



MEET GUSTAVO

Gustavo started his Senior year behind in credits and uncertain if graduation was an attainable goal for him. After completing the first semester of his Senior year at North Salinas High School with a 1.0 GPA, the Club Director and Staff held a series of meetings to determine a plan for his future.

Gustavo was experiencing anxiety and depression, which was affecting his home, school, and Club life. Gustavo transferred schools and began to seek counseling services.

Gustavo enrolled in independent studies at Everett Alvarez High School and maintained his grades in school. He was an active participant in the College & Career Readiness program and a recipient of a Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County College Scholarship.

After 4 months, Gustavo was back on track to graduate from high school on time. By May, Gustavo was ending his Senior year with a 3.5 GPA!

Gustavo attends Hartnell College and plans to transfer to Sacramento State to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MONTEREY COUNTY COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Since 1968, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County have inspired and empowered the youth of Monterey County to realize their full potential to become responsible, healthy, productive and successful citizens.

Our College & Career Readiness Program (CCR) is designed to guide youth as they explore, plan, and prepare for success in middle school, high school, and post-secondary education or vocational training so they can earn a livable wage as a productive, healthy member of their community.

In FY 18-19, the College & Career Readiness Programs served 362 Members; including Middle School Readiness for 6th Graders, High School Readiness for 7th and 8th Graders and College & Career Readiness for 9th-12th Graders.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAM IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

362 TEENS

PARTICIPATED IN COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAMMING, A 44% INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

70 TEENS

COMPLETED LIFESKILLS WORKSHOPS TO HELP NAVIGATE THE JOURNEY FROM ADOLESCENCE TO ADULTHOOD

53 TEENS

PARTICIPATED IN 14 COLLEGE TOURS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

3,162 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

COMPLETED BY OUR TEENS THROUGH TORCH CLUB AND KEYSTONE

\$90,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

WERE AWARDED TO 13 CLUB TEENS, FUNDED BY GENEROUS CLUB DONORS AND SPONSORS



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MIDDLE SCHOOL READINESS



When Aszhari T., 6th Grade Member, first started the Middle School Readiness programs, she tended to leave Club areas without asking, avoid programs, insert herself in peer drama, break Club rules and disrespect staff members. Since beginning **SMART Girls**, Aszhari has grown to respect her peers, is aware of her own self-esteem, and has a better grasp of her own identity. She participates actively in programs and has been named a SMART Girls Advocate.

SMART Girls served **52 participants** in FY 18-19.

Manny M., 6th Grade Member, was battling with low self-esteem and would refrain from conflict because he was scared to voice his feelings. He explained how **The Bullying Awareness Workshop** helped him boost his confidence and self esteem. It gave him the courage to stand up for himself and he is no longer afraid to express his true personality around others.

HIGH SCHOOL READINESS

Andrea C., 7th Grade Member, has been attending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County for over 8 years. She is a consistent member of the **Torch Club** leadership group and always volunteers to help with community service projects. Andrea says, "The Club makes me feel happy and safe. I love that the staff helps me whenever I need it. They make me feel happy and respected. They give me new opportunities to try."

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS



Carla J. is in her second year of College & Career Readiness. She started her freshman year wanting to become a journalist. After job shadowing at KION last year, she was inspired to pursue politics. During a case management meeting with Staff Carla said, "If I could meet Jimmy Panetta, that would be a dream come true." She looks up to Panetta and believes he is invoking change within our country. This year,

she had the opportunity to meet Jimmy Panetta with the support of the College & Career Readiness Program. Carla wants to become the positive change the United States needs, and plans on becoming a congresswoman.

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