

COLUSA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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Kim Owens, Program Coordinator at the Arbuckle Family Action Center, provides outreach at the Arbuckle Watermelon Festival with the assistance of Zuly, a Pierce High School student

S. WILLIAM ABEL ACADEMY ACHIEVES 6-YEAR ACCREDITATION

The Colusa County Office of Education (CCOE) is proud to announce that S. William Abel Academy has again achieved Accreditation status from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). This 6-year Accreditation for Excellence in Education is the highest rating a school can achieve from the Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS).

“I am extremely proud of the leadership and staff at CCOE’s S. William Abel Academy with their achievement of a 6-year WASC Accreditation,” Colusa County Superintendent of Schools Michael P. West stated. “Assistant Superintendent John Ithurburn, Teacher Doug Horton, Teacher Erin Kalfsbeek, Art Teacher Specialist Bob Kirkman, Adult Education Coordinator Michelle Bingham, and Paraeducator Brittani Messina have all demonstrated an incredible dedication and passion for all of our students in their pursuit of an education! We will continue to grow and develop expanding areas of education at our Academy,” Superintendent West continued.

This Accreditation status is based on all of the information provided by the school, including the school’s report, and the satisfactory completion of the accreditation visit. With S. William Abel Academy’s continued adherence with the ACS WASC policies, procedures, and criteria for accreditation, this 6-year status will be in place through June 30, 2029.

IMPORTANT DATES

Click underlined dates for more information

August 7 & 24

Paraeducator Assessments

August 7

Free Book Giveaway
Ampla Medical, Colusa
10:00am-2:00pm

August 9

Free Book Giveaway
Ampla Medical, Arbuckle
10:00am-2:00pm

August 10 & 24

Story Time, 10:00am
Arbuckle Fam. Action Cntr.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year, Colusa County families!

I hope each of you were able to find ways to relax and recharge over the summer vacation. As we begin this new school year, I feel it is important to address a growing trend in education - Chronic Absenteeism. A pupil is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of the total school days in a year, including both excused and unexcused absences. This number can be calculated by dividing the number of days a student is absent by the total number of days school is in session. For example, if a student is absent 18 days out of a 180-day school year, they can be considered a chronic absentee as they were not present for 10% of the time.



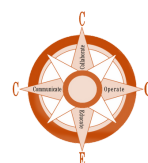
In 2022, 26.3% of students in Colusa County and 30% of students statewide were chronically absent. Moreover, on average 8 million students nationwide are chronically absent each school year. As a result, children are at risk of falling behind academically. Our youngest learners may be unable to read well by the end of the third grade, and our oldest may find it difficult to finish their courses in order to graduate. This school year, it is critical that we find it within ourselves to help the students of Colusa County get to and stay in school.

While some absences cannot be avoided, it is essential to connect with your child's teacher should an absence occur, in order to keep your child on track with his or her peers. Each school is its own community, with neighbors and friends coming together to support one another in need. Do not be afraid to ask for help should you require it, and please know the Colusa County Office of Education is here to offer a helping hand. I wish all families, school staff, and students a happy start and a successful school year.

-Michael P. West, Superintendent of Schools

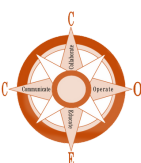
NEW VIDEO SERIES HIGHLIGHTS EMPLOYEES

A new CCOE video series debuted on July 11 featuring Facilities team member Victor Silvas. In the video, Victor discusses his role in the Facilities department, why he likes his career, and provides advice to prospective job seekers wanting to get into such a career field. The "Get to Know" series, will highlight an employee each month, with the next video set to be released on August 8. To view Victor's video, [click here](#) or visit CCOE's YouTube page.

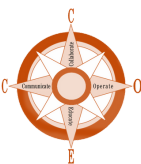


FOOD SERVICES STAFF VISIT NAPA'S CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Food Services' Lupe Madrigal and Ramona Contreras recently took a field trip to the Culinary Institute of America, located in Napa, CA. They, along with 34 other Food Services staff members from local schools, had the opportunity to work with trained chefs to sharpen their knife skills, learn proper time management, and practice scratch cooking procedures.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES JULY FAMILY NIGHTS



FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR COUNTY YOUTH



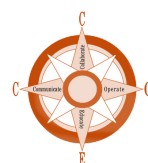
The Food Services team at the Education Village provided free breakfast and lunch to Colusa County students this summer, as has occurred in previous summers at the Williams location. Approximately 855 breakfasts and 977 lunches were provided in the month of June to Elementary, Middle, and High School Extended School Year (ESY) students, and to Williams Unified School District (WUSD) students attending classes at Woodland Community College. Additionally, in the month of July, 200 meals were served to WUSD

students. "I appreciate the ability to serve meals to students we would not normally reach," stated Food Services Supervisor Angela Fulcher. "My staff has grown attached to the ESY students and look forward to seeing them and interacting with them every summer, even if it's only for a few weeks."

"AND LITERACY FOR ALL" SUMMER STORY TIME



This summer, the "And Literacy For All" team in collaboration with First 5 Colusa, has implemented a series of successful Footsteps2Brilliance Story Times with families at the Arbuckle Family Action Center. Each story time, which occurs twice a month, centers on an age-appropriate book found within Footsteps2Brilliance. Families are invited to learn finger plays associated with each story, and the children further their learning by creating a hands-on craft or doing an activity tied to a theme found within that morning's chosen book. 47 families attended the June story times, and 24 families attended in July. The next program will take place on August 10 and is open to the public. Call the "And Literacy For All" team at (530) 491-9405 for more information.



HIRING EVENT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 14 IN ARBUCKLE



The Human Resources Department will host an "On-the-Spot" Hiring Event at the Arbuckle Odd Fellows Building, located at 601 5th Street in Arbuckle. The event will occur on September 14 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, and no registration is required to attend. Highlights will include application assistance, in-person interviews, and same-day job offers for applicable candidates. To view current job listings, visit www.edjoin.org/ccoe or scan the QR code below. For assistance or more information, contact CCOE Human Resources at (530) 458-0350 or hr@ccoe.net.

WELCOME CCOE NEW HIRES!

GABRIELA MONTELON

Receptionist
Administrative & Children's Services

MAYRA AGUILAR

Program Services Assistant
Children's Services

MATTHEW VDEO
School Psychologist
Special Education

GLORIA GARCIA
School Psychologist
Special Education

ASHLEIGH CIRCE
Associate Teacher
Children's Services

BRIDGET BEATON
Speech & Language Specialist
Special Education

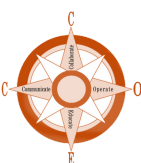
ROSE ANN BIDIA
Speech & Language Specialist
Special Education

MIA CRITCHFIELD
Paraeducator
Special Education

ELIZABETH HERZOG
**Farm to School
Lab Coordinator**
Educational Services

YAZMIN G. RIVERA
**Certified Nursing
Assistant Instructor**
Educational Services

We are hiring!
**Full-Time, Part-Time &
Substitute Employment
Opportunities. Contact Human
Resources at (530) 458-0350 or
scan the QR code to see
current job openings!**



ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM GRADUATION 2023



Congratulations to Aldo Rodriguez Mendoza, Class of 2023! Aldo graduated from the Coastal Buttes Academy Adult Transition Program on June 1.



CCOE FAMILY GRADUATES 2023



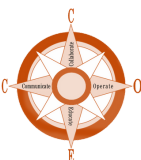
IRMA ROQUE
Master's Degree in
Public Health
Universidad Xochicalco-Mexico

Irma is the Children's Services Health Specialist, and she plans to continue her education by taking some Early Childhood Education units.



SHANNON BARROW
Master of Arts in Education
CSU, Chico

Shannon is a Special Education teacher at Maxwell Unified School District. She plans to continue teaching her amazing students at Maxwell Unified.



CCOE FAMILY GRADUATES 2023 (CONTINUED)



CESILEE GODINEZ

Master's Degree in Human Development & Leadership in Education
Pacific Oaks College

Cesilee is a Children's Services Education Program Supervisor, and her ultimate goal is to become a part-time college professor.



OSCAR VALENCIA

Bachelor of Science in Community Health Science with an emphasis in Kinesiology
University of Nevada, Reno

Oscar is the son of Special Education Teacher Genia Colsa-Friel. He plans to apply for a graduate program.



GABRIELA TREJO RIVERA

Bachelor of Arts in Childhood Development
CSU, Sacramento

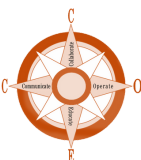
Gabriela is a Children's Services Associate Teacher at Colusa Preschool Learning Center B.



KAYLA HERNANDEZ AYALA

Bachelor of Arts in Child & Adolescent Education
CSU, Sacramento

Kayla is a Special Education Paraeducator and she plans to attend a Master's program.



CCOE FAMILY GRADUATES 2023 (CONTINUED)



**SHANNON ANDERSON-
CEDILLO-AGUILAR**

**Associate in Arts in Social &
Behavioral Sciences with an
Emphasis in Special Education
&
Associate in Science in Early
Childhood Education
Woodland Community College**

Shannon is a Children's Services Infant Teacher, and she plans to continue her education and teach at the job she loves.



DANTE MUZZI

**Associate in Science in
Administration of Justice
Woodland Community College**

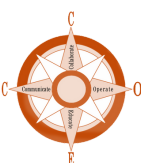
Dante is the son of Alena Anberg, Educational Services' Adult Education CTE & ESL Instructor. Just one week before graduating from Pierce High School, Dante received his Associate Degree from Woodland Community College. He plans to attend CSU, Sacramento and pursue a career in Criminal Justice.



HAYDEN MCCARTY

**Colusa High School
Class of 2023**

Hayden is the nephew of Human Resources Specialist Rachel Webb. He plans to attend Northwest Lineman College.

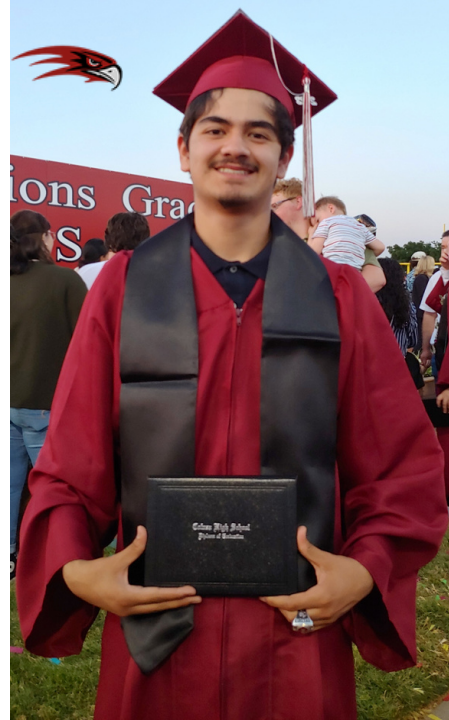


CCOE FAMILY GRADUATES 2023 (CONTINUED)



NIKO SILVAS
Colusa High School
Class of 2023

Niko is the son of Facilities Custodian Victor Silvas, and the nephew of Literacy Coordinator Stefani Santana. He plans to attend Butte College's Welding Technology Program.



**JOSE FERNANDO
GARCIA ALVAREZ**
Colusa High School
Class of 2023

Jose is the son of Special Education Paraeducator Martha Alvarez. He plans to attend Butte College.



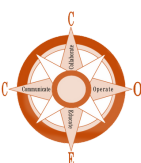
CHASE FRIEL
Johnson Jr. High
8th Grade Promotion

Chase is the son of Special Education Teacher Genia Colsa-Friel.



SYDNEY ABKEN
Faith Christian School
8th Grade Promotion

Sydney is the daughter of Special Education Teacher Emily Abken.



Williams Family Action Center has moved to a new location!

JULY 1



CCOE Education Village
499 Margurite Street
Williams, CA 95988



Programs & Services

- Growing Start Play Groups
- Child Passenger Safety Programs
- Parenting Support/Parent Cafés
- Nutrition Classes
- Health, CalFresh, and Other Applications
- Computer Assistance
- Certified Lactation Counselors
- Food Distributions
- Referral Services

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We're here for you...The Community!
Family Action Centers
of
Colusa County
Family Resource Centers in Arbuckle & Williams



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Worthy the Facility Dog has a new Instagram handle! Follow her to see all of the amazing ways she helps the students of Colusa County.

