

# Tobacco Talk

## Christina Carriere's Letter to the Editor:

For the past two years, I have been an active member of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) at Willows High School. As a club, we have done an immense amount of work within the community to provide tobacco education to children, peers and adults. Throughout my time within this coalition, I have gained leadership skills, confidence, and an overall awareness of the needs of my community.

I would like to thank the City of Willows and the Public Health Department for helping me and my SWAT colleagues educate, adopt, and maintain a comprehensive tobacco-free outdoor policy in our community. It was a proud moment for me when I was able to see our hard work reflected in the community through smoke-free signs posted in the parks and on many of the entryways of our local businesses. This made me realize that, as I prepare to attend college in Southern California, I will be leaving my home community knowing that I played a part in helping reduce the secondhand smoke issue through smoke-free parks and smoke-free business entryways.

Sincerely,

*Christina Carriere*

## The City of Willows Receives Smoke-Free Park Signs



"Christina Carriere posing proudly by the first smoke-free park sign following its posting by City of Willows on March 22, 2017 at Jensen Park (Little League Field)."

## Great American Smokeout (GAS) Presentations

SWAT members from Orland, Hamilton and Willows High Schools conducted 21 GAS presentations to 7 local elementary/junior high schools in the month of November. GAS presentations teach students about the effects of tobacco use and prevention. It also helps SWAT members build public speaking skills.





## Public Opinion Polls & Retailer Educational Visits

SWAT members from Orland High School conducted Public Opinion Polls on February 6th, 2018. The surveys were conducted outside of our local Sav-Mor grocery store. The SWAT youth surveyed local people who lived in Orland about their opinions on tobacco related issues such as density, youth access and secondhand

smoke. On the right is Abigail McIntyre surveying a community member. The Picture below features Left to Right: Rogelio Martinez, Britney Martinez, Abigail McIntyre, Alondra Pompa and Jack Lazzaretto.



The Sale of Tobacco Products to Persons **Under 21** Years of Age Is Prohibited by Law and Subject to Penalties

To Report an Unlawful Tobacco Sale Call  
**1-800-5 ASK-4-ID**

U.S. Armed Forces active duty personnel with military ID must be at least 18 years of age

**Valid Identification May Be Required**

This sign must be readable by the consumer and must not be altered, covered or obliterated in whole or in part

Business and Professions Code Section 22952

## Educational Retailer Visits & Observational Surveys

SWAT Students from Willows High School conducted observational surveys on April 20th, 2018. The surveys helped identify local needs through tobacco related issues such as cigarette liter, secondhand smoke and usage of smoke free signs at all entryways. The picture on the bottom right features Star Plaza. Picture below from left to right: Star Plaza, Christina Carriere and Emanuel Guadiana





## North State Youth Advocacy Summit (NSYAS)

The North State Youth Advocacy event brought together youth coalitions from the North State working on tobacco education, prevention, and advocacy. They learned skills such as advocacy, public speaking and how to engage decision makers. This event took place in Yuba City, California on February 24th, 2018.



## Youth Advocacy Day (Youth Quest)

Youth Quest is a statewide advocacy event sponsored by California Youth Advocacy Network (CYAN). At this event the students learned about current tobacco issues impacting youth, they marched to the capitol and were involved in a press conference to bring awareness to these issues. This year's Youth Quest was held on March 19th, 2018. Picture below features SWAT members from Hamilton and Willows High schools and SWAT Advisors.



## Open House Events

SWAT youth members from both Orland High School and Hamilton High School attended open house events for their schools. The youth were able to get the word out about SWAT and promote their club to their peers. At this event the SWAT members handed out flyers, talked to attendees about all of the community outreach events they were involved in and encouraged students to participate in SWAT.



## SWAT End of the Year Meeting

The Glenn County Tobacco Program recognized SWAT members' work in tobacco control with an awards day at Dave and Busters in Roseville, California.

SWAT students received certificates

recognizing the amount of hours they volunteered throughout the year in SWAT! Congratulations to our graduating SWAT Seniors: Britnie Martinez, Abigail McIntyre, Christina Carriere, Izabel Diaz and Tania Rubio!

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