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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## IMPACT Weekly

January 11, 2023

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### Message from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

I'd like to share my gratitude for the efforts made to care for one another during the inclement weather we have experienced. While the rain has brought much-needed water to the state, we must continue to serve and support those affected by the storms. The SCCOE maintains emergency advisory information on our website for schools, parents and community. The information is updated frequently and can be found on the [SCCOE Emergency Advisory Page](#).

Commitments to uplift community were a hallmark of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. His legacy is honored this year on Monday, January 16. He said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

Here are a few opportunities available for the community to serve:

- [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend of Service at SCC Parks](#)
- Sort and distribute food with [Second Harvest of Silicon Valley](#)
- Provide support for programs at the [Santa Clara County Library District](#)

Opportunities to engage and include young people in community service, whether it's a long-term project or a few hours, can have a lasting impact, strengthens our connections and promotes a sense of belonging.

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,



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## SCCOE News



*SCCOE Newsroom*

Visit the [SCCOE Newsroom](#) for the latest news and updates.

## Community News and Resources



*Silicon Valley Reads Kickoff*

Don't miss the [Silicon Valley Reads kickoff event](#) on Thursday, January 26. Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro will moderate the conversation with all three featured authors: [Tommy Orange](#), [Amanda Skenandore](#) and [Kai Harris](#). Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your books signed by the authors after the event.

The event will be on Thursday, January 26, at 7 p.m. at the Visual and Performing Arts Center at De Anza College. It will be simultaneously live-streamed by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley. Please register for this free event.



VTA Bus Changes

Beginning on Monday, January 16, VTA is making changes to some of its bus schedules. In addition to major improvements on nine bus routes, many running times are being adjusted to respond to changing traffic conditions. [You can find details about the route changes on the VTA blog.](#)

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# Step into Teaching

Opportunities in Silicon Valley Public Schools

Saturday  
February 11, 2023

Pursue a teaching career



# New Americans Fellowship Policy and Power

The New Americans Fellowship (NAF) is a summer leadership program that offers leadership (or professional) development and a stipend of up to \$10,000.

**Program runs from  
June 5, 2023 - August 11, 2023**

### Fellows will:

- Gain professional experience in government and research
- Advocate for community-driven policies & solutions affecting the diverse immigrant communities of Santa Clara County
- Develop social consciousness and promote equity through research projects

### Applicants must be:

DACA recipients, U or T nonimmigrant visa holders, VAWA recipients, have Temporary Protected Status, or have been granted asylum or refugee status in the U.S.

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**Learn more & apply at [sccoir.org/naf](https://sccoir.org/naf)**

**Deadline: February 10, 2023**

Questions? Email us at:

[immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:immigrant.relations@ceo.sccgov.org)



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The program requires you to commit to 40 hours each week. While the program will offer flexibility in hours each day, leaders are asked to commit to an 8-5 pm schedule.



*New Americans Fellowship*

## District News and Resources



*Scholarship Application*

Please remind your students to submit their application NOW for this life-changing opportunity. The Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) Scholarship provides high school seniors with a \$40,000 scholarship for college and a paid engineering internship at Amazon. Check out eligibility requirements and apply at [amazonfutureengineer.com/scholarships](https://amazonfutureengineer.com/scholarships). The application deadline is Friday, January 20 by 3 p.m. CST.

Why apply? Check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UdiPnXWLow>



**YOUNG ARTIST  
SHOWCASE  
2023**



*Young Artist Showcase*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2023 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Some students will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses as well as showcased at the virtual Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 9, 2023, celebrating Arts Education Month in California.

This year's artwork theme, 'Hope in a New Era', encourages youth to reimagine, through the arts and creativity, a new era of creative freedom and expression. This new space in time can involve a new way of thinking, learning, and interacting with new possibilities and

new ways or reinforce meaningful ways to engage with friends, family, work, school, community spaces, and our natural environments.

To submit artwork, visit <https://sccoe.to/YAS2023SubmissionForm>  
For more information, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas>



*Racial Day of Healing*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is hosting "Stories of Healing & Hope in Community" to celebrate the 4th Annual Santa County Day of Racial Healing. Teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators are invited to this event on Thursday, January 19. To register, visit <https://sccoe.to/DayofRacialHealing2023>

For more information, contact Olivia Santillan to 408-453-4261 or by email [osantillan@sccoe.org](mailto:osantillan@sccoe.org)

## Health & Wellness



*Virtual Calming Room*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is dedicated to supporting the mental health of K-12 students, staff, and the community. The [virtual Calming Room](#) is a resource for students, families, and staff to find tools and strategies for managing emotions and feelings.

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# National Blood Donor Month



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*Donate Blood*



January is National Blood Donor, a time to honor the lifesaving impact of blood and platelet donors. If you are interested in donating blood, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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Viral Video Contest

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's Sexual Health & Harm Reduction Program is happy to announce the launch of the [2023 Viral Video Contest](#) this month for Santa Clara County high school-age youth. According to the CDC, 1 in 2 sexually active youth will get an STI by age 25 and most will not know it. This is an exciting opportunity for Santa Clara County high school students to address this staggering statistic by creating a short video (30-90 seconds) that addresses stigma around STIs and testing, encourages safer sexual practices, and promotes healthy relationships. Winning students will be awarded up to \$1,500 for themselves and \$500 for their high school. The submission deadline is March 12, 2023.

Watch and share this [short video about the Viral Video Contest](#). For more information and to see winning videos from previous years, go to [GoViralSCC.org](#).

### **About the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

*Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success.. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).*

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