

STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

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LISTENING TO STUDENT VOICES

Introducing 2023-24 Student Directors

- **Anevey Cruz, Senior at Oakland High**

- As a student school board member, I would like to focus on:
 - **Prioritization of newcomer students:** Understanding their struggles, stories, and experiences when adapting to a brand new life. Taking this feedback to implement resources and curriculum in OUSD that best fit their needs
 - **School Safety:** Focusing on what we already have implemented for school safety in OUSD and addressing and working towards things that are still needed. Use feedback that we already have and gain new feedback to take action.
- Involving community members in these conversations and assuring we have a main point person to relate any information or updates. Assuring families and community are aware who this person is
- Involving and working with students from every school and keeping the contact and connection with those students to build engagement, trust, and collaboration

- **Vida Mendoza, Senior at Life Academy**

- As a student school board member, I want to focus on the **safety** of our schools and the **prioritization of special education students and families.**
- I ask the school board members/district leaders to work with students to make sure their priorities/needs in school are met.
- Communicating with students, families, and stakeholders using clear language will be important in maintaining collaboration
- In order to truly engage with our students we need to make sure that we are involving as many schools as we can with our work, so we reach students from all parts of Oakland.

Summary of Events/Updates

California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA)/California Association of Student Leadership (CASL) Camp - July 22-25

- Attended camp with 7 leadership students at Fremont High School
- 40 schools and 300+ leadership students across California and Nevada
- Learned how leadership looks in other schools and districts
- Understood the differences and similarities with other schools related to school populations, activities, and financial support
- We will be bringing back activities we took part in that helped us highlight/ appreciate our peers and our own leadership qualities
- Bringing back to our schools different ideas for school events, fundraising, and school spirit
- Students attending future events like this one can help engage and excite students for leadership possibilities at their schools
- CASL (CA Associations of Student Leaders) will be hosting a conference similar to CADA Camp
 - The dates available for this conference are April 15-17
- We saw the benefits of attending CADA camp and believe this will be a great opportunity to take OUSD leaders

Making A-G Real Multimedia Scholarship Awardees

- 9 year Partnership between All City Council (ACC) and the Marcus Foster Education Institute (MFEI)
- Making A-G Real Scholarship ties to All City Council's 3 foundational pillars: Student Supports, School Culture & Safety, and Quality Teaching & Teachers
- Awardees - 2 \$2,000 Scholarships
 - Myra Estrada - [School Climate & Safety](#), Oakland High School
 - Noemi Glendy Adelina Carillo Martin - [Student Supports](#), Madison Park Academy

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & EVENTS

All City Council Governing Board Special Elections

- Open Positions
 - Historian
 - 2 LCAP Directors
- Special Elections are open to ALL OUSD High School students
- Who should run?
 - Those who want to work in partnership with school staff and district leaders to address student priorities and concerns
 - Those who want to plan out monthly general meetings and events for both high school and middle school students
 - Those who want to train other students be leaders, while building their own leadership skills
- More information about special elections to come

UPCOMING EVENTS

- All City Council's Fall Youth Organizing Retreat will be - September 29-30, 2023
 - Opportunities for student leaders to get to know each other and begin building out the 2023-24
- All City Council's 1st Middle School Meeting - Oct 17th
- All City Council's 1st High School Meeting - Oct 26th
- District 5 Candidates Forum will be held in October at Fremont High School, hosted by OUSD student leaders in collaboration with District 5 high schools in OUSD - Date to be announced



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Thank you

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