



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2010-2011

ANNUAL REPORT

FAST FACTS

- Approximately 82 Classes per term
- Classes taught by 41 part-time teachers
- 2,407 Adult Students Served
- 3,841 Student Registrations Processed
- 32 SCUSD First and Second grade classes served in Generation Connection, a collaborative garden program
- Ethnicities Served: American Indian, Asian, Black, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Indian, White, Pacific Islander
- 100% funding from student fees

PROGRAM AND CLASSES

Enrichment Program

The Enrichment program offers a diverse repertoire of intellectually stimulating courses from arts and crafts to money management to home economics. These classes offer the adult (18 years+) the opportunity to develop, at their own pace, a skill, hobby or interest. It gives adults a break from their day-to-day routines, a way to stay connected with others with similar interests and provides a means of enjoyment and relaxation. For all, the classes offer a joyful experience in learning something new in a relaxed friendly environment.

Some of the classes offered include painting, woodworking, dance, gardening, cooking, languages, retirement planning, and writing. Santa Clara Senior Center provides space and specialized equipment for some of the classes. For instance, the Clay Arts class is held at the senior center, allowing students to access their kiln.

Generation Connection

We have a beautiful garden on our campus and offer classes for adults, as well as, Generation Connection, a program that brings children from district schools to the "Magic Garden" on the adult school campus. 1st and 2nds graders are guided through the garden by adult volunteers, many of whom are trained Master Gardeners. The children delight in discovering the sights, smells, sounds, tastes and feel of nature. George Mayne, Pomeroy, Washington Open, Scott Lane, and Westwood are among the 12 district schools who visited this year.

PARTNERSHIPS

- Santa Clara Unified School District
- University of Santa Cruz Master Gardener Program
- Santa Clara Senior Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Adult Education teachers are experts in their fields; many of them hold teaching credentials from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- Some classes perform in the community. For instance, the Senior Band class performs in convalescent hospitals and retirement homes.

RESULTS

Course evaluations over the years have indicated that students have overwhelmingly benefited from adult school offerings.

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