

ALTA CONNECTIONS

The Quarterly Client, Service Provider, and Staff Update Newsletter



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Executive Director Lori Banales

The past quarter has been filled with lots of regional center activity and implementation of strategic initiatives that further our commitment of service and innovation to those we support. Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) continues to reach out to representative communities across the region to provide outreach, education about our services and to listen to what is important to you. Access to services, transportation, housing, and employment continue to be at the top of the list. ACRC has continued to innovate in all these areas to enhance client opportunity and access to services and the community individuals navigate. This past quarter, ACRC has vendored 64 new service providers across many categories, such as 15 Adult and two Children's homes, six adult day programs and two behavioral supports day programs. GoGoGrandparent, a concierge membership program initially designed to assist the aging population with scheduling a ride-share service, has been expanded to provide this same support to individuals with developmental disabilities who are determined to ride safely in this transportation option. This service has been highlighted in previous editions.

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To date, ACRC is contracted to support 265 riders, and the program continues to grow. Having the on-demand availability has been a great support to many, especially those who are employed and may have a work schedule outside of typical business hours. In the area of employment, ACRC continues to develop partnerships to increase Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) placements. While some clients start with CIE, others participate in pre-employment programs to develop job readiness skills that will support successful job placement in the future. As part of this type of support, the state provides regional centers with funding for internship placements for a defined period. This program is called the Paid Internship Program (PIP). Within this edition of the Alta Connections, you will learn more about a partnership we have forged with California State University Sacramento (CSUS) that is expected to roll out during the winter quarter. This collaboration will provide clients the opportunity to intern and learn job skills with support on a university campus. Additionally, we continue to develop relationships with Housing Development Organizations (HDO) to leverage more affordable options across our catchment. For those residing within Davis, California, we encourage you to vote YES on Measure W when you cast your November ballot. This vote will support affordable housing within the new planned community of Willowgrove, which will offer 20 set aside apartments for ACRC clients.

On September 25-26, the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) hosted their annual ARCA Academy in Torrance, California where Harbor Regional Center is headquartered. The ARCA Academy is open to every regional center board member across the state, along with executive directors and regional center executive staff. The event provides training across multiple areas that support board development. There were many attendees, including three ACRC board members. These opportunities support the work of the boards and provide a space to learn together and meet other board members who are serving on boards at other centers. We all had a great time!

I will close by sharing some updates related to Lanterman Intake timelines. At our board meeting on September 24, 2026, I was happy to report that all applicants submitted as of May 2026 are being processed within the statutory required timeframe. We continue to have a small list of applicants who require additional testing and for whom all have been scheduled with contracted psychologists. Our clinical team fast tracks eligibility determination once the evaluations are received. The current number of applicants in this category is 102. The last category represents 134 applicants at various points in the intake process for which our team is working to get all required documents and evaluations so that they too will be fast tracked to eligibility determination. It is projected that we will have these applicants processed by the end of 2026. Over the past three years, ACRC has experienced an uptick in the number of applicants seeking services. This increase is not limited to ACRC but experienced across the state. ACRC has implemented several strategies over the past few years that are having a compounding effect. While our resources continue to be balanced between ongoing case management, the hiring of service coordinators to support the increase in clients deemed eligible, and intake specialists, we are pleased to see that all of the strategies implemented over time are supporting timelines and those who are seeking services. I thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Wishing you all a beautiful Fall!

ARCA ACADEMY



ACRC HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL EMERGENCY RESOURCE FAIR

ACRC was proud to host our 2nd Annual Emergency Resource Fair in recognition of National Preparedness Month. The event brought together vendors, community partners, individuals with disabilities, and their families to learn about vital resources and supports available before, during, and after emergencies. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with organizations, gather preparedness information, and strengthen their emergency planning efforts.

We are grateful to everyone who participated, including our dedicated staff, community partners, and vendors who helped make the event a success. Seeing so many people come together in support of emergency preparedness reinforces our commitment to helping the individuals and families we serve stay informed, connected, and resilient.



ACRC EARLY START ROUNDTABLE

Produced by Future Films, the video features real experiences that demonstrate how Early Start supports children's development while empowering families every step of the way. The video highlights the powerful partnership between families and their service coordinators. Through compassionate guidance, personalized resources, and strong relationships, service coordinators help connect families to the services they need to thrive. This inspiring video celebrates the positive impact of Early Start and the collaborative efforts that help young children reach their full potential.



NOTICE: THE IMPORTANCE OF A SIGNED INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PLAN

ACRC is required by law to have a signed Individual Program Plan (IPP) before we can implement services and supports. The IPP is a collaborative document that outlines the goals, services, and supports identified by you and your planning team.

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code 4646(g), ACRC cannot authorize or provide services until the IPP is signed. This step ensures that you have full participation in the planning process and that services are delivered according to your choices and needs. We encourage all clients and families to review and sign their IPP promptly so that services can begin without delay.



JULY 2026 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JONATHON HORBALY



Jonathon Horbaly, ACRC's IT Help Desk Technician, consistently demonstrates the very best of what our organization values, technical proficiency, a positive attitude, and an unwavering commitment to serving staff with professionalism and warmth.

Jonathon joined the ACRC IT team right in the middle of the Sacramento office move in late 2024 and was not only learning our systems but assisting the team in all the preparations for moving those systems to the new building and setting up hundreds of workstations for staff to use which was no small task.

Every day, without exception, Jonathon brings positive and enthusiastic energy to the Help Desk. Whether it is the first call of the morning or a last-minute issue at the end of the day, staff members are always greeted with patience, a friendly tone, and a genuine willingness to help. This positivity is not just noticed; it has become a cornerstone of the Help Desk experience for our entire organization.

Jonathon is the front door to the IT department and in the time he has been at Alta, he has made the Help Desk experience positive and helpful to all that need IT assistance. He also provides instructions that are easy to understand and follow.



AUGUST 2026 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH NATHAN DUONG

Nathan Duong consistently demonstrates exceptional dedication, reliability, and customer service in his role by coordinating a wide range of critical responsibilities that directly support our clients, providers, and staff. He oversees the processing of SSP purchases, while communicating closely with Service Coordinators to ensure they understand payment processes and timelines. Nathan also plays a key role in our check runs, carefully monitoring each cycle to ensure payments are processed accurately and efficiently.

He provides outstanding support for his POS assignment, including Adult Care, Adult Work Programs, Residential, Money Management, SEP, and WAP services, consistently processing requests promptly so services are not delayed and providers can bill accurately.

Nathan also serves as an important liaison for SSI-related questions, coordinating communication between Case Management and our Social Security Liaison to help resolve issues efficiently. His attention to detail, responsiveness, and commitment to providing excellent service make him an invaluable member of the Accounting team and a deserving recipient of the Employee of the Month recognition.

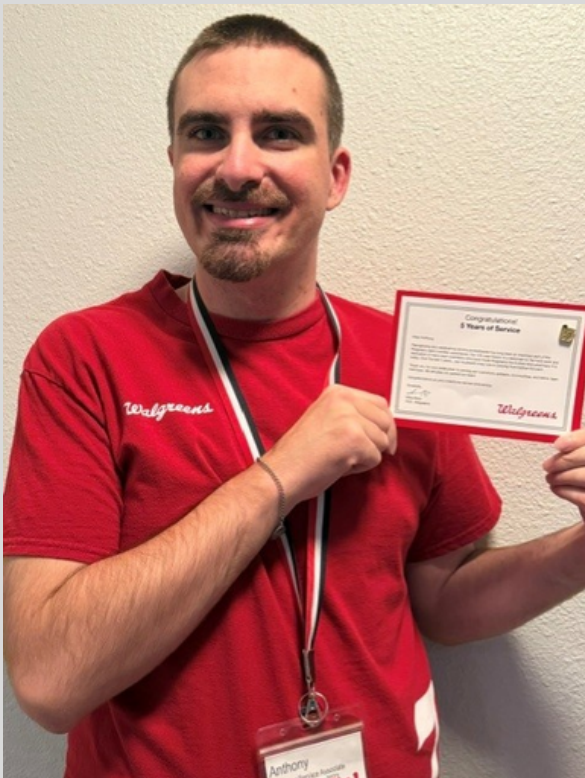
SEPTEMBER 2026 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RHONDA DAVENPORT



Rhonda Davenport has been an outstanding staff member of ACRC for 11 years. She joined ACRC in April of 2015 as a Service Coordinator for Residential 1. In November 2016, Rhonda accepted the challenge of supporting our clients in the Supported Living Services (SLS) unit.

Her strong knowledge of services, detail-oriented demeanor, and excellent organizational skills allowed her to thrive as a Service Coordinator. Rhonda has played a vital role in enriching the lives of the clients we serve.

From Service Coordinator to Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP), Rhonda joined the Federal Programs Department in October of 2021. As a QIDP, Rhonda continued to apply her vast knowledge and exemplary skills to maximize Waiver participation and provide support to her colleagues. Her dedication to the regional center and superior work ethics earned her the position of Lead QIDP. As the Lead QIDP, Rhonda has truly found her place to shine. Rhonda provides amazing support to all Service Coordinators and QIDPs. The heart she puts into her work every day is something to admire.



ANTHONY SCHMITBAUER CELEBRATES FIVE YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY AT WALGREENS

Congratulations on reaching your five-year work anniversary with Walgreens in Yuba City! Anthony consistently demonstrates dedication and professionalism in fulfilling his responsibilities at Walgreens. Anthony appreciates the guidance from his job coaching team at InAlliance. He exemplifies hard work, determination, and the ability to turn a dream into reality. Anthony brings a positive attitude, humor, and wit that positively impacts those around him. Way to go, Anthony, on your achievement! We celebrate you!!

SMART GLASSES SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PILOT TO EXPAND

ACRC has completed the first phase of its Smart Glasses Supported Employment Pilot, which explored the use of Ray-Ban Meta AI smart glasses as an employment support for people with developmental disabilities.

From January through June 2026, participants used the glasses in employment settings with support from Odyssey Learning Center. Common uses included reminders and timers, voice assistant functions, taking photos and videos, organizing tasks, recalling work steps, communication support, navigation, and following workplace procedures.

The pilot demonstrated that participants could learn to use the technology appropriately and, in many cases, independently. Staff also reported that the glasses could be used consistent with workplace safety and privacy expectations. Challenges included comfort and fit, voice recognition, battery performance, AI reliability, and the need for training.

ACRC will launch Phase II this fall with approximately 50 participants. The expanded pilot will test different Meta frame styles and determine whether smart glasses can be incorporated into a scalable employment support model that promotes greater independence and access to individualized job coaching.



CSS DIRECTOR JOHN DECKER PRESENTS TO META WEARABLES SUMMIT



In July 2026, Meta invited John Decker to attend their Community Summit and to give a short talk about the pilot with Odyssey Learning Center. John is pictured here giving his talk and speaking with the head of design for Meta glasses, Agustya Mehta, about our ideas for using smart glasses to assist individuals with I/DD to meet their employment goals.



ACRC SUPPORTING SAC STATE SUCCEED PROGRAM



ACRC is excited to partner with Sacramento State to operationalize the AKT SUCCEED Program, an innovative pilot that will create meaningful job opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the CSUS campus.

By pairing participants with trained university students and supported employment professionals, the project will promote job success, retention, and independence while preparing the next generation of disability service professionals. The pilot will evaluate employment outcomes and develop a scalable model that can expand inclusive employment opportunities across California.



ACRC AND DDS WELCOME WESLEY ANDERSON FROM NASDDDS

On Tuesday, September 15, ACRC and the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) were pleased to host Wesley Anderson, Director of Employment & Community Services for the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). During his visit, ACRC Client Employment Specialist Carly Moorman and the DDS Employment Department provided an inside look at local employment initiatives. Mr. Anderson toured Meristem and met with an individual supported by InAlliance who is successfully employed in the mailroom at the Governor's Office.



The tour concluded with a thoughtful discussion about current and proposed employment initiatives and policies, both regional and statewide, as well as an overview of regional center services. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to share ACRC's work in supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in pursuing meaningful, competitive integrated employment.

ACRC CLINICAL SERVICES TEAM STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH TRAINING AND COLLABORATION



August was a busy and rewarding month for ACRC's Behavior Analysts and Autism Clinical Specialist, highlighting the team's ongoing commitment to education, collaboration, and quality services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Early in the month, the team was invited to partner with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to deliver two half-day trainings as part of staff preparation for the 2026-2027 school year. Designed for classroom staff and district specialists supporting students with autism, the trainings focused on practical, evidence-based strategies to enhance student success. Topics included evidence-based practices for individuals with autism, methods for strengthening functional communication skills, effective use of visual supports, and the implementation of positive reinforcement strategies. The sessions provided valuable tools and resources to help educators create supportive and inclusive learning environments.

Later in the month, the team had the opportunity to host members of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Autism Services Branch for a day dedicated to exploring the diverse services provided by ACRC vendor partners. The visits showcased a variety of service models, including an adult day program, center-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programs that also provide in-home services and consultation to residential facilities, and adult residential homes.

Partnerships and collaborative learning opportunities such as these are essential to advancing ACRC's mission. By working together with educational partners, service providers, and state agencies, ACRC continues to support individuals in living in communities where they are valued, included, and treated with dignity and respect.





ACRC HONORS DSP RECOGNITION WEEK BY FEATURING FUTURES EXPLORED DSP RANDY

Randy has worked at Futures Explored for eight years. Futures Explored provides services to adult clients of ACRC in programs like employment, education, wellness, and media. His career started in filmmaking as a writer and director. He continues to make films with his own business and uses his skills to teach people with developmental and intellectual disabilities about the filmmaking process.

As a Direct Support Professional, Randy is pivotal to the development and growth of clients interested in the media industry. His role requires him to adapt to the many different learning and processing styles program participants have. Randy enjoys helping people and finding the best way to teach individuals about media.

In his role as Coordinator of Production Company and Events Rentals, Randy does more than teach clients about filmmaking. He also provides pivotal classes that can assist in a participant's ability to get work in filmmaking. One class he teaches is about driving, where he educates students about how to drive, the DMV, and prepares them to take their licensing exam. Randy knows that the filmmaking industry requires a lot of changing environments and helping clients access another level of independence by learning how to drive can assist them in achieving their career goals. Randy will also give working opportunities for program participants to act, write, and film media that Randy's company produces. Randy believes reducing the stigma around people with disabilities in the working environment starts with providing them the opportunities to work, especially in areas they are passionate about.

Randy knows the power of repetition is important when taking in new information. So, he trains program participants through consistency and repetition until they grasp the information and take on a new topic. This method of teaching has shown immense results. One student submitted a script to the A Place Called Sacramento Film Festival and was chosen to share his film and address the audience about his work. Without Randy building this student's confidence and direct support, achievements like this may have felt unachievable.

Filmmaking in general is something Randy is immensely passionate about. He enjoys telling stories, and filmmaking is his vessel to share. Being able to share and teach individuals who are also interested in media continues to fuel Randy's passion.

Without amazing individuals like Randy providing direct support, ACRC wouldn't be the same! Visit <https://www.futures-explored.org/> for more information about their services.



ACRC HONORS DSP RECOGNITION WEEK BY FEATURING LEARNING TO THRIVE DIRECTOR PATTI

At Learning to Thrive, Patti serves as the Director of the Tailored Day Service program. She oversees all things related to the coaching and support of adult clients of ACRC and program participants at Learning to Thrive pursuing education and jobs. They are dedicated to empowering individuals on their journey to meaningful employment, helping them hone their skills to better serve their career goals.

Patti had an unconventional start into the world of direct support and social work. Her experience started with organic farming, where she would teach neighboring farmers how to transition into organic growing and cultivation. Realizing that she had a passion for coaching and helping people, Patti decided to apply for a position at Aim Higher, which also provides job coaching services to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. She was hired as a Job Coach at Aim Higher in 2022, and loving the work, she continued in this industry, eventually transitioning to Learning to Thrive when they opened in 2024. In her role, Patti has many responsibilities and she likes to have direct involvement in day-to-day operations. She assists in transporting program participants, connecting job coaches to the clients, and helping participants achieve their goals through consistent support and training. Patti is excited to celebrate the moment when a participant “graduates” from the program and feels confident and ready to choose to not attend because they have gained all the skills necessary for meaningful employment. A couple of clients have gotten close to this stage, which is amazing!

Besides the intended job coaching, Patti wants to celebrate all the beautiful moments in a participant’s life. At one point, a client shared they never had an actual birthday celebration. Patti, going above and beyond, planned a birthday party for everyone in the program to celebrate them, and taught them how to bake a cake.

Patti credits her job coaches for the success they have had in the program. She believes in the importance of being flexible and not adhering to a strict and rigid schedule when it comes to providing educational and job skills. She knows that not every day is the same, and sometimes clients may not feel as excited or motivated to focus on training. Having flexibility helps build the trust and satisfaction of their participants.

Without amazing Direct Support Professionals like Patti, ACRC wouldn’t be the same!

Background

In June 2022, DDS) announced their remote services and supports pilot project as follows:

[Welfare and Institutions] Section 4511.6 was added, requiring the Department to develop a pilot project to test the feasibility of remote consumer services and supports that use technology solutions. It is the intent of the Legislature to test whether remote services and supports could provide an effective option for consumers to lead more independent lives, increase their access to bilingual services, and, when chosen and safe, reduce system reliance on one-to-one in-person direct support.

In choosing consumers to pilot remote services and supports, the Department must consider consumer preference, the type and amount of services or supports and staffing needed to meet the consumer's individual program plan, and the consumer's individualized choices and their unique health, safety, and other needs. Consumers chosen for the pilot project must represent diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, ages, and urban and rural regions of the state.

The Pilot

DDS partnered with ACRC and three service providers to oversee, develop and deliver the Technology Pilot Program. The three service providers were East Bay Innovations, Strategies to Empower People and On My Own Independent Living Services. Client participants were drawn from Regional Center of the East Bay and ACRC. Midstate Arc (Connecticut) served as a technical consultant for the project. ACRC staff, Rhonda Phillips, provided program and billing support throughout the Pilot. After a period of participant selection and assessment, the first assistive technology devices were installed in January 2024. The most commonly used devices were safety-related such as fall sensors and smart door locks. Smart home devices were popular. Participants used voice assistants like Amazon Alexa to accomplish tasks like closing window shades.

The Evaluation

Mathematica surveyed and conducted interviews with participants and their support staff.

Major findings include:

- Autonomy increased from 58% pre-pilot to 84% mid-pilot
- Safety improved from 52% to 82%; privacy remained stable
- 12 of 29 participants reduced in-person support hours
- Serious incidents fell from 41 to 19 (med errors: 19 to 5)



Visit this page for additional information and to review the evaluation report:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/workforce-initiatives-4/technology-pilot-program/>

MINDEE BROWN GRADUATES CARRINGTON COLLEGE

2026 has been an extraordinary year for Mindee Brown, marked by personal growth, educational achievement, and exciting new opportunities. Throughout the year, Mindee has worked hard to improve her health and overall well-being. Her dedication to making positive lifestyle changes has helped her become healthier, stronger, and more confident in her daily life.

In addition to focusing on her health, Mindee pursued a certificate in Medical Billing. She remained committed to her studies, demonstrating determination, perseverance, and a strong desire to build skills that would support her future career goals. Through hard work and dedication, she successfully completed her coursework and earned her Medical Billing Certificate.

A major highlight of the year was her graduation on August 7, 2026. This accomplishment represented the culmination of many months of effort and dedication. Graduating from the Medical Billing program was a proud milestone that showcased Mindee's commitment to personal and professional growth.

Following her graduation, Mindee has continued to build toward her future by attending job interviews and exploring employment opportunities in the healthcare field. She is taking important steps toward achieving greater independence and establishing a meaningful career. Her willingness to put herself forward, meet with potential employers, and pursue new opportunities demonstrates her confidence and determination.

Mindee's achievements this year reflect her resilience, hard work, and positive outlook. By improving her health, earning her Medical Billing Certificate, graduating on August 7, 2026, and actively participating in job interviews, she has laid a strong foundation for future success. Her accomplishments are a testament to her dedication and serve as an inspiration to those around her.

2026 has truly been a remarkable year for Mindee Brown, and she looks forward to continuing her journey toward a healthy, independent, and successful future.

We previously featured Mindee in 2025 discussing affordable housing



FEATURED ARTIST MARY THORNSBERRY

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Fantasy Planet
Danielle Cross: Medusa's Wrath
Weebow
The Vale: Book 1
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Just search the name *Mary Thornsberry* at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and Please leave a review!

Mary Thornsberry has been making art since she was young. While she often works in ceramics and drawing, her true passion is writing. Growing up, Mary dreamed of becoming a published author, a goal she has recently achieved through her determination. She is now a self-published author and has written seven books including her fan-favorite series *The Vale*. Her books are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Scan the QR code to explore and purchase her work.



SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO TEST THE PAVE SERVICES OUTCOME SYSTEM

If you receive services from ACRC and meet the following requirements are 18 years of age or older, receive **Supported Living, Independent Living, In-Home Respite, and/or Supported Employment services**, understand English or Spanish, and have an email address and access to the internet you are invited to test the PAVE Services Outcome System from the California Community Living Network!

The overall aim of the PAVE Service Outcomes System is to promote improvement in the quality-of-life outcomes experienced by people with developmental disabilities and their families across California, reducing disparity and inequity in service provision and quality.

If you are interested, email Julie at PAVE@ccln.org



UPDATE FROM EDISON JUN

What does independence really mean for a young adult with a disability? For a long time, I thought becoming an adult meant doing everything on my own. Now that I am a sophomore at UC Berkeley, I am beginning to understand that independence means something different. It means learning how to make my own decisions, speak up when I need help, take responsibility for my own choices, and use the people and resources around me wisely. My first year at Berkeley helped me discover that independence doesn't happen overnight. I build it through everyday experiences; sometimes by succeeding, other times by making mistakes, and if necessary, trying again.

Looking back, I can see how many of my past interests have become part of my life at Berkeley. I have always been interested in engineering and the environment, and now I am studying Environmental Engineering Science, where I am learning how math, science, and engineering can address environmental challenges such as water, energy, air pollution, and climate. At the same time, I am discovering that college is about much more than my classes. I am becoming part of the Berkeley community through my work as a Disabled Cultural Community (DCC) Center student staff member, my involvement with the Student Environmental Resource Center (SERC), and my membership in the Star Wars Club and the Berkeley Swim Club.

One of the things I am beginning to appreciate most is that I don't have to figure out my future all at once. Recently, I participated in a PAVE (Person-Centered Advocacy, Vision, Education) meeting with the ACRC and California Community Living Network (CCLN) teams. Experiences like this are helping me think more seriously about what I want my adult life and career to look like. I am still exploring which area of environmental engineering I want to pursue, but I am learning that every class, conversation, relationship, and new experience can help me move one step closer to understanding where I belong and what I can contribute.



ANNOUNCEMENT

ACRC is hosting our next quarterly virtual community meeting on November 4th, 2026 from 11am-12pm

Please note: ACRC quarterly community meeting is intended to share updates across the organization and to engage with our community. This is not a space for client specific issues. Those discussions are welcomed at the Planning Team level or in a one-on-one conversation. Thank you for understanding the need to preserve client confidentiality. For additional information visit <https://www.altaregional.org/calendar> to get the link. No registration required.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT - FROM APRIL 2022 - ALTA CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Hello World, meet Edison Jun! Edison is a creative, 16-year-old teenager who aspires to give back to his community. Edison's parents credit his success to the many therapies he received as a child including Speech Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis. The therapies helped Edison connect with people on a deeper level and make real-life connections. Edison, who is in the ninth grade, attends Capital Innovations Academy and he is taking Math and English classes at Sac City College. "My dream job is to become an engineer and environmentalist, to protect the Earth and save our plants from pollution, wildfires and other disasters. The ways that I help are to recycle, use a reusable water bottle and save energy."



"I like to help others too. I volunteered at iCan Bike Camp last year for a week to help Josh, who was a special young athlete, ride his bike. He struggled for a week and eventually he was able to ride his bike with a big smile. I am very proud of Josh. My goal is to help more special young athletes by participating in the leadership group of Special Olympics Northern California and volunteering at the 2022 USA Games Special Olympics." Edison himself is a competitive swimmer, he participates on two swim teams: Special Olympics Northern California and Spare Time Aquatic Sharks. Edison has won a total of 8 gold medals. Michael Phelps is Edison's role model. "Michael is strong and fast, especially in the Butterfly stroke." Edison recently set a personal record of swimming 100-yard freestyle in under one minute. His next goal is to break his own record! "My most impressive swim meet was the South Korean Swim Meet that took place in 2019. I swam in a 50-meter pool. It was so long that I didn't need to do a flip to start another lap."

Creativity is Edison's greatest strength. "I like to do stop motion videos. Stop motion is a type of animation where you move your character a bit and take a picture of each frame. When you play all the pictures, you see the animation without moving your hands. "I was the winner of the Climate Change contest for my stop motion video that my sister helped me record and edit. Here is the link 2020 Climate Video Challenge Winner: <https://youtu.be/B0MDsmQuV-Y>. "I share my creations with people so they can see them. The movies will make them laugh and be excited. My positive mindset is always telling me to get over yourself, do your best, do what you feel is right and enjoy it for yourself." To see more of Edison's creations including his TEDx talk, visit this link: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=edison+jun.

SAVE THE DATE



YES ON W: WILLOWGROVE ALTA REGIONAL INFO NITE

When: Tuesday, October 13th

Where: Yes on W HQ
400 F St, Ste A, Davis

Time: 6 to 7pm

Come learn about our partnership with
ACRC and how your family can
get involved with **Yes on W**

Please RSVP to wearedavisca@gmail.com

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