoya due to the lack of academic resources for high school students in the Central Valley. I was a student at Porterville High School when I joined CVP and it was a life changing experience. Not only did the CVP mentors bring me to UCLA for my first time, but they also empowered me to apply to prestigious universities. With the help of CVP mentors, my high school counselor, and other great people, I am now studying at the #1 Public University in the nation. I am just one example of how CVP makes a positive difference for our community and students. Last year, all our high school seniors were accepted to various colleges of the University of California (UC) system. This past quarter, we helped our seniors apply for multiple universities, fill out their FAFSA application, and educated our students about higher education opportunities. We had a great turnout at every CVP Site (which take place at Granite Hills High School on Saturdays) and I look forward to our upcoming quarters with such outstanding students. We thank Mr. Marroquin and the GHHS faculty for providing us the space and support to make CVP Sites run smoothly. (Continues on next page)

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We also appreciate all the school officials throughout different high schools who informed their students of CVP and are committed to helping individuals acquire a higher education. In addition, we had our Fall Quarter Family Event for our parents and I want to thank those who were able to make it. Hopefully they can join us again for our next family event this upcoming winter quarter and we hope to see more parents present. In regards to our winter quarter, we will be taking our students to UCSB (University of California Santa Barbara) for our first CVP Site! Throughout the following CVP sites, our students will be creating their own community service event to strengthen their leadership skills. Once again, I am grateful for all you who have invested your time to be a part of CVP. By reading this newsletter, you are already part of our CVP family. It is important to acknowledge that with your participation, we are able to make positive changes in the Central Valley and the lives of our students, thank you so much!

-Diana Guzman



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Diana Guzman

Diana is a fourth-year Sociology major and Chicanx and Education Studies double minor from Chucandiro, Michoacan, Mexico. A fun fact about her is that she wrote a poem in the fourth grade and it was published!

Why did you join CVP?

"I joined CVP during my junior year of High School & they introduced me to UCLA. I am in CVP to give back & help students, just as it helped me. Plus, I love our mentors/staff & what we do helps to improve the Central Valley!"

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

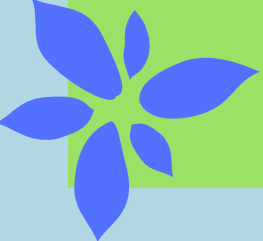
Lorna Mendoza

Lorna is a second-year Biology major from Porterville, CA. A fun fact about her is that she was a two-time Valley Champion for women's wrestling.

Why did you join CVP?

"I enjoy being able to help out adolescents from the communities within Central Valley that are not academically well resourced because I understand the challenges that these teens face since I myself came from the Central Valley."





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Victoria Yanez

Victoria is a third-year Political Science major and Environmental Systems and Society minor from Fort Bragg, CA. A fun fact about her is that she swam competitively for 10 years!

Why did you join CVP?

"I joined CVP to support youth and help students reach their goals concerning higher education."



CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Johanna Apodaca

Johanna is a second-year Geography/Environmental Studies and Chicanx Studies double major and Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies minor. A fun fact about her is that she is an aunt and has three nieces!

Why did you join CVP?

"I joined CVP because I understand the importance of higher education for under-resourced and underrepresented communities in the Central Valley."





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UCLA COMMUNITY COORDINATORS



Iris Lopez

Iris is a third-year Sociology major and Gender Studies minor from Porterville, CA. A fun fact about her is that she loves to bake!

Why did you join CVP?

"I joined CVP in high school and loved what they stood for so I decided to continue my involvement with CVP in college."



Geovanni Suarez

Geovanni is a third-year Physiological Sciences major and Spanish minor. A fun fact about him is that he plays trumpet in Mariachi De Uclatlán!

Why did you join CVP?

"I appreciated the opportunity to help students get into college from my hometown. I also wanted to meet other students from the Central Valley at UCLA."

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SITE COORDINATORS



Shannel Miranda

Shannel is a third-year Psychology Major and Education Minor from Strathmore, CA. A fun fact about her is that she has a birthmark on her cheek!

Why did you join CVP?

"I joined CVP because I wanted to still be able to help my community while at a university. Joining CVP was a way for me to start getting a feel for the type of career I am looking into all while still helping being a resource for the area."



Brayden Leyva

Brayden is a second-year Human Biology and Society major. A fun fact about him is that he knows how to juggle!

Why did you join CVP?

"To mentor others who could benefit from the mistakes I've made."

Outreach Event



OUTREACH EVENTS

- Monache High School
- Granite Hills High Schools

In September, our staff held outreach events at two of the Central Valley high schools. These presentations were geared toward promoting CVP to interested students. Presentations included information about our bi-weekly sites and other resources that our organization has to offer Central Valley students.

Site Coordinators' Message

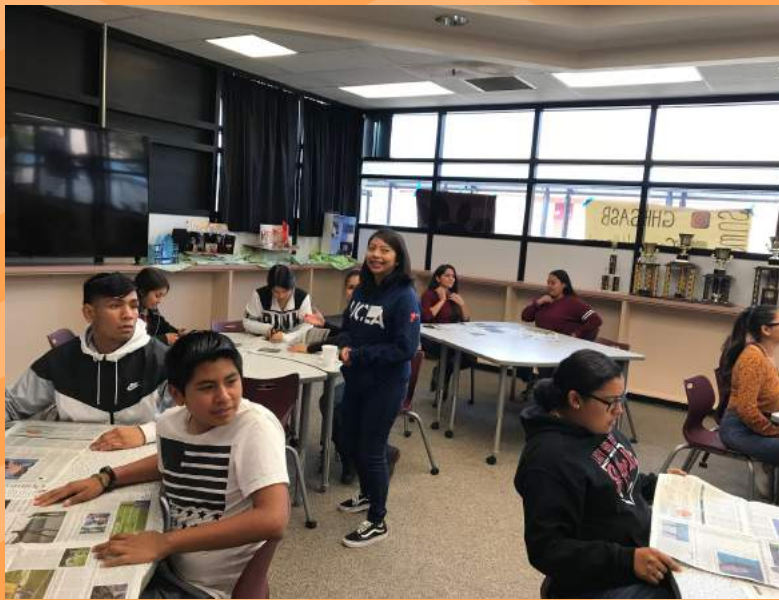
Being site coordinators has already proven to be a rewarding experience. We have had the ability to meet an extraordinary group of students, all with ambitions and curiosity to outweigh the odds of what is expected of their educational trajectories. As site coordinators, it is our duty to take every site step by step, figuring out what skills or information students want to know. While we viewed the importance of understanding the whole college application process, other activities outside of that realm were also introduced in our sites. Students had the chance to interact with one another and discuss their interests, be exposed to career/major lingo, and be able to develop on skills that will be used in the college setting such as public speaking and team building.

The Central Valley Project works to be an extra resource to students of the Central Valley in their college endeavors, but on top of that, we also try to foster growth and confidence in each of our students. Allowing fluidity in our sites encourages and reminds our students that the space with us is a safe space to share any concerns with anything about the process. It is about working together, mentor and student, to problem solve and combat any obstacles in their path to prosper, regardless of what path that student decides to take. We look forward to what the year may bring! With an amazing set of students and an amazing set of mentors and staff, we are thankful for the smooth run of our Fall Sites.

Thank you! -Brayden Leyva and Shannel Miranda



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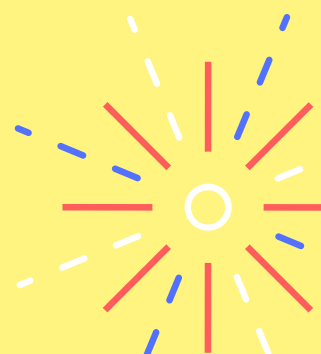
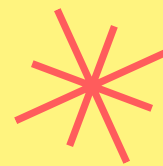


Our first fall site had an excellent turnout. Students engaged in a variety of icebreakers in order to familiarize themselves with each other and with mentors. Presentations were given on higher education and the high school road map.

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Our final fall site consisted of students collaborating and brainstorming their upcoming community service event. Students also worked together on team building activities.



Student Shoutouts



Hanna and Alexys are very active in CVP and frequently go to site. They are always actively engaged in site activities and throughout site.

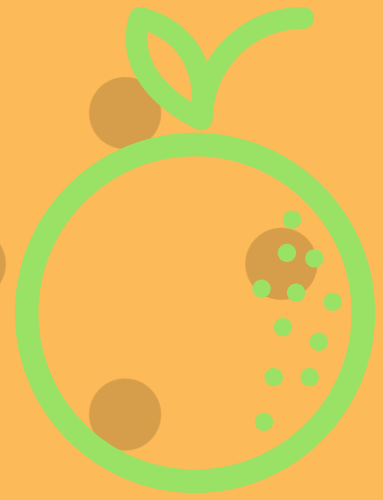
Central Valley Community Coordinator's Message

Hello everyone! My name is Johanna Apodaca, and I am the 2018-19 Central Valley Community Coordinator. My role consists of organizing the outreach event at the beginning of the school year, putting together a family event for parents to learn about their student's educational path, as well as building this newsletter. This position has been truly rewarding, as it has allowed me to bridge UCLA institutional knowledge and the Central Valley as far as informing parents about educational and financial resources that their students can attain at a four-year university. I look forward to the upcoming quarter, feel free to reach out if there are any questions!

Thank you! - Johanna Apodaca



FAMILY EVENT



Parents were able to attend presentations that informed them on financial resources, higher education, and college trepidations.

Parents offered positive feedback and were especially happy about being able to learn about their students' potential educational careers.



MENTOR SHOUTOUTS



Karen and Jasdeep have attended both sites and general body meetings. Their assistance with site activities and willingness to share insights during meetings have been a valuable addition to CVP.

Special Thanks To...



Granite Hills High School
Staff and Mr. Marroquin
for providing a space for
our bi-weekly sites.



WINTER QUARTER

Coming Up Next



College Trip

Students will be venturing out of the Central Valley for an excursion to a university. Last year, students visited and toured University of California, Irvine!



WINTER QUARTER

Coming Up Next



Community Service Event

Students will be organizing their own community service event tackling an important issue in their community. Through this, they will gain important leadership and collaborative skills.

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Please feel free to reach out to our organization for any questions, feedback, and comments. Thank you!



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