**Student Spotlight**

Oscar Hurtado is the Vice President of the Friday Night Live (FNL) chapter at Fullerton Union High School, Fullerton Joint Union High School District. He has taken part in many successful school and community events with Friday Night Live over the past two years. His favorite has been “What If” week. This week is used to increase awareness of bullying on campus and promote being compassionate to others. Oscar shared that he is involved in FNL because, “It has a big impact at school and helps students feel included.” His peers in FNL describe Oscar as a hard working and dedicated leader. These qualities were just a couple of reasons that Oscar was recently awarded a full ride scholarship to Williams College located in Massachusetts. In order to receive this scholarship, Oscar had to apply to the college, write an essay, and gather letters of recommendation. This process can sometimes feel daunting, but nothing could stop Oscar from his dream of going to college. He is the first person in his family to go to college. Oscar shared that he will be studying Political Science because, “I had the opportunity to help campaign with a local congressman over summer and it sparked my interest.” Oscar added that he plans on getting involved on campus with political clubs and any club that involves community service. Congratulations Oscar for your outstanding accomplishment!

**Magnolia High School FNL Is Honored**

On February 14, 2013, Magnolia High School, Anaheim Union High School District, Friday Night Live (FNL) chapter received an Outstanding Contribution to Education Award which was presented by the Orange County Board of Education. Chapter members, advisors, school and district administrators, County of Orange Health Care Agency and Orange County Department of Education staff were in attendance for the ceremony. One of the major accomplishments of the Magnolia FNL chapter that made them a strong candidate for the award happened last year after they received a $1,500 grant from the Allstate Foundation to promote distraction free driving. One of the first grant activities was to participate in a statewide Roadwatch survey, where during a one hour time period, students at Magnolia joined other FNL groups from across the state to monitor driving habits around their school. They recorded the number of times they saw a driver participating in distracting activities, such as using a cell phone, texting, applying makeup, or eating. Results were submitted to the state FNL office later that day. Magnolia FNL members were surprised by the high number of distractions that they recorded near an intersection used by many students to cross the street. They successfully worked with school administrators who secured funding for a new crosswalk that will be installed in the summer of 2013.

The Magnolia FNL club is comprised of 22 student leaders who meet weekly with an average of 100 general members who meet 1-2 times per month to coordinate activities for the year. Recent activities included planning Red Ribbon Week drug prevention activities, coordinating Kick Butt’s Day to encourage students and staff to quit smoking, conducting a canned food and clothing drive to support their local community, partnering with alcohol retailers to decrease youth access to alcohol, and hosting a Prevention Week to promote distraction free driving. Magnolia FNL students continuously go beyond what is expected of them, and they are making a noticeable difference in their school and community.
This year, 108.4 million people watched Super Bowl XLVII. According to Nielsen, many viewers were more interested in watching the million dollar commercials than the game itself. For this year’s event, the Friday Night Live (FNL) members from Gilbert High School, Anaheim Union High School District, decided to participate in the annual Big Bowl Vote 2013 sponsored by the Drug-Free Action Alliance. For their participation, they conducted a survey with 300 students the Monday after the Super Bowl, with two main questions: 1) What was your favorite commercial, and 2) What brand name products do you remember being advertised? Gilbert FNL members submitted their results to The Drug-Free Action Alliance. The countrywide analysis showed that 72% middle school students and 73% of high school students watched the event. The ‘Doritos-obsessed goat’ commercial was the favorite among youth, followed closely by ‘Taco Bell’s old folks hitting the town’ commercial. Budweiser placed fifth for the favorite commercial and second in most recalled commercials among youth for their ‘Clydesdale’ advertisement.

According to The Drug Free Action Alliance, “research reveals that young people are drawn to advertising that features animal and people characters, tells a story and makes them laugh. If the target demographic for Doritos and Taco Bell is middle and high school aged youth, the advertiser was right on the mark. But what about the Budweiser Clydesdale commercial? Researchers have found that the more youth are exposed to alcohol advertising, the more likely they are to drink. While we cannot possibly shield our children from every alcohol advertisement, we can make it a teachable moment, by helping them decode the message through Media Literacy. Simply put, Media Literacy is the ability to read between the lines to recognize the influence of media messages. Children who are media literate can look and listen with a critical eye and ear, helping them to make healthier lifestyle choices and avoid the pressures fueled by media messages to drink, smoke, or use other drugs.”
On February 21, 2013, Friday Night Live (FNL) chapters in Garden Grove collaborated to honor the Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD). Bolsa Grande High School (BGHS), Santiago High School, Pacifica High School, Garden Grove Unified School District, and St. Callistus Youth Ministry FNL chapters each made banners thanking the Police Department for their efforts in keeping the streets safe during the holiday season. In addition, BGHS FNL leaders partnered with Community Service Programs to award the officers with Outstanding Service Awards. The celebration was held during the GGPD’s quarterly awards ceremony at the Embassy Suites in Garden Grove. Students from BGHS stood fearless on stage as they awarded and congratulated the officers. The Outstanding Service Award was given in response to the Police Department’s dedicated service to keep the roads safe during the month of December, a month that typically has a higher rate of driving under the influence (DUI) related car crashes. This past December, GGPD had 108 arrests. Of these arrests 90 were DUI, of which 28 were DUI-drugs. Thank you Garden Grove Police Department and nice work Bolsa Grande High School!

In December 2012, Dwyer Middle School, Huntington Beach City School District, Club Live chapter decided to dedicate a week of school to anti-bullying. They began preparing for this prevention campaign by learning more about bullying and how to handle a bullying situation. After watching a series of videos on bullying, Club Live chapter members created a skit to bring awareness to the problem. Each Club Live student had the opportunity to perform the skit in front of a class. In addition, Club Live spent hours making “positive pass-ons” which encouraged their peers to make positive choices and “pass-on” compliments to others. This activity had a positive impact on students of all grade levels.

In January 2013, Brookhurst Junior High School, Anaheim Union High School District, Club Live hosted No Name Calling Week in order to counteract name calling and bullying. Brookhurst Club Live designed a very creative display board, exhibiting names that they have been called, and put it out for their fellow students to see. In addition, during the week they delivered daily announcements regarding name calling, specifically, how it is a form of bullying and often leads to greater conflicts. This was the first year that Brookhurst Club Live brought No Name Calling Week to their campus and they are already thinking of ideas for ways they can improve it next year.

Well done Dwyer and Brookhurst Club Live!
**DISTRACTED DRIVING PREVENTION**

**Santiago de Compostela Youth Ministry (YM) Friday Night Live (FNL)** chapter members and advisors have been hard at work organizing events on distracted driving, which are funded by a mini-grant from the Allstate Foundation. For their first activity, Santiago YM FNL reached out to 200 students for a “Teach-In” focusing on distracted driving prevention. For the presentation highlighting the dangers of distracted driving, the Santiago YM FNL members showed entertaining and impactful video that they created, delivered a presentation, and conducted an activity that was engaging for all.

**Members of Park Vista Project Access** Club Live hosted a meeting for their families and other community members of their community which focused on the different types of distracted driving, including drinking and driving. Chapter members prepared for several weeks on this project to ensure that they knew their material well enough to present. The presentation went very well and was delivered in Spanish and English by the students. “It was a great way to end 2012 for us,” reported chapter advisor Daniel Huerta. Attendees were receptive to the presentation and impacted by the hard work of the Club Live chapter members.

**Dale JHS Salutes the Troops**

The newly formed Club Live chapter at Dale Junior High School, Anaheim Union High School District, is off to a great start. During the winter holiday season, they sent holiday cards to children at local hospitals. Now, Dale Club Live chapter members are busy collecting treats, snacks, health care products, and letters of goodwill that they will send to United States military deployed to the Middle East. This project allowed the Club Live members to see how they could give back to the troops while they are giving so much for us. Dale advisor James Urquidez shared, “The students truly understood the sacrifices these soldiers have made at this time through this project of caring, respect and love. The Dale Lancers gathered in our Club Live Lair (room 400) and assembled the care packages to be sent to Afghanistan. The packages are currently in route to our proud American Servicemen.”

**Save the Date**

**Chapter 2013 Recognition Ceremony**

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On February 8, 2013, South Junior High School, Anaheim Union High School District, helped welcome 200 6th grade students from surrounding elementary schools to their campus. During this event, Club Live students had the opportunity to give campus tours to groups of students. While providing a tour of their campus, Club Live members used a script to direct students to the gym, cafeteria, restrooms, and different classrooms. This event highlighted the ability of Club Live students to lead on campus and demonstrate a positive attitude toward school. Following the campus tours, Club Live hosted an interactive booth for the elementary students, which included fun prevention games and informational brochures on why Club Live is an awesome club to join.

On February 13, 2013, Dwyer Middle School, Huntington Beach City School District, embarked on their first feeder school activity of the year. Club Live students walked to Smith Elementary School during lunch to host a variety of activities and games. The highlight of this event included a pledge to be “Bully Free” and a leadership characteristic coloring station. Students from Smith were able to color a “leader” representing themselves in their school and community. In addition, Club Live students played prevention games with the kids. Overall, it was a fun event and Dwyer Club Live is excited to make another lunch time appearance soon.

Club Live members from Currie Middle School, Tustin Unified School District, planned a three session anti-bullying training for 6th graders at the neighboring Thorman Elementary School. During the first lesson, the Currie students took turns presenting facts about bullying. The elementary school students had the opportunity to interact with the Club Live members and answer questions on bullying at their school. The students learned the reasons why people bully and the negative consequences of bullying. The next two anti-bullying sessions will include another presentation on how to stop bullying, which includes stories from famous celebrities who were bullied, and an anti-bullying skit written by Club Live members.

On February 9, 2013, twenty-two youth from St. Callistus Youth Ministry Friday Night Live participated in the 3rd Annual 10,000 Hours of Service event along with ten other local churches. At the event, youth rotated around church-sponsored booths where they completed mini-service projects. St. Callistus hosted a booth on behalf of Mary’s Shelter. Because of the combined effort from all the churches, St. Callistus was able to make sixteen baby blankets and giant Valentine’s Day cards for the babies and mothers at Mary’s Shelter. A total of 3,200 hours of service were completed by the end of the event.
North Hills FNLK: Family Night

During the months of October, November, and December 2012, North Hills Project Access Friday Night Live Kids (FNL Kids) chapter was busy preparing for their community Family Night. For the event, North Hills FNL Kids decided to do a project on the importance of family dinners. The project began by surveying community residents asking questions about their family dinner habits. The key finding of the survey revealed that the majority of residents surveyed (93%) agreed that eating dinner with their family is important. This was great news for the North Hills community! After the results were analyzed by the FNL Kids, they decided they wanted to put together a recipe book for their community to enjoy and use. They proceeded by collecting several recipes from residents. For the Family Night event, they partnered with the County of Orange Health Care Agency Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Team for a presentation highlighting the importance of family dinners. Additionally, the FNL Kids gave their own presentation on the results of their survey and passed out their cookbook. While the speaker was giving the presentation to the parents, the FNL Kids members kept the young children busy with a coloring contest. Everyone in attendance had fun while learning some important information. Great job North Hills FNL Kids for all the work you did to make this project so successful.

In the News

Marijuana Use Continues to Increase as Perceived Risk of Use Decreases Among U.S. High School Seniors

The percentage of U.S. high school seniors reporting previous month marijuana use continues to gradually increase, according to the most recent data from the national Monitoring the Future (MTF) study. In 2012, 22.9% of 12th graders reported using marijuana in the past month, a 25% increase since the most recent low of 18.3% in 2006. While the current prevalence of marijuana use is far below the peak of 37.1% in 1978, it has returned to a level not seen since the late 1990s. According to the study’s principal investigator, “One important variable that has been a lead indicator of use—namely the amount of risk teenagers perceived to be associated with marijuana use—continued its sharp decline in 2012 among teens, which would suggest further increases in use in the future” (University of Michigan, 2012). The percentage of high school seniors who thought there was a great risk of harm from regular marijuana use decreased from 57.9% in 2006 to 44.1% in 2012—the lowest level since 1979. Dr. Robert DuPont, the first Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), suggests that, “The recent legalization of marijuana use in Colorado and Washington State, and the legalization of ‘medical’ marijuana in 18 states and the District of Columbia will lead to further decreases in youth perception of risk from harm” (IBH, 2012).