

Tobacco Talk

Open House Events

SWAT Students from Hamilton, Orland and Willows High Schools attended the Open House events at their high schools. We informed parents, students, staff and community members about all the awesome things we do in SWAT! We also recruited a few new interested members for the following school year.



Left to Right: Magie Torres, Mikaela Martinez, Maria Torres, Tracey Nuñez, Cynthia Guzman, Alondra Pompa, Jordan Radisich



Left to Right: Pratham Bhardwaj, Isabella Mercado, Anna Juarez, Angelina Juarez



Left to Right (Top): Yessenia Ordaz, Emily Trenado, Victor Leyva, Abigail Torres, Jade Hill

Left to Right (Bottom): Wendy Perez, Yisel Tejeda, Jessica Hamm

Youth Quest 2019

SWAT Students from Orland and Hamilton High School attended Youth Quest 2019 this Spring. We learned about the harmful and negative health effects vaping causes youth.

We also had the opportunity to visit the state capital and pass on our knowledge about the youth vaping epidemic to Legislatures and decision makers. This event helped our SWAT students enhance their public speaking and leadership skills.



Left to Right (Top): Jessica Hamm, Abigail Torres, Yisel Tejeda, Wendy Perez, and Valerie Chavez.

Left to Right (Bottom): Cynthia Guzman, Jasmine Mojica, Leeci Camarena, Anahi Ibanez-Mercado, and Elisa Montes.

Left to Right: Leeci Camarena, Jasmine Mojica, Cynthia Guzman, Anahi Ibañez-Mercado, Elisa Montes, Wendy Perez, Valerie Chavez, Yisel Tejeda, Abigail Torres, Jessica Hamm.



Letters to the Editor

Rogelio Martinez's Letter to the Editor:

Alondra Pompa, Jack Lazzaretto and myself are members of the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) youth coalition at Orland High School. Our coalition focuses on highlighting the injustice tobacco causes in our community and worldwide. We have learned how to bring awareness and shed light on the negative impacts of tobacco within our community.

As veteran members of SWAT, we are proud to be a part of the advocacy work we do that helps make the City of Orland a better place. We are making changes in our community by advocating against tobacco and educating younger students and community members about the destruction tobacco causes. Our time in SWAT has been rewarding and it has helped us in developing and refining important skills such as leadership skills, public speaking skills and advocacy skills.

The people of the City of Orland do not deserve to be continuously exposed to tobacco products and tobacco product advertisement at all the local retail stores. The City of Orland could be a much healthier place if tobacco product advertising and tobacco product usage was reduced to a minimum. We hope the work we do and have done in SWAT can help the people of Orland live healthier and happier lives.

Sincerely,



Left to Right: Rogelio Martinez, Alondra Pompa, Jack Lazzaretto

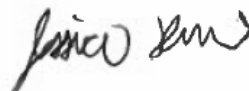
Jessica Hamm's Letter to the Editor:

Abigail Torres, Victor Leyva and myself are dedicated members of the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) youth coalition at Hamilton High School. As SWAT youth coalition members we have had the opportunity to pass on our knowledge about the negative effects of tobacco to younger students and strive for a tobacco-free community.

We feel smoke-free parks are a necessity for all communities to protect children, pets and the environment. I have younger siblings, nieces and nephews that often play at our local Hamilton City Parks. I would like to be able to take them to the parks without having to worry about them picking up, playing with or consuming cigarette butts or any other tobacco waste.

The Hamilton City parks are currently not smoke-free, which allows tobacco litter to be scattered throughout the parks and smokers to smoke freely in the parks. This creates an unsafe environment for everyone who resides in Hamilton City and spends time at the parks. We hope that all the work we have contributed towards SWAT can help lead to smoke-free parks in Hamilton City and for our community to become a healthier place to live and play.

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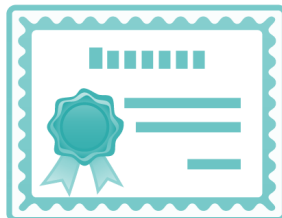


Left to Right: Abigail Torres, Jessica Hamm, Victor Leyva

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 participation certificates which included the amount of hours they each have volunteered throughout the year in SWAT!



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