



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2011-2012

ANNUAL REPORT

## FAST FACTS

- Approximately 77 Classes per term
- Classes taught by 39 part-time teachers
- 2,253 Adult Students Served
- 3,590 Student Registrations Processed
- 30 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. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>s 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. Laurelwood, Pomeroy, Washington Open, Scott Lane, and Don Callejon 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 Choir Golden Tones perform in convalescent hospitals and retirement homes.

## RESULTS

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

## CONTACT

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