

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
February 5, 2021

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy
February 8: Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM

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2. Students connect with other multilingual students through books!

Overview

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2020 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award - Rubén Aurelio (Allison Huie & team)

Recently, we were notified that Pinole Valley High School has been awarded the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to the AP Computer Science Principles course.



This award acknowledges 1,119 schools for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2019-2020 school year - nearly 37% more than the 818 schools recognized last year.

National School Counseling Week - Rubén Aurelio (Allison Huie & team)

This week is National School Counseling Week 2021 (#NSCW21). This year's theme is "School Counselors: All In for All Students," and focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February and you can follow the #NSCW21 to see how school counselors across the country are celebrating. You can participate in the celebration by posting your own message in support of school counselors and use the tag #NSCW & @ccWCCUSD. Download the [Happy National School Counseling Week \(PDF\)](#) sign or [jpeg image](#).

African American Student Achievement - Rubén Aurelio (William McGee & team)

1. The OAASA provided a resource for a variety of Black History Month events for the WCCUSD community. At our opening event, we had over 90 people on the zoom, and fluctuated between 25-40 people on Facebook Live with a variety of watch parties. This supports the resolution to support Black/African American students. Link [here](#) for the month's events.
2. In conjunction with the English Learner and Early Literacy Department, the OAASA is pleased to offer a committee for parents/guardians to work alongside our teachers with a process to select mentor text (culturally relevant teaching materials) to support the learning in our K-6 classrooms. We advertised this to our AASAT/AAPAC delegates and have approximately eight parents/guardians who signed up. This supports the resolution to support Black/African American students.
3. The OAASA's Program for Academic Success has started. There are currently nine teachers working in small groups with children on reading and literacy. I was able to visit their virtual classroom and was ecstatic to see the teaching and learning, and the engagement. I was so moved it brought a tear to my eye. One teacher even held a child after class to do some targeted work with the student! This connects with the resolution to support Black/African American students. Please enjoy the photos.

