A Different Kind of Leadership Class

Student Advocacy Councils
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Empowering your students to create lasting, positive change!

- Sustainable solutions to community problems
- Partnerships with community allies
- Restorative Justice practices
Madera District & Youth Leadership Institute

2017
- YLI begins dialogue with MUSD and City of Madera on youth development in the community

2018
- YLI with community support presents Student Advocacy Councils to MUSD Board of Trustees
- After approval, SACs implemented Fall 2018 on high school campuses
So what do we do?

Our Students
We seek out students who are not your typical “leaders” on campus
  ● No GPA requirement
  ● No behavior checks
  ● Only need compassion!

Our Purpose
  ● Engage students in their community
  ● Grow valuable leadership skills in students
  ● Create student-driven sustainable solutions for community problems
  ● Cultivate lasting adult partnerships
  ● Promote social justice work
Curriculum

- YLI Youth Leadership Cycle
- Social Justice Curriculum
- Required Reading
  - The 57 Bus
  - 5 Dysfunctions of a Team
YLI Leadership Project Cycle

- **Capacity Building**
  - Youth group builds relationships and learns to work as a team
  - Youth develop skills and knowledge to lead project. This includes training in Action Research and Youth and Adult Partnerships

- **Action Research**
  - Youth choose a problem/issue to tackle
  - Youth design research plan
  - Youth collect data
  - Youth analyze and interpret data

- **Planning**
  - Based on data, youth identify a solution to the problem/issue
  - Youth create a plan of action

- **Action/Implementation**
  - Youth implement action steps aimed at achieving solution
  - Youth engage in ongoing capacity building and skill development

- **Evaluation and Reflection**
  - Youth reflect on internal youth team experiences
  - Youth reflect on project process and impact
What have we done so far

- Mental Health Fair
- Restorative Justice Circles
  - Madera High School
  - Madison Elementary
- Youth-led Conference
- Traffic and Student Safety at MHS
Our Leaders

NiNi Laird

“This class has guided me to reach out and make a difference. This class meant the most to me and was the highlight of my day.”

Matthew Solorio

“This class has been very supportive and life learning as a leader on campus. It teaches me about every perspective of one’s story and how to value other people’s values.”

Breanna Flores

“Our class gives me a place for my opinions to be heard. This class is my favorite because every day I come I know I will have support.”

Daniel Guillen

“What action leadership means to me is a safe space to express myself and be the person I should be.”
Roots and Branches

Let’s take a look at how this could work at your school!
Thank you!

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Review

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