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Student Video Production, Made Simple

September 6 - October 3, 2023 | Mix of in-person & virtual sessions

Suggested Audience: 6-12 grade educators



The flyer for "Student Video Production, Made Simple" features the logos for Santa Cruz Education, KQED, and WeVideo. It includes a photo of students working on video projects. Text on the flyer states: "The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is pleased to announce that they are partnering with Community Television of Santa Cruz, KQED & WeVideo to host a program in student filmmaking using Padcaster Kits." A list of items included in the kits is provided: "Kits Include: 1. Pad & stand, 2. Microphone & windscreen, 3. Tripod, 4. Headset, 5. Camera cable." It also mentions: "The program is open to Santa Cruz County educators teaching in grades 6-12. As part of the program, teachers will be given access to 5 Padcaster Kits & WeVideo licenses to use with their students for the duration of the program. *Space is limited to 9 teachers*." Registration information is at the bottom: "REGISTER" with a QR code and contact info for Stephanie Summa, Ed Tech & Innovation Coach.

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The flyer for the "Teacher Leadership Institute for Sustainability" features the title "EVERY CLASSROOM A GREEN CLASSROOM" and "TEACHER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY". It describes a seven-month "knowledge to action" program supporting TK-12 teachers to integrate environmental sustainability into their curriculum. It includes testimonials from participants, such as: "This program gave me what I have been looking for in the field of sustainability... a way to give students hope and empower them to make change." and "This program was definitely seeing the engagement and focus of my students significantly increase." The bottom of the flyer says: "DETAILS, DATES & APPLICATION AT TEACHERLEADERSHIPINSTITUTE.SANTACRUZCOE.ORG".

The [Teacher Leadership Institute for Sustainability](#) supports TK-12 teachers to integrate environmental sustainability within their classroom curriculum and engage students in applying their classroom knowledge and skills to take action on environmental issues on campus or in their community.

Join an inspiring community of teachers with a shared vision for environmental literacy and sustainability education! [APPLY HERE!](#)

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[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Math-Focused Professional Learning for 2023-24: Quick Snapshot



Suggested Audience: Educators focused in mathematics, TK-12

Calling all Math Folks!!!! Lots of opportunities to learn and network with other teachers in 2023-24:

- [Intro to the 2023 Math Framework:](#) 8/31

4:00-5:00

- [SVM Math PL Series](#) - 5 Full-Day Sessions on

Thursdays, starting Thursday 9/21. Please reserve your subs early if possible.

- Lesson Study: \$3K/Support for each of two

Teams. First meeting: Thurs 9/28. For teachers in districts partnering with SVMl

- [Building Thinking Classrooms Series](#)
(MBAMP), Starts Saturday 9/30

For more information, please contact Kevin Drinkard, kdrinkard@santacruzcoe.org

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COLLEGE AND CAREER

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Cristine Chopra, Executive Director, Santa Cruz County College & Career Collaborative. cchopra@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5814

College and Career Week - October 23 - 27

The countywide week dedicated to college and career awareness and exploration



To find resources for schools and K-12 classrooms use these resources!

[The counselor handbook](#) - ready to go lessons and resources to use with students
[S5C Website college and career resources page](#) - schoolwide and classroom focused activities for all ages
[Cabrillo College and Career Family Night](#) - Encourage parents and students to attend together

[LEARN MORE](#)

2023 Cabrillo College 4th Grade Experience October 17th

If you have 4th grade students save the morning of October 17th to share a college experience

During this virtual visit all 4th grade students will have a glimpse of the college experience by hearing from students and college faculty. Participating classrooms will have the opportunity to sign up for personalized campus tours!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Paying for College - Introduction to Financial Aid and College Funding for Families October 25th 6-8

A free webinar designed for parents of children of all ages to demystify the financial aid process and introduce other opportunities for funding postsecondary education



Planning for college can never start too early. Come learn from a certified financial planner and a high school counselor about the various forms of financial assistance and the ways you can prepare for college funding now!

[LEARN MORE](#)

School Counselor Network - Save the dates!

The School Counselor Network meets 3 times a year on topics counselors choose

This year we will meet from 10-12 AM on October 11th, February 6th, and April 18th.

More information about topics and registration to come. If you have not completed our feedback survey to cast your vote for network topics please do so [here!](#)

Help students earn college credit while in high school!

Cabrillo dual enrollment resources are available for counselors, students, and parents



The Dual Enrollment [DE eForm](#) must be completed and approved prior to registration - so the sooner the better to get registered before classes start. Here are some [helpful worksheets](#) with the [timelines for the fall](#), Cabrillo courses for the semester and a [QR code](#) with a link to all the resources. Question about Dual Enrollment? Email dualenrollmen@cabrillo.edu

[LEARN MORE](#)

Health Career Expo October 6th

Sponsored by Cabrillo College in partnership with HIPSCC



Sign your class(es) up to participate in this fun interactive day with over 20 different health vendors and a wide array of health professionals from different health fields. Students will learn about the various careers available, tour classrooms, and have the opportunity to participate in a career scavenger hunt!

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

School counselor professional development

Join the Hatching Results team for a professional development series on using data to inform and promote your practice.

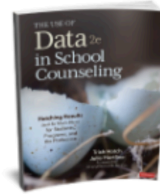
THE USE OF DATA IN SCHOOL COUNSELING: 7-PART WORKSHOP SERIES



2023-2024



Virtual Learning



This series will focus on using data with topics focused on creating tangible school counseling work products to put into practice right away.

- September 15, 2023 - Data Mining & SMART Goals
- October 27, 2023 - Time Management
- November 17, 2023 - Tier 1 School Counseling Programming
- December 8, 2023 - Writing Pre and Post Tests
- January 12, 2024 - Tier 2 Interventions and Root Cause Analysis
- March 8, 2024 - School Counseling for Systems Change
- April 26, 2024 - Sharing Results and Flashlight Presentations

You can sign up for individual sessions or bundle all 7 together.

[LEARN MORE](#)

EdTech, Innovation & Computer Science

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Jason Borgen, Chief Technology & Innovations Officer, Santa Cruz County Office of Education. jborgen@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5833. Additionally, you can browse related resources on our EdTech & Innovation Website, [Outside the Box](#), and the website for our [K-12 Computer Science Initiative](#).

Customized Support: Navigating the new AI Landscape

Suggested Audience: Classroom teachers, Administrators, Office & support staff



Our team is available to assist you with navigating the latest developments in AI. We can provide trainings and guidance in effectively utilizing AI tools to streamline tasks and enhance productivity for both educators and office staff. We are also available to facilitate staff discussions that will foster a deeper understanding of ethical AI use, ensuring its responsible integration within the school environment.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Customized Support: Google Productivity for Office & Support Staff

Suggested Audience: Office & support staff



Elevate your office's efficiency with tailored support using Google Productivity. Our personalized training empowers office staff by optimizing workflows, streamlining tasks, and harnessing the full potential of Google's suite for unparalleled productivity.

EMAIL [SSUMARNA@SANTACRUZCOE.ORG](mailto:ssumarna@santacruzcoe.org)

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Questions?
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EdTech Playgrounds with the Teacher Innovation Network

September 12, 2023 - May 14, 2024 | 3:30-5:00 pm | FREE VIA ZOOM

Suggested Audience: Classroom teachers, Instructional coaches, classroom aides



It can be challenging to determine which EdTech tools are right for your classroom. At each EdTech Playground, fellow educators and industry leaders will share their top tips for using EdTech in the classroom. The

next EdTech Playground will focus on Artificial Intelligence in Education and feature guest speakers Joe Marquez and Sam Kary. Stipends are available for all participating California educators!

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CSNow! Leadership Luncheon

September 14, 2023 | 11:30 am -5:00 pm | Santa Cruz COE

Suggested Audience: Classroom teachers, Administrators & Industry partners



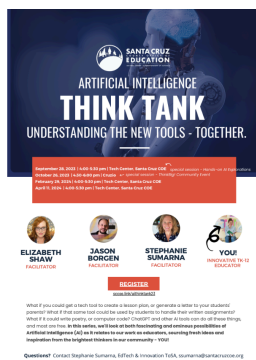
Join the Santa Cruz County Office of Education at the CSNow! Leadership Luncheon to peek at the future of computer science education in our region and embrace its importance in shaping a brighter tomorrow. At the event you'll hear testimonials from participants of our TK-12 Computer Science Initiatives, enjoy lunch while networking with fellow educators and industry professionals and interact with live demonstrations, hands-on equipment and local industry spotlights. A walking tour of Joby Aviation has just been added!

[LEARN MORE](#)

AI Think Tanks

September 28, 2023 - April 11, 2024 | 4:00-5:30 pm | Santa Cruz COE

Suggested Audience: Classroom teachers, Instructional coaches, classroom aides



What if you could get a tech tool to create a lesson plan, or generate a letter to your students' parents? What if that same tool could be used by students to handle their written assignments? What if it could write poetry, or computer code? ChatGPT and other AI tools can do all these things, and most are free. In this series, we'll look at both fascinating and ominous possibilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it relates to our work as educators, sourcing fresh ideas and inspiration from the brightest thinkers in our community - YOU!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Code for Congress

September 6 - October 25, 2023 | 4:00-5:00 pm | FREE VIA ZOOM

Suggested Audience: Middle & High School Students



This is an opportunity we are hoping you can share with your middle & high school students. The Congressional App Challenge is the most prestigious prize related to student Computer Science - and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education wants to help your students win! They bring their creativity and leave with a completed app design brought to life through the support of experienced local mentors.

[FLYERS](#) (English & Spanish)

[SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#) (English & Spanish)

[NEWSLETTER BLURB](#) (English & Spanish)

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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ELA

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Angela Meeker .
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Virtual Teaching Reading Institute - Nancy Frey

This institute is designed to be a one-stop shop for best practices, **Teaching Reading** is concise, encyclopedic, and essential. You will learn how to;

Focus on two critical aspects of reading—word recognition and language comprehension. Select the best activities to support students in grades K-6 to learn letters and sound relationships.

Recharge your confidence and craft with uplifting new research findings from neuroscience, cognitive science, and child development.

Clear up confusions about phonics progressions, reading fluency, morphology, text selection, grammar, and more.

Reading is a thrilling but complex process. It involves a heady mix of skills, schema, self-concept, and social dimensions. To give all students the chance to reap its rewards, we need a go-big kind of institute. This is it.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator. asandage@santacruzcoe.org. 1.831.466.5711.

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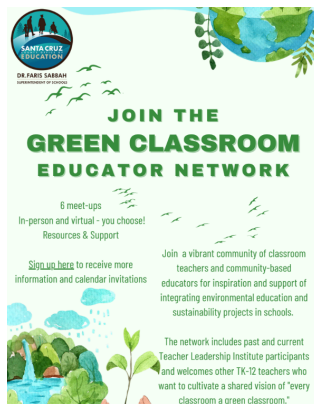
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Green Classroom Network

Suggested Audience: TK-12 grade teachers and school-based after-school or expanded learning leaders



Join a vibrant community of classroom teachers and community-based educators for inspiration and support of integrating environmental education and sustainability projects in schools.

The network includes past and current Teacher Leadership Institute participants and welcomes other TK-12 teachers who want to cultivate a shared vision of "every classroom a green classroom."

See [flyer](#) and sign up to receive invitations [here](#).

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Green District Network

Suggested Audience: District Staff (see below) and Community-Based Partners



Staff from administration, facilities, curriculum and instruction, food services, business and student services are invited to join the Green District Network for support in growing sustainable practices and environmental literacy across district pillars of Campus, Curriculum, Community & Culture.

- Share resources and successful strategies
- Gather for job alike and district team collaboration
- Make plans to reduce the environmental impacts of schools
- Involve students in meaningful change
- Meet partners who can support your district

Please see our [flyer](#) and submit this [interest form](#) to receive invitations.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

“Every Classroom a Green Classroom” Recognition Program

Suggested Audience: TK-12 grade teachers



This program is designed to support teachers to build a culture of environmental stewardship in class. As a classroom community, students commit to environmentally responsible actions at school, making sustainable behaviors a seamless part of students' everyday lives. Through collaborative efforts, teachers and students will work together to choose from a diverse array of sustainable actions, transforming their classrooms into eco-friendly hubs.

As a result of their commitment, classes receive recognition as a “Green Classroom and share their achievement with the community. Please see [program details here](#).

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Redwoods Transportation Grant

Suggested Audience: TK-12 grade teachers



Embark on an inspiring opportunity with Save the Redwoods League and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education! Secure transportation funding for your students to experience the majestic redwoods firsthand. With a field trip planning guide and redwood curriculum resources, we'll help make your trip a resounding success. Apply now as funds are distributed on a rolling basis until the transportation fund is spent. Don't miss this chance to connect your students with nature and create unforgettable memories! See details [here](#).

[INFORMATION & APPLICATION](#)

EQUITY

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Melissa Roberts, Senior Director of Equity. mroberts@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5845

Each year, the Monterey County Office of Education hosts the countywide ALL IN for Equity Conference. In its 5th year, the conference theme will focus on "growing inclusive schools and communities." Please join in-person at the Monterey Conference Center on August 26, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, to network with colleagues and learn more about building systems to support the needs of all children and families. This event features dynamic keynote and feature speakers and welcomes P-16 educators, youth-serving organizations, and community leaders ready to empower all students with the agency, skills, and resources to succeed in college, career, and life. Sponsored tickets may be available on a first come, first serve basis. Get ready to be inspired!



ALL IN FOR Equity
August 26, 2023 Monterey Conference Center

Please join us for the 5th Annual ALL IN for Equity Conference, hosted by the Monterey County Office of Education. This conference will continue the legacy of fostering collaboration and action toward achieving educational equity for all students. The day will amplify student voice, share community spotlight practices, and spark innovation and inspiration with dynamic featured speakers. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and empowered!

Luis Valdez **PLAYWRIGHT AND DIRECTOR**
Luis Valdez, esteemed playwright and director, is a leading figure in Chicano theater. His renowned works include "Zoot Suit," shedding light on discrimination, and directing "La Bamba" (1987). He is also the co-founder of El Teatro Campesino, a theater group dedicated to addressing social and political issues faced by farmworkers through unique "actos" performances. Valdez's compelling narratives and commitment to social justice leave a lasting mark on the theater world.

Michelle MiJung Kim **WRITER, SPEAKER, ACTIVIST**
Michelle MiJung Kim is a queer Korean American immigrant writer, speaker, and activist. As an award-winning author, co-founder of Awaken, and board member of Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality, her social justice activism is lifelong. Her work on platforms like Harvard Business Review and The New York Times has earned her recognition as a Top Voice in Racial Equity and a Top Writer in Diversity.

Michael Ndubisi **SCHOLAR, AUTHOR, SPEAKER**
Michael Ndubisi, a former 2021 North Salinas High School scholar, is an influential student leader with ALL IN for Equity since 2019. Committed to serving others, he has earned accolades like the President's Volunteer Service Award. Currently attending Yale University, he is an author at the Yale Daily News.

Cost: \$75/Individual Register: <http://monterey.k12cms.org/1519-238152>
Contact: Adriana Chavarin | 831-755-0364 | adchavarin@montereycoe.org



REGISTRATION

HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Launching the Interrogating and Reimagining Historical, Literary, and Artistic Representations Project

Suggested Audience: All Educators



September 9: Ethnic Studies educators - Join UC Santa Cruz History & Civics Project for an introduction to this project. This Saturday morning/early afternoon event will include a keynote presentation, the chance to learn about collaboratively developed curriculum and classroom tools, purposeful conversation, and ways to participate in the project during 2023-2024. (Stipends available!)

[Register here](#) now to secure your spot...and tell your colleagues!

This event will be at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History (the MAH) and more details will be added here soon, including final start and end times (event will not start before 9:30 nor end after 2, but anticipate it being 3 to 3.5 hours within that window).

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Exploring the Power of Storytelling through Film Making

Suggested Audience: All Educators



Join UC Santa Cruz History & Civics Project this Fall as we come together to learn about the creative and transformative power of visual storytelling. Emmy nominated filmmaker and Assistant Professor Dehanza Rogers uses her gift of visual storytelling to explore a wide range of themes including racism, sexism, mass incarceration, immigration, and the criminalization of Black girlhood in schools, highlighting the power of artistic expression to understand the human

condition. Professor Rogers will lead participants through an interactive process that will support educators wanting to leverage the power of visual storytelling with their students in Ethnic Studies and civics courses. This event will be virtual with multiple breaks. September Date to be determined - [Register Here](#).

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

MATH

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Math-Focused Professional Learning for 2023-24: Quick Snapshot

Suggested Audience: Educators focused in mathematics, TK-12



Goal: "To help educators attain the goal of ensuring deep, active learning for all students."
~ 2023 California Math Framework

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Math Teachers' Circle Series (from our Friends at the Monterey Bay Area Math Project, MBAMP)
Visit a Student Math Circle! (in Collaboration with XAcademy)
57th Annual Math Contest Saturday May 4 (Save the Date!)
JUST ANNOUNCED MATH RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES (Updated Weekly!)
QUESTIONS?

Calling all Math Folks!!!! Lots of opportunities to learn and network with other teachers in 2023-24:

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- [Lesson Study](#): \$3K/Support for each of two Teams.

First meeting: Thurs 9/28. For teachers in districts partnering with SVMH

- [Building Thinking Classrooms Series](#) (MBAMP), Starts

Saturday 9/30

For more information, please contact Kevin Drinkard, kdrinkard@santacruzcoe.org

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Building Thinking Classrooms Follow-Up Sessions (From our Friends at the Monterey Bay Area Math Project, MBAMP)

Suggested Audience: Educators focused in mathematics, TK-12

4 Saturdays 9:00-12:00 at Soquel High School

- September 30
- November 4
- February 3
- April 27

Building Thinking Classrooms
FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS

TK-12 Educators: Have you started implementing some of the *Building Thinking Classrooms* strategies into your practice? Are you making plans for the 2023-24 school year? Join us for four Saturday sessions to further break down the ideas presented in the book and work together to create the student-centered thinking classrooms of our dreams!

FOUR SATURDAY SESSIONS:
SEPTEMBER 30 • NOVEMBER 4 • FEBRUARY 3 • APRIL 27
ALL SESSIONS 9AM-12PM

» \$200 for the whole series
» 2 units available for purchase!
» Meetings at Soquel High School
» Register at mbamp.ucsc.edu

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MATH PROJECT

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- Cost: \$200 for the 4 sessions. 2 units available for purchase. Meetings at Soquel High School.
- Register at mbamp.ucsc.edu

Register

Math Plus Program and Peer Tutoring Handbook

Suggested Audience: Educators and leaders focused in mathematics, grades 8-12



The Math Plus Peer Tutoring Program at Soquel High School provides:

- High-quality Intervention support for students in Math 1 and Math 2
- Opportunities for student tutors to learn valuable career and leadership skills
- Support for teachers

As Stephen McDowell, founding member of Math Plus, likes to say: “It’s a win, win, win program!”

Learn more about the Math Plus program and how the peer-tutoring program works by checking out their Noyce-funded website [HERE](#).

[More Information](#)

SCIENCE

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Register for the California Science Educators Conference!

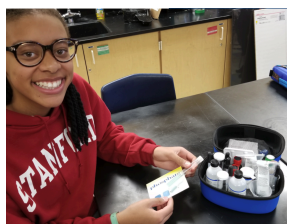
Audience: All Science Teachers, Administrators



October 20-22, 2023 in Palm Springs- Early Bird Registration ends August 31! So register soon for the CASE conference! For all teachers of science, Science Leads & TOSA's. There is even a pre-conference day specifically for Science teacher leaders! Check the conference website for more information about the conference, and to register!

[CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#)

STEM Research Grants



Audience: Middle and High School Science Teachers

STEM Research Grants provide support to middle and high school teachers engaging their students in authentic scientific research. Over 6 years, \$775,000 has been awarded to 367 teachers. Priority consideration is given to schools that support students from low-income communities and demographics underrepresented in STEM fields.

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](#)

Materials & Field Trip Grants are Open for Synopsys Outreach Foundation!

Audience: Science Teachers, Science Fair/ Invention convention teachers or site leads, & Administrators



Grant opportunities for STEM teacher materials, field trips and more are now open with Synopsys Outreach Foundation. STEM Opportunity Fund: offering grants for STEM events, materials & programs, and field trips and the Building STEM Classrooms: providing educators with \$200 of free STEM supplies for their classroom.

Apply by Sept 29th for materials, or for field trips and site events such as your site Science Fair or Invention convention!

Remember that Invention Convention Projects can be promoted to the State Invention Convention via the Santa Cruz STEAM Expo!

[LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE](#)

Monterey Bay Aquarium Ocean Plastic Pollution Summit

Audience: Science Teachers grades 3-12 and Administrators



Are you ready to help your students live like they love the ocean? Join us for an action-based summit that prepares you to be part of the plastic pollution solution! This FREE series is designed for teachers who are ready to dive deep into plastic pollution issues and solutions with their students.

You'll learn about the science behind plastic issues, discover project ideas for the classroom, and enjoy networking opportunities.

Teams are encouraged to [Join us for the in-person summit](#)

October 6-7, 2023, February 3, 2024, & May 18, 2024 OR sign up for the self-paced Online course!

[In Person Participant Link](#)

[Online Participant Link](#)

VAPA

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Audrey Sirota, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator. asirota@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5827

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Youth Artists Taking Action - All high school students are invited to participate in this student youth group on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 where we explore the arts disciplines and explore ways to express individual and community needs through art!





JOIN THE

YOUTH LED LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Unlock Your Leadership Skills and Make an Impact in Your Community!

Open to all Santa Cruz County high school students, the Youth Led Leadership Alliance is a network of 6 topically focused groups that explore pressing social issues, create projects, engage in grassroots advocacy, foster civic engagement, and build critical thinking and communication skills.

- Countywide Black Student Union
- Multilingual Youth Taking Action
- Queer and Trans Youth Council
- Youth Artists Taking Action
- Youth for Environmental Action
- Youth Mental Health Leadership Council



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STUDENT OPPORTUNITY
SANTA CRUZ SHAKESPEARE STUDENT MATINEES



We strive to examine Shakespeare through a contemporary social justice lens.

Santa Cruz Shakespeare is excited to offer our annual [Student Matinee Week Program](#) in August of 2023!

During the final week of our 2023 Season, our **professional production of "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Book of Will" will remain open for four student-only matinee performances running from August 22-25**. These 10am matinees are for students and their chaperones only, and include a post-show discussion with the actors after each performance. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that every single high school student in Santa Cruz County has seen a live, professional Shakespeare production by the time they graduate! Tickets are free for Title I schools, and only \$10 per student for all others, with additional limited ticket and travel subsidies. Plus, we will provide a free adult chaperone ticket for every 15 students who attend.

Performance Dates:

"The Book of Will" on Tuesday, August 22 at 10AM

"The Taming of the Shrew" on Wednesday, August 23 at 10AM

"The Taming of the Shrew" on Thursday, August 24 at 10AM

"The Taming of the Shrew" on Friday, August 25 at 10AM

Sign up for our Student Matinee Week by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZxg9rL2SEVPgmmQ9>



EDUCATOR & STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The Santa Cruz Symphony, Carnegie Hall, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education bring you: [Link Up: The Orchestra MOVES](#)

We are excited about working with our Santa Cruz Symphony and Carnegie Hall to bring this program to our students.

WE NEED YOU TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL NOW. For new music teachers, please **connect with your principal and 4th & 5th grade teachers to select the best dates** for your school. Also please remember to **arrange transportation now** as the process can take months sometimes. Please register by completing this Google Form: [Youth Concert Registration](#)

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION. Esteemed music teachers, Katrina Haeger and Diane Bock, will be facilitating these PD sessions where you will explore the curriculum and gain access to the Orchestra Moves curricular materials. [Professional Development Registration for Link Up Orchestra Moves 2023-24](#)



STUDENT & EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY

For the first time, our **Santa Cruz Poet Laureate Farnaz Fatemi** in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Arts Council and Santa Cruz County Office of Education is bringing the Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate event to our community! The workshops listed below, run by poets from around Santa Cruz County, are open to any students (13-18 years old) with or without experience writing poetry.

If you would like a visit from Poet Laureate Farnaz Fatemi, please complete the attached [Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate Google Form](#)

For more information, also check out the [Santa Cruz Public Libraries Information Page](#)

Finally, to access the newsletter Farnaz Fatemi has started, click on this link:

[For Better or Verse Newsletter](#)

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

YOUTH POET LAUREATE



Santa Cruz Public Libraries, in partnership with Urban Word, celebrates local youth poets (ages 13-18) with the opportunity to serve as the Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate. Youth poets will exhibit a commitment to artistic excellence, civic engagement and social justice. The Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate will serve a one-year term and participate in several public engagements throughout the year.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application deadline is Feb 1, 2024. Youth poets will submit five (5) original poems along with other material to a panel of local judges. Each finalist will be asked to read one of their poems in person for the judges.

Finalists will be announced by March 31, 2024. All finalists will receive a \$100 cash prize and the Youth Poet Laureate will receive a \$500 cash prize.



Scan QR code or visit
SantaCruzPl.org to
learn more.

Questions?
Contact Farnaz Fatemi, Santa Cruz County
Poet Laureate: poetlaureate@santacruzpl.org

FALL 2023 WORKSHOPS:

Any County resident (age 13-18) can participate, regardless of intent to apply this year!

All workshops 4pm

- **October 10:** Generative Poetry Workshop @ Downtown Branch Library (224 Church St.)
- **October 17:** Generative Poetry Workshop @ Felton Branch Library (6121 Gushee St.)
- **October 25:** Generative Poetry Workshop (bilingual) @ Watsonville Public Library (275 Main St., Ste 100)
- **November 7:** Crafting a Resume/Honest Brag Sheet @ Capitola Branch Library (2005 Wharf Rd.)
- **November 14:** Saying It Out Loud: Reading Poetry to an Audience @ Capitola Public Library
- **January 16:** Putting a Poetry Portfolio Together @ Downtown Branch Library
- **Week of January 22:** Putting a Poetry Portfolio Together @ Watsonville Public Library



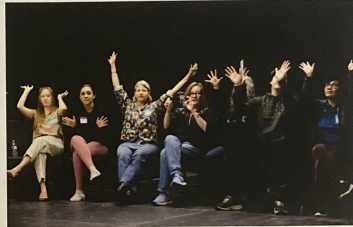
EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY

Arts Education Community of Practice

Audience: Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators, High School and College Students

Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito & Monterey County Offices of Education are co-hosting the monthly, year-long Arts Education Community of Practice. Join us for a region-wide sharing of ideas and inspirations!

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