



What's new at CDS?



Project WHAT!'s Tenth Anniversary

At the end of October, CDS hosted the ten-year anniversary celebration for Project WHAT!, an organization that provides support and advocacy for Bay Area teenagers whose parents are incarcerated. The event, "A Decade of Dedication," spotlighted policies that can improve the lives of families impacted by prison sentences and eliminate harmful state procedures. The evening also included several music and poetry performances. For more information, [see Project WHAT!'s official booklet.](#)

CDS alum Rosy Corado-Biggs ('09), now a senior at UC Santa Cruz, helped to organize this event. We are so proud of Rosy and the contributions she's making to this important organization.



2016 Halloween Parade

And the tradition continues! Check out the [photos](#) from our annual Halloween Parade. The whole CDS family, students and teachers alike, marched around the block at our 333 campus in full costume up to our usual frighteningly good standards. Even Humphrey the Bulldog made an appearance!



Pelican Student Leads Hope Box Drive at CDS

Third grade Pelican, Kavi, is leading a Hope Box Drive for Operation Refugee Child, an organization that provides supplies and comfort to refugee children and their families. He'll be delivering the Hope Boxes to the Operation Refugee Child warehouse in Santa Ana during Thanksgiving break as they prepare for their next delivery trip to Syrian refugee camps in Greece with supplies for the winter. To find out more about Operation Refugee Child or to learn more about packing your own Hope Box [click here](#).



You're Invited!

Calling all Alumni from the Classes of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016!

On Sunday, December 4th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. CDS will be hosting an event designed for you, our amazing alums, to spread a little wisdom to our current eighth graders. We want you to tell them what you love about your high school! As they enter the final phase of their application process, help them figure out what schools will be on their final application list and give them some words of encouragement. Please RSVP to Amanda Richard at amandar@cds-sf.org. We hope to see many of you there!

Class Notes



Emerson Herrera, CDS 2011

In the summer of 2016, after his first year at Carleton College, Emerson participated in the James E. Jones Jr. Pre-Law Scholars Program (PLS) as part of the inaugural class. It is a pre-law program at the University of Wisconsin Law School designed for students interested in pursuing a law career.

PLS scholars were given the opportunity to take three law school level classes: Legal Writing and Analysis, Election Law, and Criminal Law. He was also taught how to apply to law school, where to look for money to fund his education, and what to think about after completing his law degree. Even as a child, Emerson knew he wanted to go to law school to help countless people facing injustices in the world. After participating in this enriching program, he has decided to immerse himself in public policy, so he can one day help the Maya people back in his home country of Guatemala who face discrimination.

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Stay in touch, we want to hear from you! Please email Simone Octigan, our Annual Fund and Events Manager, to give us feedback, to update your contact information, to volunteer, or just to say hello!

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