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San Manuel Awarded NSLA \$100k for Giving Tuesday Funding Visual & Performing Arts



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MULTICULTURAL HARMONY UNLEASHED!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you: NSLA has been awarded a generous \$100,000 grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. This substantial funding is dedicated to building an extensive Visual and Performing Arts program for our secondary students.

With this support, we aim to:

- Expand our successful Folklorico program to include secondary students.
- Establish a Mariachi Band program complete with state-of-the-art uniforms and instruments.
- Introduce Aztec Dance as another enriching program to broaden our multicultural opportunities for both our students and the community.

We were selected as one of ten nonprofits serving socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. This recognition underscores the positive impact our programs have on our students and the community at large. We deeply appreciate the strong partnership and support we have from San Manuel!

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AAE SPACE FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (SFJROTC) HIGHLIGHTED NATIONALLY

Our Cadet Guardians serve as shining examples of the exceptional caliber of youth in our nation, and it's truly difficult to put into words the immense pride we feel in their dedication and contributions to our community.

Time and time again, they receive national recognition and honors. Recently, PBS highlighted our program on their TV Series: Inside California Education and the Charter School Development Center (CSDC) personally invited and highlighted our cadet guardians to their Annual Conference in Anaheim on Veteran's Day!

Did you know over 1/3 of our high school student population proudly belongs to this highly successful and nationally recognized unit? This statistic not only speaks to the popularity of the program but also underscores the positive impact it has on the lives of our students.

[SEE PBS VIDEO HIGHLIGHT](#)



[SEE CSDC VIDEO HIGHLIGHT](#)



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

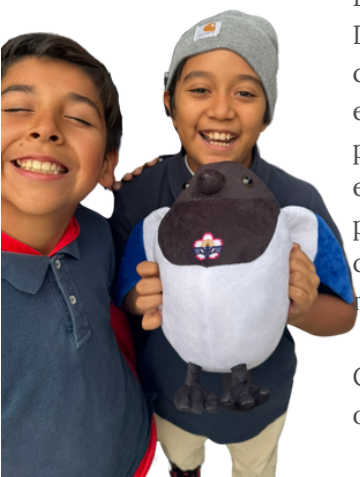
BY KORIAN MALDONADO

Throughout the years, the Lewis Center has cultivated remarkable international partnerships across the globe. A recent addition to this network is our newfound sister school in Taiwan, Nan Shi Elementary. In the secondary sector, NSLA has successfully revived its enduring connection with our sister school in Concepcion, Chile, overcoming the challenges posed by COVID. Today, NSLA proudly boasts two robust student exchange programs, fostering meaningful partnerships with schools in both Taiwan and Chile.



Early this school year, NSLA welcomed the Department of Education from Taoyuan, Taiwan. This connection has blossomed into a unique cultural exchange, where our 5th graders have become pen pals, engaging in meaningful interactions. The exchange includes the delightful sharing of care packages filled with goodies and items that hold cultural significance in Taiwan, fostering a rich and meaningful connection between our two schools.

Check out our [NSLA instagram](#) to watch the unboxing of our pen pals' latest gifts and letters.



CHILEAN EXCHANGE

In the earlier part of this year, Chilean students embarked on a remarkable ten-day visit to NSLA and AAE. During their stay, they had the incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in American culture and gain insights into our unique school system. Undoubtedly, their experience was enriched by exploring renowned attractions such as Universal Studios and esteemed institutions like Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and Caltech!

NSLA CHILE CLUB

NSLA's Chile Club is comprised of six dedicated high school students and two advisors, each committed to immersing themselves in the diverse experiences and culture of Chile. Their enthusiasm drives them to actively explore Chile's cultural differences, fostering a profound understanding of what lies ahead during their biennial trip to Chile. Their expected trip to Chile is set for Fall of 2025. If you are interested in sponsoring our students on this trip, please email Mrs. Preciado at tpreciado@lcer.org for more information.

AAE FALL FESTIVAL

AAE's PTC celebrated a triumphant 22nd Annual Fall Festival on October 27th, raising an impressive \$40,000 that will directly benefit the school. Undoubtedly the highlight of AAE's school calendar, this festival drew an enthusiastic crowd of families and community members. The event featured a delightful array of diverse booths, engaging games, and vibrant vendors, creating a memorable experience for all attendees. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this cherished tradition, reinforcing the strong sense of community at AAE. Your support makes a significant impact, enhancing the educational experience for our students.

Interested in joining our amazing PTC team and contributing to AAE? Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!



NSLA FALL FESTIVAL

NSLA's PTO proudly presented the inaugural Fall Festival on October 6th, marking the beginning of a beloved tradition. The event's success was a collective effort, thanks to the dedicated work of PTO, student clubs, and the support of local vendors and organizations. The festival not only resonated with our school community but also garnered impressive participation from the wider community. With an outstanding fundraising achievement, PTO raised a total of \$14,878. This financial support enriches the educational experience for our students.

If you are passionate about contributing to NSLA and becoming part of our incredible PTO team, we welcome your interest and involvement.

Click [HERE](#) to join us in fostering a vibrant and engaged school community!



Student Spotlight AAE Senior Eli Lovett Places 11th at CIF State Cross Country Finals!

XCCountry Champ!

In just a year, Eli has made strides compared to his last shot at CIF State Finals! In a remarkable display of athletic prowess, AAE's own Lovett secured an impressive 11th place finish at the CIF State Cross Country Championships. The event showcased Lovett's exceptional talent and dedication, representing our school with distinction. This achievement not only adds to our school's growing list of accomplishments but also highlights the caliber of our student-athletes on a statewide platform.

Congratulations to Eli Lovett for this outstanding performance, embodying the spirit of excellence that defines our school community.

[Lovett's Daily Press Article](#)



Alumni Spotlight



David Riddle

David is an AAE Alumni and Electrical Engineer for Mitsubishi Cement Corporation. David takes pride in his diverse work involving motors, generators, and high-voltage machinery. He earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Having returned to the High Desert where he grew up, Riddle's career at Mitsubishi involves updating older mining equipment with new technology, bridging the gap between the past and the 21st century.

[Full Biography HERE](#)

Rick Piercy

1952-2023

By Summer Andersen

We'll always remember our Lewis Center Founder, Mr. Piercy, as a **loving educator, visionary, leader, and friend.**



It is with heavy hearts and grateful spirits that we remember Rick Piercy, the founder of the Lewis Center, and his lifelong legacy, after his passing earlier this year. Mr. Piercy was a remarkable individual who graced our lives with warmth, wisdom, and humor. His vision of quality education for students worldwide and characteristics of Courage, Generosity, and Honor will continue to live on and thrive here at the Lewis Center and its schools.

The Rick Piercy Scholarship has been created in his memory, and allows students to be awarded grants for their work in education and more. To donate to this scholarship, call Teresa Dowd at (760) 946-5414 ext: 201 or [click HERE](#).



Dr. Lisa Lamb,
President/CEO

President/CEO's Message

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and growth of your children. It remains a privilege to serve as your President/CEO, and I look forward to the continued success and prosperity of AAE and NSLA in the coming year.



AAE Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the year and set our sights on the winter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've undertaken together. The resilience and spirit of our students, staff, and parents have defined this year as one of growth, learning, and shared accomplishments.



Chet Richards,
AAE Principal



NSLA Principal's Message



As we embark on the winter break, I encourage each of you to embrace the joy of the season, cherish moments with loved ones, and take time to recharge. Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, let the spirit of the holidays fill your hearts with warmth and gratitude.



Victor Uribe,
NSLA Principal

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