

Highlighting Alameda Schools: Island High School

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Introduction



MOTTO: SUCCESS BY CHOICE

- The Island High motto is “Success by Choice.” At Island you have made a choice to stay in school, catch up on your credits, and graduate. The major difference between Island High and other schools is we offer choices about how to obtain your diploma.

MISSION: EVERY STUDENT IS A GRADUATE AND ON A CAREER PATH

- We believe that every student can graduate, no matter how far behind you are when you arrive. We give you skills you need to complete high school, and then to plan for life after high school.

Why Career Path?

- Career path is the long term goal of a student. Not the next job.
- Students who feel like their learning is relevant to their lives have a deeper level of buy-in leading to higher attendance.
- We have developed partnerships with the Peralta Community College system in career courses.
- The Life After High School course at Island is designed to help students start the path.

Highlighting Staff

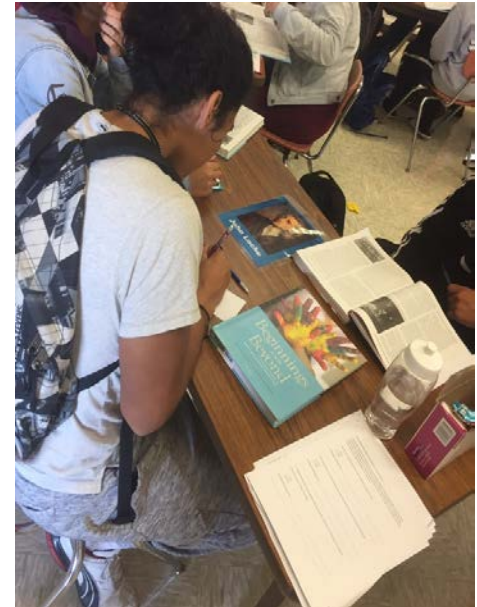
- AEA Highlight
 - Bobby Scofield is our teacher leader; has been our AEA representative; has taken the lead on our PBIS work; is part of the Principals Leadership team; and teaches an optional zero period, as well as Adult School. He is incredible!
- CSEA Highlight
 - Olivia Torres is our office manager, and she does an amazing job of managing all of the needs of the school. She makes parents, students, staff, and community members feel loved and welcome at Island. We could not operate without her.

“I heard Island does not believe in college.”

- The above is an actual quote from a community member.
- Island does not teach “A-G” approved courses. This means an IHS student must go first to a community college prior to a UC or CSU
- Community College **IS** college.
- College of Alameda offers first year FREE to AUSD graduates.
- Island offers a small school community, late start, early finish, no homework.
 - You need a stepping stone from IHS to a UC or CSU, and community college can be that transitional piece.
- Island firmly believes that education does not end with a high school diploma.

Connections to College - Career Pathways Trust II

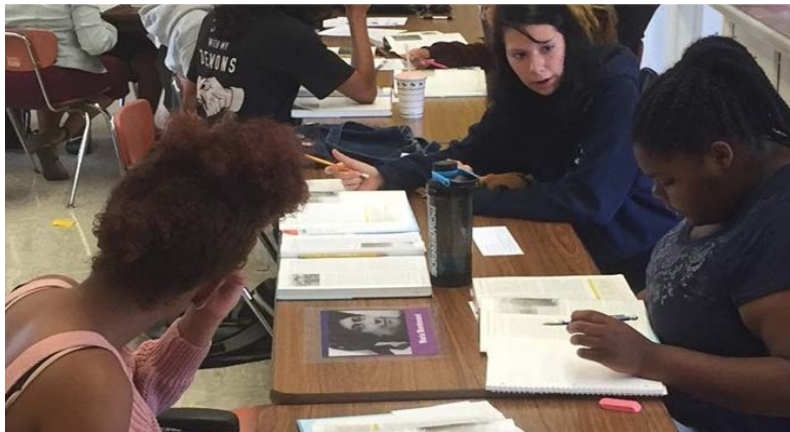
- Island continues to work with Alameda County Office of Education to implement the CPT II grant.
- The role of the grant is to create pathways from school to college and/or career.
- Last year Island hosted three college classes on campus. This year we are scheduled for four or more.
- Classes are arranged by contract with College of Alameda and Merritt College.
- In 2017-18, Island had more than 25 students sign up for college classes in the first semester.
- 28 (of 51) members of the Class of 2018 are signed up to attend college: 17 at COA, 5 at Laney, 5 at Merritt, and 1 at Chabot.



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Island's focus this year has been to increase the connection between the high school and the community college.

- Hosted three classes successfully on campus: Business Communications for Technicians (Business 208) from COA; Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (CD 50); and Children, The Community, and Their Family (CD 53) from Merritt College
- Hosted Intro to Carpentry as a summer program at Laney College (CARP 200)



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- Provided additional college field trips (30 students)
 - opportunity to visit 5 different campuses
- Hosted CTE College Career Fair (13 different organizations)
- Brought enrollment specialists to campus to help with signups
- Provided homework support
- Provided HS teacher in the CD50 and 53 classes to provide in-class and after-school college work support
- Started providing evening snack/supper for IHS students participating in the after-school program
- Two students ready to be hired as substitute paras in AUSD

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- Continuing to develop college going culture on campus
- College gear on campus
- College giveaways are now part of PBIS reward system
- Helps change Island's reputation in Alameda to that of a college going culture
- Continuing to work in partnership with College of Alameda, Laney College, and Merritt College to identify new courses that could be offered on site or at the college that would attract the interest of IHS students

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- 3 ECE classes from Merritt College
- 1 Business class from COA
- 1 Computer Science class from COA
- 3 Carpentry/Woodworking courses from Laney
- Later start times to allow access to all AUSD HS students
- Daily college support course through Bay Area Community Resources after school
- Daily 6th period internship class partnership between Child Development and WCDC

Connections to College - Possible Campus Moves

- Easy walking distance to College of Alameda
- Space to continue to develop new Career Pathways classrooms
- 5 minutes by car (same as current)
- 8 minutes by bike (same as current)
- Currently less than 20 minutes walking
 - May change based on construction
 - If changed, much closer walk







Questions?

