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LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

September 15-October 15

Each year, Americans observe National Latino Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 and approved by Public Law 100-402. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. (hispanicheritage.gov)

"Every single immigrant we have, documented or undocumented, is a future American."

- Junot Diaz

"Hispanic is English for a person of Latino origin who wants to be accepted by the white status quo. Latino is the word we have always used for ourselves.."

- Sandra Cisneros

💡 Did you know?

In the 1930's San Diego's city of Lemon Grove was faced with school segregation, which resulted in *Roberto Alvarez VS Board of Trustees*. During this time, the Lemon Grove School Board, Parent Teacher Association, and the Chamber of Commerce came together and decided to separate Mexican American Children from "American students". They decided to do so on the basis of overcrowding, insufficient knowledge of English Language, improvement of sanitation and morals. They decided to create a Mexican American children school in a barn where more than 70 students attend a total of 8 grades, which were taught by only 2 teachers. As a result, Parents decided to act in the best interest of the students. Since they had emigrated from Mexico after the Mexican Revolution of 1910 to provide a better future for their children, parents understood the injustice of their children's segregation. The Lemon Grove incident was not the last. During the 1920's, there were many other districts in California that decided to move students from separate classrooms to completely separate schools to Americanize schools. Housed in these schools were Native American, Asians, and Blacks in addition to Mexican American students. The Alvarez case was won by the community and allowed 74 student to go back to their regular classes and be given the same opportunity as any other student. Segregated schools continued in some part of California. Until a group of parents in Santa Barbara won a state wide ruling that prohibited segregation. However, nationally the practice of segregation was declared illegal by the US Supreme court in the landmark case of *Brown VS Board of Education*.



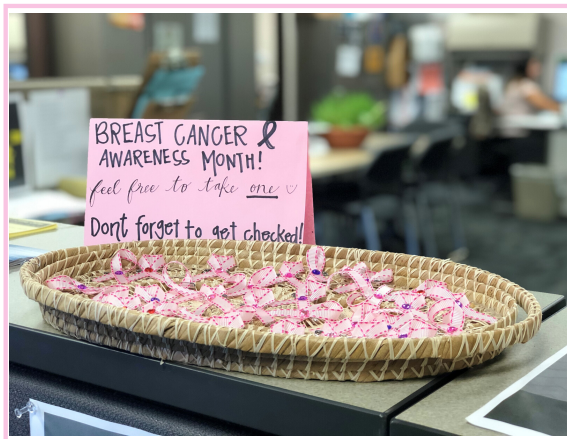
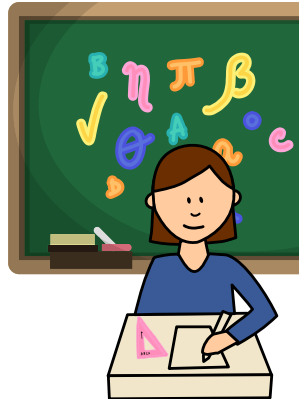
Coyote for the Day

Last summer, Mary Sessom and James McFarland, lead faculty for the Mt. Miguel Matador's Business Academy (MBA), put together a collaborative plan to develop "Coyote for a Day" field trip event for Mt. Miguel students. Twenty-seven MBA students came to Cuyamaca on October 22. During the day, they worked on assignments and quizzes in an online BUS 125 class. A big thanks to our own Rhonda, Angham, and Layla for their help in the BOT lab. This exercise gave students a perspective of taking a class in an online environment.

After the online session, MBA students had the opportunity to visit classrooms of their choosing. We thank Steve Weinert, Michael Aubry, Rachel Ferris, Jolene Crowley, Keenan Murray and Danielle Pauls for hosting a small group of students in their classroom for the day. During the classroom lectures, the MBA students were busy taking notes and observing the difference between college and high school course work.

Pizza and beverages were served after this long morning. Thank you to Jesus Miranda for hosting lunch! When a huge dent had been put in the giant pizzas, the student mentors from Pathway Academy talked about the importance of student support services at Cuyamaca to help students transition from high school to college.

The day ended with a trip back to the BOT lab where students completed a writing assignment given by Rachel Becker from the Writing Center. Rachel explained the mechanics of a business letter to MBA students and they wrote a business letter to Dr. Sessom explaining three take aways from the Coyote for a Day event. A survey has been prepared by Pathway Academy and send to MBA students to complete and return. We look forward to good feedback on the event and hope to do it again in future semesters.



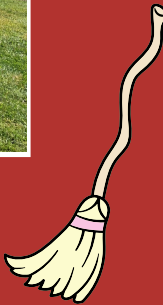
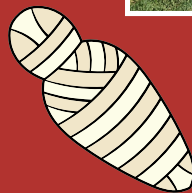
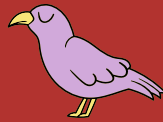
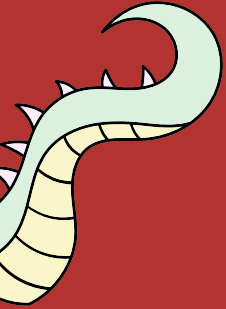
Pathway Academy students and staff showing their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

FREAKY FRIDAY

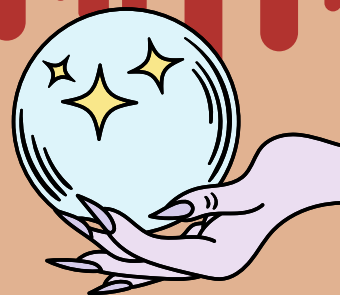
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH



For the month of October, Pathway Academy hosted a Freaky Friday engagement activity for their students. This event consisted of friendly competitions such as mummy wrapping, Guess what's in the box, and a costume contest between the students and the staff.



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