

## Celebrating Over 36 Years of Service!



# CVTC Gazette

CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, INC.

## 2019 Basketball Special Olympics!



CVTC Stockton West encourages participants to play sports in Special Olympics Tournaments. Stockton West has fully supported both our Wildcat Teams with provided practice for them at our neighborhood Lord's Gym every Tuesday and Friday.

Wildcat Team A: Antonio G, John M, Michael L, Nicholas C, Anthony M, Andrae G, Mitchell C, and Benjamin D.

Wildcat Team B: Shirley A, Megan F, Jimmy B, Thomas C, Connie H, Daniel D, and Dulce F. Our dedicated Coaches, David S, Alfredo R, Mersi R, Genesis C, and Yesina C.

Both Teams proudly represented Stockton West by taking home the gold for the second year in a row!

Written by: Mersi Abigail Rodriguez

## Stockton East Basketball Team

Stockton East offers the opportunity for participants to be a part of a movement where everyone is treated equal.

On March 9, 2019 Stockton East's Basketball Team played in the Special Olympics Basketball tournament and won 4<sup>th</sup> place.

David Rodriguez, who was named MVP, shot a total of 13 baskets in game #2. Through their athleticism and dedication, they qualified for the 4th game and ended the tournament 4th place. Patrick Milton stated, "I had a fun day, today."

CVTC would like to thank everyone that participated and contributed in the success of the Special Olympics Stockton East Basketball Team. Congratulations!

Written By: Vanessa Huerta



## A Night to Shine

Amanda entered “Another Way” with the desire to be more social and comfortable in the community. With continued support, Amanda has blossomed and grown exceptionally. This year “Another Way” had the privilege of assisting Amanda M. and her dog Tank, with attending the “Night to Shine Prom”. Amanda expressed her joy of attending the prom and meeting new people. The experience included walking the red carpet, taking pictures, and the VIP experience of that night. Amanda stated, “I can’t wait to go to the next prom”.



Above: Participant Amanda M.

Written By: Program Coordinator, Candice Picciau

## But First, Make-up!

Yomaira Becerra is interested in taking care of herself. While in Sephora, Yomaira witnessed others having their makeup done by the make-up artists and wanted to share in that experience.

The Makeup artist’s in Sephora gladly let Yomaira do her own makeup, then completed a demonstration on her. Yomaira was exceptionally happy with the outcome.

CVTC supports participants in actively engaging in daily functional activities, which bring a sense of accomplishment and inclusion.

Written by Program Coordinator, Jessica Cotter



Above: Participant Yomaira B.

## Where to go from here?



Above: CVTC Modesto NPA Student, Michael F.

One of the questions that arise from parents and caretakers as students with special needs reach adulthood is **where to go from here?**

Michael F. is enrolled at CVTC Modesto through a school district funded agency option and receives a modified curriculum that includes vocational assessment and trial training. CVTC teaches adapted job skill training to increase Michael's level of expertise. Recently, Michael transitioned to living independently, and an essential part of living independently is being able to maintain your house. Michael is currently expanding his understanding of these skills while at the day program. He is pictured working on his sorting and folding skills.

When parents and caretakers ask what other opportunities exist for their students; they can turn to CVTC to assist their student reach their potential.

Written by: Program Coordinator and NPA Teacher, Esthefanya Cruz

## Vocational Training Impacting in Positive Ways

Leroy G. arrived at Fresno East in June of 2018. He had hopes of gaining employment. After his initial transition into a new program, Leroy took the initiative to start cleaning around the facility. He could always be counted on to help wherever there was a need. Leroy has now gained employment on the CVTC Janitorial Team. Leroy works doing restocking, cleaning and helping with the overall maintenance of the facility, all while earning a paycheck. Leroy has also worked with the offsite janitorial cleaning crews at Certus Gym and Dr. Deshmuckh's Office.

CVTC has enjoyed watching Leroy's vocational skills grow, become more independent and congratulates him in achieving his goal of employment!

Well done Leroy and well done CVTC staff in supporting Leroy and encouraging him to achieve his potential.

Written by: Special Education Teacher, Nancy Zuniga



Above: Participant Leroy G.

## Change Happens from Within



Above: Paintings by Participant Laura M.

Sacramento had its first ever Art Hop! The Art Hop offered the chance for participants to exercise and express their artistic sides. Using brushes, hands, and whatever media they preferred, art work was created. Participants then had the opportunity to sell original art to people from the community. Attendees from around the Sacramento area got to meet everyone in the program, bid on their favorite paintings, and eat tasty treats. Classical music was played throughout to set the creative mood and help promote an art gallery ambiance.

Written by Program Director, Collin Sainio

## Making a Difference One Individual at a Time!

Charles P. joined Fresno West in April of 2018. Charles arrived to Fresno West in hopes of gaining valuable work experience and getting a position where he would be able to get paid. In less than a year, Charles has been able to gain skills that now are helping him in his new career path working at Lowes. Charles says he is thankful for the opportunity to learn and practice new skills that he can add to his resume.



Above: Participant Charles P.

Written by Job Coach, Bianca Hernandez

## Reach for the Stars



From left to right: Santino L., Isabel M., Cody O., Michael C., Lara A., and Eian B.

CVTC Visalia participants are tackling their fears and working towards accomplishing their goals!

Some of their goals include getting jobs and living independently or with as little assistance as possible. One participant, Lucia A., has expressed that she would like to open her own business as a care home provider or become a youth teacher. To accomplish these goals, she plans on returning to college to get her bachelor's degree.

Participants have updated their "Wall of Goals" in which they zone in on areas they wish to improve and continuously work towards during the year.

They are learning many skills, some new to them and some old, but practice makes perfect!

Written by: Instructor I, Heather Eslick.

**Welcome to CVTC!**

**Kishonna Moreland**  
Another Way – SLP I

**Rodnesha Chancellor**  
Fresno East – Inst II

**Blake Wright**  
Fresno West – Sub

**Robert Graham**  
Fresno West – Inst I

**Taylor Delgado**  
Fresno West– Inst II

**Kara Ramirez**  
Merced – Job Coach

**LaQuita Richardson**  
Merced – Job Coach

**Debbie Yang**  
Sac BMP - LVN

**Brenda Bucher**  
Stockton East – Inst I

**Laurinda Woods**  
Stockton East – Inst I

**Denise Rocha**  
Stockton West – Inst I

**Manuel Medina**  
Stockton West – Inst I

**Mario Serrano**  
Stockton West – Inst I

**Cassandra Vaipan**  
Visalia – Inst I

**Alissa Rivera**  
Visalia – Inst I

**Congratulations on Your Promotion!**

**Steven Corpus**  
Stockton East – PC

**Peter Gutierrez**  
Fresno East – Job Coach

**Bianca Hernandez**  
Fresno West – Job Coach

**Kristen Hill**  
Admin – RDO

**Vanessa Huerta**  
Stockton East – PC

**Renee Jamison**  
Rapid South – RRP II

**Michelle Molina**  
Fresno East – Inst II

**Sumire Okayasu**  
Fresno East – Floater

**Brandy Riggins**  
Fresno East – Inst II

**Carina Rodriguez**  
Fresno East – Inst II

**Enrique Serrato Ocegueda**  
Fresno West – JPS

**Jazmine Smith**  
Fresno East – Inst I

**Alex Vang**  
Stockton East – Inst II

**Aaron Walker**  
Fresno East – PD

**Megan Williams**  
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