College Ambassadors Contribute to the Community By Alessandra Ianni

The class that I enjoy being in, but also enjoy my contribution to, is my College Ambassador class. This class is helpful and impactful for other students.

The 4th period is the College Ambassadors class taught by Mr. Turcios in room 212. College Ambassadors is focused on the topic of college. The class's purpose is to guide students in teaching peers who lack knowledge about college. Along with introducing college to students, I tend to learn some new information myself. I also get the chance to hear about others' experiences in college, allowing me to think further about my future endeavors.

Throughout this school year, I've been on various field trips with groups of other students with the goal of educating and bringing awareness to younger students about college. We have attended different schools, including Robert Frost Middle School, where we presented slides about high school.

At the end of January, College Ambassadors presented a slideshow about college to Mayall elementary students ranging from first to fifth grade. The ambassadors succeeded in bringing awareness, as many of the students were very intrigued with the presentation and asked many questions.

Besides presentations and field trips, the class also does activities around the school. Last December, each member of the class helped draw and paint their own poster of a specific college such as UCLA, CSUN, and more. After the posters were finished, they were put up in front of the school for College Palooza. This event celebrates the seniors who have completed their college applications and are ready for the Spring semester. To go along with the posters, seniors walked through a cheer tunnel and stated the name of the college they applied for over the speaker.

Having this course shows those who are getting ready for college how important it is to have a future career and education. It is also important to choose a college that matches your interests and what you want to have as your future career. In the end, the choices you make regarding college will benefit and help you in the long run just as this class has helped me.