



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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WHATS HAPPENING!

HIGHLIGHTS

As we look back on this month, we're proud to celebrate the incredible progress and accomplishments within our programs. Our members have embraced new challenges, developed valuable skills, and taken meaningful steps toward their futures.

Through hands-on workshops, career-building experiences, and engaging events, they've showcased their talents, dedication, and enthusiasm. From career exploration to personal growth, this month has been filled with inspiring moments, and we're excited to continue supporting their journey.

WORKSHOPS



In our **Money Matters** program, members had the unique opportunity to create time capsules to capture who they are now and reflect on who they'll become by the time they graduate. From jotting down their favorite music and trends to writing about their career goals and dreams, these capsules serve as a snapshot of their journey. It's a fun and meaningful way to see how their interests, aspirations, and perspectives evolve over time. Who knows? Some dreams may stay the same, while others might surprise them! Check out the first image to see our students in action, writing letters to their future selves!



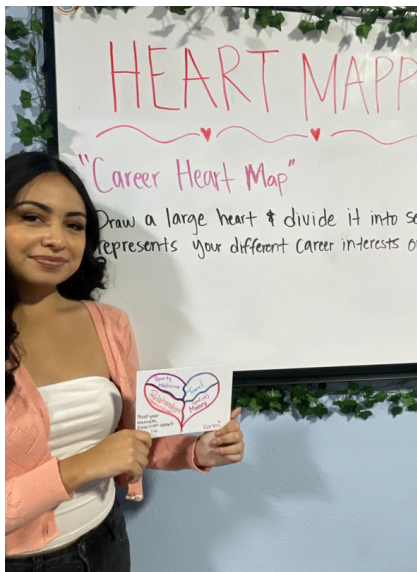
Members are engaged in our Career Bound Workshop, where the focus is on interview skills. Through peer-to-peer practice, they are asking and answering common interview questions to build confidence and familiarity with the process. To step outside their comfort zones, members paired up with peers they hadn't met before—practicing not only how to respond effectively but also how to make a strong first impression. These hands-on exercises help prepare them for real job interviews, ensuring they're ready to put their best foot forward!



CRB ROUND UP!



"It Takes a Village" event brought together students, staff, and families for a day of performances, fun, and meaningful conversations. Parents had the opportunity to explore our programs, ask questions, and learn more about Career Bound and workforce development opportunities. It was a great chance to showcase the impact of our programs and strengthen the support system that helps our students succeed!



CAREERS, CONFIDENCE, & CONNECTION A GALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our Wilmington site hosted a special **Galentine's Career Bound Edition**, where members explored their passions through career heart maps, helping them visualize their future goals. We also had a networking, communication, and mental health workshop—with a fun twist! Through slime-making, we sparked conversations about career paths, post-high school plans, and stress management in a creative and hands-on way. Members even practiced meet-and-greets to build confidence and prepare for future opportunities. It was an inspiring event filled with self-discovery, connection, and fun!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're collecting gently-used clothing, accessories, and small items to stock our new **Club Thrift Store** for high school members! Your donations support sustainability and help our club community. Contact Naya at our San Pedro clubhouse for more details.





SKILLED TRADES



Our **Skilled Trades Program** continues to make a significant impact on the members we serve, providing them with the hands-on experience and industry-recognized skills needed to succeed in high-demand fields. Every Saturday, our dedicated members engage in real-world learning that empowers them to pursue rewarding careers in fields like carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and more.



DISCOVER THE SATURDAY SKILLED TRADES EXPERIENCE!

We invite staff and partners to come see the exciting work happening in our **Saturday Skilled Trades Program**! This is a fantastic opportunity to observe how we're preparing our members for success in real-world industries. Our participants are gaining valuable hands-on experience that will set them apart in the workforce, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. **Join us**, get inspired by the incredible progress our members are making, and see firsthand the impact of this amazing program. We look forward to seeing you there!

SHOUT OUTS!

Shoutout to our Members of the Month! **Eddie & Pablo** have shown incredible dedication and teamwork this month. Their passion for learning and growth is truly inspiring. Keep up the amazing work—we're so proud of you!



WORKFORCE CENTER

Stacy always had a passion for working with youth, but as a Youth Development Professional at the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club, she truly saw her impact. She mentored young members, helping them find their voices, build confidence, and grow into leaders. Watching their transformation reignited her own dreams, inspiring her to return to L.A. Harbor College to study communications, with plans to transfer to UNLV or CSUDH. Her journey mirrors the lessons she teaches—growth, perseverance, and self-expression. Through her studies, she hopes to empower others to communicate with confidence, just as her students inspired her to rediscover her own path. Whether in education, counseling, or public speaking, Stacy is committed to helping people put their best selves forward through communication.



Vanessa has always been fascinated by the human mind and what shapes thoughts, emotions, and behaviors. Her passion for helping others led her to study Psychology, Sociology, and Counseling, with a focus on mentoring youth. As a Youth Development Professional at the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club, she saw how guidance and support transform lives—helping teens gain confidence, coaching young athletes through mental blocks, and being a trusted listener. Inspired by these experiences, she enrolled at LA Harbor College to pursue a career in sports psychology, social work, or psychiatry.

Beyond academics, Vanessa's love for film deepens her understanding of human behavior, making psychology more than just a field of study—it's a lifelong calling. She envisions a future where she empowers others to overcome challenges and reach their full potential through therapy, counseling, or mentorship, creating a lasting impact on those she serves.