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YOUTH PROJECT

An Ethnic Studies & Social Justice Leadership Program

Serving 6-12th grade youth of the Napa Valley Unified School District

Our Legacies Continue Growing

Community, it has been a transformative seven years of the Legacy Youth Project. Who would have thought that in 2012 when we started with 14 young men in a small classroom at Vintage High school that today we would be serving 130 scholar warriors from Middle School to High School! We are incredibly proud of all our scholar warriors and families for their commitment to education and personal transformations.

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Pictured above: Our 11-12th grade scholar warriors at San Diego State University during the 7th Annual Educational Spring Break Field Trip to SoCal.



April 5-8, 2020: 8th Annual Educational Spring Break Trip to Southern California

May 22, 2020: 8th Annual End-of-Year Graduation Celebration

June 05, 2020: 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation #Classof2020

Continued from page 1: In Volume 04, we share some phenomenal highlights from the 2018–2019 school year and this past Fall 2019. We hope that as you read about all the transformative heartwork our scholar warriors are doing locally and nationally, you can share with others and support us. We recommend that you accompany the newsletter with your favorite warm beverage in our new limited edition black mug ([learn about on page 13](#)). Thank you for being here and learning more about LYP!



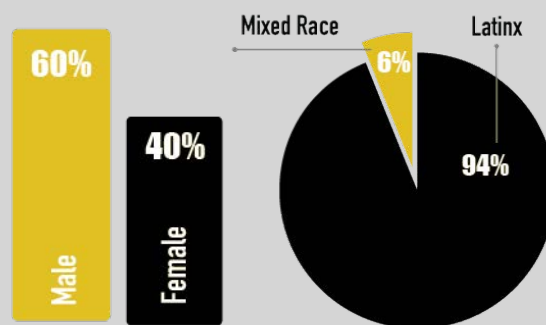
OUR MISSION & COMMITMENT

Since 2012, the Legacy Youth Project (LYP) is an Ethnic Studies and social justice leadership program committed to the healing, transformation, and liberation of youth in the Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD). Through our Heartwork Pedagogy, we cultivate humanizing opportunities for our scholar warriors to lead, rejoice, and thrive. [#ancestors #families](#)

WHO WE ARE

Currently, the LEGACY Youth Project (LYP) serves **118** at-promise students through 7 class sections at three school sites within Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD).

- ✦ **Redwood Middle School**
- ✦ **Harvest Middle School**
- ✦ **Vintage High School**



LEAVING A LEAGACY

Since 2012, all seniors who were in LYP for at least 1 full academic year, have graduated from high school.

100%
High School
Graduation

The majority of students have been first generation or first in their family to graduate.

EXPANDING OUR LEGACY

HARVEST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND REDWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL SISTERHOOD LAUNCHES THEIR LEGACY!



Growing our legacy at Harvest:

In fall 2018, the Legacy Youth Project (LYP) expanded our program to Harvest Middle School (HMS) under the leadership of former principal Monica Ready (now principal at Napa High School). Additionally, Legacy student alums from NVLA, HMS, advocated for LYP to become part of their school community.

During the 2018–2019 school year, our HMS 7th & 8th-grade scholar warriors built their legacy by becoming the founders of Harvest Middle School! We are proud of HMS for taking action and making the commitment to student equity, achievement, and success. We feel honored to be part of the HMS community and provide our scholar warriors with an opportunity to be supported and challenged within the LYP.



Growing our legacy at Redwood:

While the LYP has been part of Redwood Middle School (RMS) since 2016, it was not until last school 2018–2019 year that we were able to expand our program to serve our female students.



HOW WE DO IT

HEARTWORK PEDAGOGY & COMPONENTS

Guided by our ancestors, the Legacy Youth Project (LYP) is a community-based Ethnic Studies and social justice leadership program. Using the cultural wealth of our students and families, we provide culturally relevant, responsive, and sustaining teaching and learning approaches to serve and support the unique needs of our students and families.

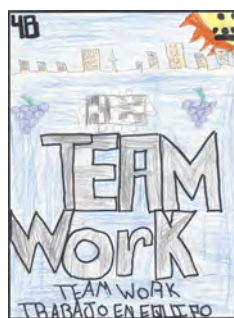
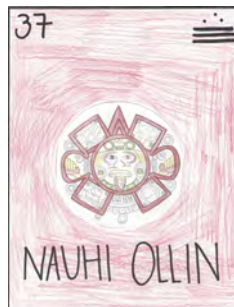
In the spirit of justice, academic rigor, and high holistic expectations, our scholar warriors experience an engaging curriculum throughout our seven components. Our transformative program allows students and families to learn and experience the intersections and connections between college/career, academic identity, cultural relevance, life skills, leadership development, family relationships, civic engagement, and “healing-center” engagement (Ginwright).

#heartwork #love #EthnicStudies

IN LAK'ECH

A Mayan philosophy inspired poem by Luis Valdez, which is integral to our program.

Tú eres mi otro yo.
You are my other me.
Si te hago daño a ti,
If I do harm to you,
Me hago daño a mi mismo.
I do harm to myself.
Si te amo y respeto,
If I love and respect you,
Me amo y respeto yo.
I love and respect myself.



COMPONENTS



Academic Achievement



Ethnic Studies Curriculum



Civic Engagement



Fem/Mentorship



Character Development



College & Career Readiness



Holistic Wellness



Family Engagement

COMMUNITY PRAXIS PROJECTS

XITO & RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Social Justice Research Symposium

This past fall, LYP scholar warriors from Vintage High School held the first annual Legacy Ethnic Studies Research Symposium! Youth shared their Quetzalcoatl (knowledge) and #Heartwork on critically conscious social justice movements of the Civil Rights era.

Research topics included:

- ◆ Third World Anti-Colonial Liberation Movements
- ◆ 1964 Freedom Summer
- ◆ The Black Panther Party
- ◆ Anti-Vietnam War
- ◆ Chicano Walkouts
- ◆ Young Lords
- ◆ Alcatraz and Pine Ridge
- ◆ Stonewall Riots



6th Annual Xicanx Institute (XITO) at Napa Valley College:

Our coaches and youth presented a professional development workshop, "Heartwork Pedagogy: An Ethnic Studies Story from Napa Valley's Legacy Youth Project". It was an honor for LYP to once again present at the XITO Napa Institute! Our scholar warrior panelists shared their heartwork, and facilitated an interactive activity with participants from around the nation. Additionally, the families of our students were in attendance and beautifully shared their heartwork knowledge. We are so proud of our youth, they all shined!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

7TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIP

CESAR CHAVEZ MONUMENT



¡Sí se puede! In preparation for **#legacy2LA**, we learned and researched about the United Farm Worker movement and had the opportunity to visit the Cesar Chávez National Monument in Keene, Califas. Isang bagsak!



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



San Diego State University: We Belong Here!

In preparation our college visit, we learned and researched the SDSU campus. On our trip, Legacy toured the beautiful campus, led by six amazing Latinx/Chicanx students currently attending the university. They shared their knowledge, luchas, and victories of making it to and through college. BIG thank-you hermanas!

La Cultura Cura: For the first time, LYP walked the Chicano Park journey! Our youth and maestrxs gazed at walls of beautiful art that reflected their ancestry, hxstory, community, luchas, and victories. Our Scholar Warriors are inspired to ensure the art in our Napa Valley is responsive to them and their culture.



CHICANO PARK, SAN DIEGO



MANHATTAN BEACH



HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES



"Where hope has an address." Blessed for another year to receive heartwork/hopework knowledge from our **@homeboyindustries** family. Thank you for all you do!

LYP TRAVELED BY PLANE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MARCH 2019!



BOARDING PASS



Passengers: 6 LYP Scholars , 4 Coaches

From: San Francisco, CA (SFO)

To: Tucson, AZ (TUS)

Date: March 28-31, 2019



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Gate: 68

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LYP goes to Tucson, Arizona for the first annual Praxis Youth Conference!

Last spring, six Legacy scholar warriors presented at the Praxis Youth Conference in Tucson, Arizona! Our students presented their experiences as Xicanx youth raised in Napa Valley and shared passionately about their love of community. Additionally, our students provided a counter-narrative of el Valle de Napa as a way to share with other youth, educators, and communities a more diverse reality of our Napa Valley. Youth programs and organizations from around the country spent two days engaging in youth-led workshops. Other youth workshops included topics on border issues, police brutality, environmental justice, community organizing, and more.

Additionally, youth spent an evening together with live mariachi music, spoken word poetry, dancing, and food—all while building relationships and strong partnerships with fellow social justice leaders. Thank you to all the organizers. We look forward to Legacy participation in many more Praxis Conferences!

Pictured above: Legacy with our beloved Xicanx Institute for Teachers & Organizers (XITO) family! Learn more about XITO on page 5.



Conference Highlight

A highlight was to listen and learn from the keynote address by Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors, who deeply inspired students with her powerful message about justice, community organizing, and healing. See picture on middle right of LYP with Patrisse.



Lizbeth Salazar, 12th Grade at VHS

"I felt like I connected with some people. I saw a lot of the same struggles; their community is the same like ours! I felt a connection... I saw myself in their eyes."

Neri Aguilar, 12th Grade at VHS

"It was a beautiful and transformative experience for us to travel out of state to rep' LYP and Napa Valley. We are grateful to our Tucson familia for teaching and taking loving care of us. We hope to be back next year at the 2021 Praxis Youth Conference!"



YOUTH VOICES AND TESTIMONIALS



Roselyn Davalos, 9th Grade at VHS

"I've transformed so much through my experience in LYP because of all the new connections I've made. I also learned so many things about my ancestors, and I'm excited to learn more. I have become a more confident, strong, and hopeful person because not only are all the coaches so helpful and inspiring but the things we are taught have made me understand who I am. It is important to know that LYP will not only help you with your education but it will also help you have a better mindset..."

David "Memo" Mendoza, 7th Grade at HMS

"I like the coaches and all the things they do for us. I want to be in LEGACY all my life! It's important for teachers and educational leaders to know about Legacy because other kids get help, their grades go up, and their parents are happy."



Jose Plancarte, VHS Class of 2019

I have been in LYP for three years and I have transformed throughout that time. I've become a better human being and have become eager to learn. I'm also more open-minded too. I love the support and faith we get from our coaches. I feel cared about... because it's more than just academic support, LYP opened doors in my life. I've transformed as a human being. I have become educated on who I am and I feel proud and I feel like I belong. The LEGACY Youth Project is amazing life-changing program.

LEGACY LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY



Top Right: Kevin X garnered his peer's support and won his campaign, becoming Vintage High School's Associated Student Body Vice-President for 2019-2020.



Top Left: The Bi-national Women's Conference presented Scholar warrior, Lizbeth Salazar with the 2019 "Rising Star Award". Lizbeth is pictured with her family and her brother Christian (also LYP founder).



This past June the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held its 8th annual Blend of Cultures Award and Recognition Gala. During this annual event, a variety of honorees were recognized for their community leadership. Most notably, our Co-Founder and Executive Director, Carlos Hagedorn was recognized as **Male Role Model of the Year**! Additionally, our NVUSD Superintendent, Dr. Rosanna Mucetti, was honored with the **Pruning the Future Award**. Congratulations to all the honorees and a big 'gracias' to the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for recognizing our Legacy Youth Project work!

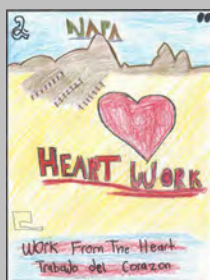


LEGACY FAMILIES

8TH ANNUAL WINTER CELEBRATION



At our Winter Celebration in December 2019, we played our LYP lotería (bingo) alongside our youth, families, school site partners, and community organizations! Gratitude to those who donated lotería prizes, brought food and volunteered at our event.



JUNEZ BOXING CLUB: We partnered with local Junez Boxing Club to gift 25 'punch cards' of 10 free boxing classes and two one year scholarships to our youth. We're grateful to Head Coach Ricardo Junez and Ruben Calderon for providing positive and humanizing opportunities for our youth to thrive. (Picture above)

COMPUTERS: Through community donations, we raffled 5 Dell desktop computers to ensure our youth have the resources and tools needed to be successful. (Picture on bottom left corner)

GET YOUR LEGACY GEAR!

Our LEGACY gear is in! This years line features our first and new black crewneck with a shiny gold logo. We have white and black t-shirts with either brotherhood or sisterhood logos. In addition, we now mugs, beanies, gold lapel pins engraved with "heartwork" on the backside, and sticker decals to show your support. All donations collected directly benefit LYP. So while you are looking fresh in our community, you are also donating to a fresh educational experience for our youth! [Place your order on our website today.](#)



BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

Please consider supporting us by making a generous donation today:

www.legacyyouthproject.org/donate.html

Our Heartwork is possible by a barrio (village) of committed staff, volunteers, families, individuals, and organizations who believe in our scholar warriors. We are grateful to all those who continue building and supporting our mission.

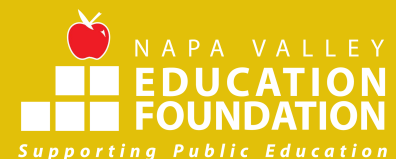
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GRACIAS
THANK YOU**



Pictured above: Two of our dedicated weekly tutors, Mariana Sotelo and Juan Garcia. Both of these college students and fem/mentors volunteer at Vintage High School as part of our Academic Achievement component. Our volunteers support our youth academically, emotionally, and in preparation for college.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Gratitude to our continued partner and fiscal sponsor,
Napa Valley Education Foundation!



- ◆ Napa Valley Unified School District
- ◆ Redwood Middle School
- ◆ Harvest Middle School
- ◆ Vintage High School
- ◆ Napa Valley College
- ◆ Napa Valley Community Foundation
- ◆ Puertas Abiertas CRC

- ◆ Napa Women's Emergency Services
- ◆ Acosta Educational Partnership
- ◆ Homeboy Industries
- ◆ The Representation Project
- ◆ 100 Women Who Care
- ◆ The Pollination Project

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