Welcome....

Welcome Staff, PACT Board of Directors, School Personnel, Community Leaders, Parents and Students:

We are pleased to present Volume 4 of our bi-monthly newsletter titled “The East Bay Happenings.” This Newsletter is one of the tools the East Bay Staff uses to communicate with students, parents, and Administration.

OVERVIEW:

- Senior Survey / PACT Scholarship
- Vallejo High / Jesse Bethel
- Richmond High School
- Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy
- Cassandra’s Corner
  - Mother’s Day
- Upward Bound - Vacaville
PACT SENIOR SURVEY

Please return to: cassandra.pactinc@gmail.com on or before May 14th, 2022.

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE – SPRING 2022
Please complete ALL of the following questions. All information is kept confidential.

Date: ____________________________
First & Last Name: ________________________________
Student Signature (please sign): ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Telephone: _______________________________________________

*** PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU ***
1. For 2022-2023, do you plan to go to? College [ ] Work [ ] Other (please describe) ____________________________

2. Which colleges did you apply to? For “other,” please write in the college name.
   [ ] Solano Community College
   [ ] CSU East Bay
   [ ] Clark Atlanta
   [ ] Contra Costa
   [ ] Laney
   [ ] Prairie View
   [ ] SF State
   [ ] SJ State
   [ ] Sacramento State
   [ ] CCSF
   [ ] UC Berkeley
   [ ] UC Davis
   [ ] UCLA
   [ ] UC Santa Cruz
   [ ] USC
   [ ] USF
   [ ] Other ____________________________

PACT SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Please return to your advisor on or before May 20th, 2022.

PACT, INC.
“Investing in Young Lives” Scholarship Program
Student Application

ABOUT THE PACT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:
PACT, Inc. is dedicated to promoting community empowerment by providing academic advising to underrepresented youth and increasing high school graduation and college-going rates. One way we are able to promote our mission is through our annual PACT, Inc. scholarship. We are fortunate to be able to help some of our exceptional students bridge the gap between their financial need and the financial aid award from their prospective college/university.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Student must be a PACT, Inc. student.
- Student must be a senior in high school or continuing college student.
- At least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA.
- Student must demonstrate financial need.
- Student must demonstrate ability to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal goals.
- Must provide proof of college acceptance when received.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

☐ Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or community leader (attach to application in sealed and signed envelope).

☐ Short essay responses (type and attach to application).

☐ Copy of high school or college transcript (attach to application).
Congratulations to the class of 2022 on your acceptance to colleges!

Senior To-Do List:

- Create / Check University Portals
- Check to do list on your portals
- Create a WEB GRANT account @ https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/
- Deadline extended until April 1, 2022
- Complete FAFSA
- Apply to scholarships!
- SIR to a school by May 2, 2022 (UC & CSU)
- Keep up good grades

Seniors, our PACT SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE!
How to apply?
Complete application [HERE]
DEADLINE: May 20th, 2022
Email all documents to Ms. Vargas @Evargas.pact@vcusd.org

Looking for MORE Scholarships? Here’s a list for possible scholarships for both Jesse Bethel and Vallejo students.
- [Vallejo]
- [Jesse Bethel]

Juniors, Sophomores, freshmen have no summer plans and are interested in internships?

[Check out this Resource]
Scholarships

Check out the PACT scholarship doc for detailed information about scholarships!
Link: tinyurl.com/PACTSCHOLARSHIPSDOC

Highlighted Scholarships
Richmond Promise (4/13)
Spencer Trust (5/1)
PACT Scholarship (5/20)

Senior Activities

After a long year filled with college applications, financial aid and all things college related you all have heard back from the schools that you applied to the past couple of weeks or months! All of you have worked so hard the last four years to get to where you are now and the time has come to celebrate all your success. Therefore, on Apr 19 the College and Career Center here at RHS will be having a celebratory event for those of you who were admitted to a 4 yr institution. This event will take place after school which will include building your own sundaes. All you have to do to participate is submit a picture of a 4 yr college acceptance that you received in the form posted on advisory google classroom. Remember that you will also need to fill out one with all of your college acceptances. So make sure you fill out those forms and come out to celebrate with me and the rest of the career center staff!

If you participated in last week's events for Community College Week, then you would have gotten a bit more info about the different CC's available and how they can be a place for you to be at. For those of you who are specifically interested in going to Contra Costa College this fall, RHS will be taking students to their campus this month for Comet day. This is a great event where you can go see the campus and learn about the different programs and services they have to offer once you officially enroll. You can sign up for this event in the link in the image or the post on advisory google classroom. Space is limited so be sure to sign up ASAP if interested.
Tutorial Coordinator!
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Luncheon Celebration

To the students and parents, of Solano Widenmann Leadership Academy we celebrate your commitments to your educational endeavors. We know this year has been remarkably different from the past two years since the pandemic, and I want to acknowledge Ms. Tademy's 7th-grade English and Mr. Gibson's Science class, amongst many others, for their participation in the PACT program. To our students, we celebrate your academic success during this grading period and keep up the excellent work!

We are approaching the end of the academic school year which is only 10 weeks away. We would like to encourage our students to continue to do their best in their coursework.

March 28th - April 9th, 2022

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." – ... Author Unknown
Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2022 will occur on Sunday, May 8. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother’s Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

History of Mother's Day
Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday.”
Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their “mother church”—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Anna Jarvis Turns Mother’s Day Into a National Holiday
The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother’s 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother’s Day event at one of Wanamaker’s retail stores in Philadelphia.
Following the success of her first Mother’s Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood.
By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
The Upward Bound Program is an academic pre-college program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of our program is to prepare and motivate low income and/or first generation students to attend an institution of higher learning, and to be successful at the college or university of their choice. During the regular school year, students receive supportive services and individualized tutoring. Upward Bound also provides workshops that are interactive and focus on math, science, English, foreign language, history &/or life & college skills. These workshops provide academic, social & personal growth that will enlighten students on college expectations and help them to be consistent in managing their study skills.

What Services Are Provided?

- Nine months of academic tutorial service and academic enrichment classes
- Eight-week academic summer program w/ core academic classes
- Assistance with the completion of SAT/ACT, financial aid & college applications
- College-prep workshops
- College visits and field trips (when feasible)
- Assistance locating & applying for scholarships, etc.

Students Who Are Eligible:

- 8th grade completer
- Current high school students
- Willing to take college prep classes
- Low income and/or First-generation college bound

There is **NO Cost** to the student or their family for all of the services provided through the academic year or the eight-week summer program.

For more info or if you have any questions, please email or schedule an appointment with one of the Upward Bound Advisors!

Staff Emails & Appointment Links:

Apply at [www.tinyurl.com/ub-app](http://www.tinyurl.com/ub-app)
This free college preparatory program helps you develop the skills, study habits, discipline and attitude necessary to be successful in high school and college. Participants will also be required to take at least (1) college course at Solano Community College. Once students are registered for our program, an UB advisor will meet 1-on-1 to discuss registration for Solano classes. The next few pages provide more info about our program.

ALL FIRST-GENERATION & LOW-INCOME (INCOMING) 9TH-12TH GRADERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY!

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/22UBSUMMER