



UPWARD BOUND PINER

MEET YOUR NEW MANAGER OF OUTREACH AND ACADEMIC SERVICES!



HEY THERE! MY NAME IS MS. GARCIA AND I'M THE NEW MANGER OF OUTREACH AND ACADEMIC SERVICES FOR UPWARD BOUND PINER. I'M A LOS ANGELES NATIVE WHO RECENTLY MADE THE MOVE TO SONOMA COUNTY AFTER TEACHING IN LOUISIANA FOR A WHILE. AS A PROUD UPWARD BOUND ALUM, I'M THRILLED TO DIVE INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER AND BRING MY EXPERIENCE TO THE UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM AT PINER HIGH SCHOOL.

February Shout-Out

This month's shout-out goes to the sophomore cohort, who have been working on advocating for themselves and what they need. Way to go!

Important Dates

Feb. 12: No School

Feb. 15: Application Deadline

Feb. 19: No School

Feb. 21: Science Project
Presentations (11th Grade)

Feb. 28: Volunteering
Presentations

Feb. 29: Progress Reports Due

Curriculum Updates

- 9th Grade: A-G Requirements and College Competitiveness
 - Students have learned about the high school graduation requirements and college eligibility, and created graduation plans. Students have also learned what it takes to be a competitive college applicant. The unit will culminate in students choosing a volunteer experience where they'll receive at least one hour of community service. Students will then present to the class on their experiences.
- 10th Grade: Financial Literacy
 - Students are taking a deep dive into ethical consumerism, learning about a myriad of topics including fast fashion, food deserts, minimalism, and human trafficking. Students will interview their peers about their spending habits, analyze data, and end the unit by creating their own projects that will require them to focus on one aspect of ethical consumerism and be part of the solution.
- 11th Grade: Scientific Method
 - Students are learning to recognize the steps of the scientific method, receiving hands-on practice through a variety of experiments, and engaging with content that focuses on a variety of topics such as the evolution of forensic science and developments in DNA technology. At the end of the unit, students will conduct their own experiment and present on the process.
- 12th Grade: FAFSA
 - Seniors have submitted their FAFSAs and will receive guidance with the next steps of the financial aid process, including understanding their offers and using financial aid awards to help make their final admissions decisions.

RECRUITMENT

**UPWARD BOUND PINER'S
RECRUITMENT FOR 2024-2025
IS NOW OPEN! TO APPLY,
PLEASE SEE MS. PENNING OR
FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON
OUR WEBSITE! APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15.**

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