

Mariposa youth Impact Project

Connecting our Kids in 2015

College Initiative Project focuses on getting Mariposa students, “*college smart*”. Programs are put in place in Mariposa designed to expand educational opportunities and improve education outcomes for all Mariposa students. Through public-private partnerships and in concert with MyIP’s mission for Mariposa students (impacting the life’s of Mariposa youths) events and programs are designed to tackle critical education challenges such as 1) improving availability of and access to early college mentoring for Mariposa students; 2) increase the number of college track students; and 3) ensure more students enroll in college and, more importantly, complete college applications. In 2015 the College Initiative Project will be launching “*college possible program*”. The “*College Possible Program*” will assist Mariposa youths in providing college enrollment assistance and advisement.

Social Innovation Camp on Fresno Pacific University Campus provided through a PG&E grant. The camp is an intensive and collaborative one-day high school competition where students experience what it means to be a social entrepreneur. Students work in teams to identify and propose innovative solutions for real-world problems. Fifteen junior and senior students have attended this camp in the past two years and three Mariposa students have placed in this competition winning scholarships.

Children Symphony Program at the Art Kamangar Center in Merced is provided through a grant from Merced Symphony Program and the Music of Tom Hoffman. 380 MCUSD k – 3rd grade students attended this event last year. We were unable to provide the transportation for the students to attend this year. Look for this event in 2016.

Children Opera at Lakireddy Auditorium on UCM campus provided through a grant from Arts UC Merced. 175 MCUSD P-K – 6th grade students attended this event last year and over 500 K – 5th grade students will attend this event this year in May.

MCP10% was presented on-site at MCUSD Woodland, MES, and Mountain Community Schools by UCM students. UCM students shared their personal stories of challenge and overcoming to over 110 8th grade students. The project MCP10% began three years ago, with the vision and goal to motivate 8th grade students to stay in school encouraging them to graduate from high school. MCP10% is a Harvard designed study/project anticipated to increase high school graduation by 10%. These MCUSD 8th grade students then had the opportunity to tour the UCM campus hosted by the MCP10% UCM students. Mariposa will participate in the MCP10% project again this year. This project was funded through a grant.

Pen Pal 6th Grade project was a pilot project last year. Every MCUSD 6th grade student was paired with a UCM student and three pen pal letters were exchanged. These MCUSD students then had the opportunity to tour the UCM campus hosted and attended

by their UCM Pen Pal. This project is currently underway in 2015 with two of Mariposa Elementary Schools. It is planned to open this project next school year to all MCUSD 6th grade students.

Dinner With A Scientist held on UCM campus for two years, hosted through AAUW, and funded by local clubs/corporations provided over 100 female students the opportunity to share a meal and dessert with scientist in STEM fields that MCUSD female students were interested in as a possible career or seeking information about. This year will be the third year for this event. This event was the first “hand-off” program created by MyIP.

Stanford/Berkeley Splash held on the University Campuses is an annual spring/fall event where students attended weekend classes for the cost of \$40/student for the entire program. Over fifteen MCUSD students have attended the Stanford Splash in the past two years. MCUSD students will continue to participate in this event making this the third year MCUSD students will attend classes on the Stanford University campus. The University of California, Berkeley is piloting Berkeley Splash in 2015. It is a one day event where students can attend Saturday classes on Berkeley campus. Being a one day event this opens the door for MCUSD students to be bused in to the event. We hope to offer this opportunity as early as this year to MCUSD students wanting to attend.

Job Shadowing/Vocational Opportunities are being made available through partnerships built with companies, corporations, nearby communities, academic institutions, etc. Arrangements are being made to connect MCUSD students with UCM Professors where students have the opportunities to observe and/or participate in current research projects/studies. A grant has been received where 20 MCUSD students will tour and observe air methods with staffed paramedic and nurses at Mercy Air in Modesto this year. Also through a McCormick Ambulance grant MCUSD high school students will receive CPR Student Training this spring.

MCOE Writing Festival Contest will be open, for the first time, to MCUSD students this year. MCUSD K – 12 grade students will participate in Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) Writing Festival contest competing with our neighboring Merced County students. Students will have the choice to enter 26 categories in the Prose Division and 17 categories in the Poetry Division. There is an opportunity to make this a yearly event with MCOE.