

HERCULES HIGH SCHOOL

Vision Statement: Diverse 21st century scholars and leaders, demonstrating integrity and academic excellence.

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 21st, 2015

Summer Opportunities:
(Applications are available through counselors and career center)

Stanford Office of Science Outreach would like to invite our students to participate in their summer science opportunities. Application forms can be found on the Hercules High School Website.

EAOP/DCAC: is a “student building” program, established to assist students who may not have the habits, belief or support to pursue college. The UC Berkeley program provides counseling, tutoring, housing, academic, motivational and cultural activities to provide each student with a college experience.

College Level Experience Microbiology (CLEM) is an eight-week paid summer biotech internship program for high-potential, low income high school sophomores and juniors. Developed in partnership with UC Berkeley and the Joint Bio-Energy Institute, the program seeks to broaden students' understanding of biotechnology and the careers available in this field.

Ivy League Connection:

Now in its 9th year, the Ivy League Connection is designed to promote the college going culture at Hercules High School. The program is available to all qualified sophomores and juniors meeting the basic qualification standards of a weighted gpa of 3.75.

Academy of Hospitality and International Tour (AHIT):

AHIT students catered a Diwali event at the Hercules Library. Our culinary arts students made traditional Diwali sweets. Students also presented information to younger children about germs, bacteria and the importance of proper hand washing.

AHIT student chefs attended the “La Soiree 2014—From Cannes to Hollywood” in San Francisco. The event was held at the Terra & Mer Gallery on Harrison Street. This was a great opportunity for our student chefs to experience a red carpet event hosted by the French-American Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco.

Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Leadership Summit: Ernestina Hsieh, Julie Lam, and Mia Yuen were invited to present their prosthetic arm at the December 9th STEM Breakfast hosted by UCSF. The prosthetic arm was a project the students built for the MESA competitions. This is an outstanding recognition of the engineering capacity of these three young Titans! Great Job!



Upcoming Events:

10th CAHSEE—Feb. 3rd & 4th

SSC— Feb. 5th @ 4:00pm—Library

Academic Awards—Feb. 11th @ 6:30 - HS Gym

Orchestra Musical Gala (OMG)—February 6th @ 7:00pm

AASU Poetry—February 13th 6:30pm—

Spring Musical:

March 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, & 29th .

Vacation Days

President's Week—
No School

Feb. 16th—20th

Open House

March 26th

End of 3r Quarter

March 27th

Academic Counseling

Rising Scholars: We had a great turn out for our Rising Scholars, led by Ms. Jacqueline Rushing. The Rising Scholars program focusses on empowering students of color providing them opportunities to enhance their capacity to achieve success at a 4 year university.

PSAT/SAT: Academic counselors have been making the rounds to present results of these test to all students. PSAT/SAT tests are reported on a scale from 200-800, with additional sub-scores reported for the essay (ranging from 2-12) and for multiple-choice writing questions on a 20-80 scale. PSAT/SAT scores compare individual performance with the performance of other students taking the same test nation and world wide.

School Site Council—SSC

School site agenda's, minutes and meeting dates are posted on Hercules High School Website. The meeting day and time for the SSC to convene will be on the third Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30pm, in the Library:

Lenson Wong, Chair
Linda Coleman, Vice Chair
Madeline Yuen, Secretary/Recorder
Kirsten Kho, Co-Parliamentarian
Mark Pugeda, Co-Parliamentarian

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| February 5h | March 17 |
| April 21 | May 19 |

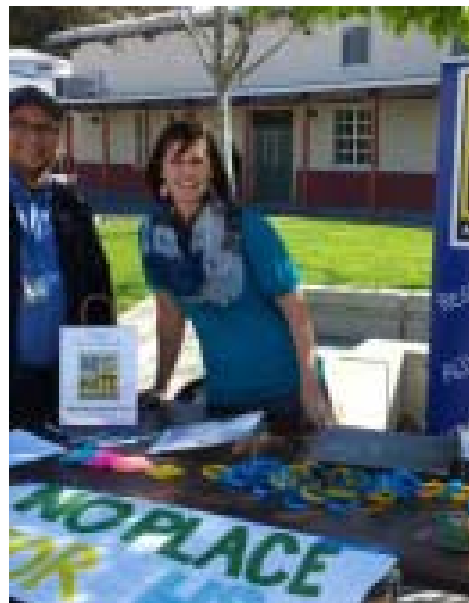
21st Century Skills: 21st century skills refers to a broad set of knowledge, skills and work habits and character traits that are believed to be critically important in building college and career readiness among all students. The basic idea is that students who go forth into the 21st century, need to be taught different skills than those learned by students in the 20th century. The skills that they learn should reflect the specific demands that will be placed on them in a complex, competitive, knowledge-based, information-age, technology driven economy and society.

Mission Statement: All students will successfully demonstrate academic excellence in common core disciplines that enable them to be meaningful and responsible contributors to local, national and global communities.

No Place for Hate @ Hercules High School . 35 students participated in a two day training aimed at increasing the peace at Hercules. No Place for Hate Promotes the following beliefs:

- ◆ Everyone should be accepted no matter what.
- ◆ Nobody will be afraid to show their personality.
- ◆ A school without hate is a school where people hear each other out.
- ◆ All students can be themselves.

2015 Yearbook Sales: It's not too late to purchase a yearbook! Keep priceless high school memories close forever. Yearbooks can be purchased through the Cashier's Office. Yearbooks are currently being sold for \$68.00 and will go up to \$80.00 on February 9th. Don't miss out on the opportunity to reserve yours.



Common Core Standards

Instructional Leadership Team

(ILT) is focused on developing and assisting teachers as we move into Common Core Standards implementation. Our school-wide focus for 2014-15 school year is "Research/Evidence Based Writing". All departments will be developing an activity associated with research/evidence based writing. Staff will also be working on developing a writing rubric that can be used school-wide.

Family Night: Common Core State Standards Presentation will be in March 24th @ 6:00pm.