



## *March Newsletter*

### **Student Highlights**



#### **Stephanie Valdivia**

Stephanie has been involved with Youth N.O.W.'s middle school program for two years now. Middle school staff are extremely proud of the dramatic improvement Stephanie has made in her academics throughout the year, acknowledging her personal growth as well. According to our Learning Center Coordinator Anthony, despite Stephanie's calm demeanor, she is very vocal and a true role model for her peers. For the past year, Stephanie and her tutor have formed a relationship that we aim to achieve with our 1-on-1 tutoring program. Outside of Youth N.O.W. she began taking an interest in sports and is currently participating in wrestling at her school. Way to go Stephanie!!

Support Middle  
School Programming



**Alfredo Montero**

Alfredo Montero joined Youth N.O.W.'s high school family in January of 2017. Alfredo joined our contracted tutoring program focusing on Algebra 2. Despite his short amount of time at Youth N.O.W., Alfredo's grade in his contracted subject has improved tremendously. He has gone from an F to a C+ within a few months, and continues to show all around improvement! Alfredo is self-driven, independent and always determined to accomplish all of the goals he sets for himself! He has one more year to decide what University he wants to attend and what career he wants to pursue, but traveling to Japan and Italy are on his to do list. We look forward to seeing Alfredo accomplish all of his goals and watch him succeed not only at an educational level but personal as well.

Support High School  
Programming

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**Panda Express Fundraiser:**

When: Thursday, March 23rd

Where: 20 Ohlone Pkwy Space #202  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Time: **All Day!**

Ordering online? No problem! Use  
code 228702 at checkout!

**\*\*Don't forget to let the cashier  
know you are there to support  
Youth N.O.W. when paying!\*\***





## Congratulations Jenna!

After spending a little over two years with Youth N.O.W., Jenna has now taken on a new role as our Director of Operations. Jenna is a Watsonville native who connects well with our students as well as community members. Her interest in nonprofit work was ignited from her mom Teresa, who has worked for the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust for 17 years. Jenna's passion for the youth of Watsonville is shown day in and day out through her hard work and dedication. We are grateful to have her on our executive management team and excited for her continued success in this new role!

[Learn More About Our Team](#)



Youth N.O.W. will be **closed** for programming the week of April 3rd through April 7th. Program will resume Monday, April 10th!  
**Happy Spring Break!**



Interested in teaching a workshop or helping out with summer programming? Join our summer team today!  
Summer program will run from June 26th through July 28th.  
For more info call our office at 831-768-7998 or email [lramos@youthnowcenter.com](mailto:lramos@youthnowcenter.com)

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Greetings,

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Charlie Rodriguez and I serve as Executive Director for Youth N.O.W. I bring with me 10 year's experience in non-profit management and approximately 15 years working with youth in various settings. I've spent the better part of 10 years in the central coast. I consider it an honor to be apart of Youth N.O.W. I look forward to meeting everyone in our community as well as connecting with our Youth N.O.W. students and parents. It brings me great joy to see our students work hard as the spring semester is quickly coming to a close. I'm excited to see the tremendous leaps in grades our students have achieved.

I'd like to personally thank you parents and guardians for your support and for endlessly encouraging students to be apart of Youth N.O.W. I consider it an honor to be able to partner with you in cultivating the success of your son or daughter. Great things in store for Youth N.O.W. and I'm extremely humbled to be able to experience our future together!

Warmest Regards,

Charlie Rodriguez

Executive Director



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