

Dimondale News

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The sun was shining and a light breeze was blowing. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the youth and the staff of Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility assembled for some well-earned R & R at Wilson Park in Torrance, CA. The turnout was remarkable with staff and youth from all four facilities in attendance. The annual Back to School Picnic is one of two company events held by Dimondale each year, providing the youth with backpacks filled with school supplies and an opportunity to meet, mingle and kick back with peers from other organizations, family and friends. August 9th was a time to celebrate the end of summer.

The celebration offered a wide array of food, activities and entertainment. While children and adults played water games, others could be found at the gazebo dancing or at the picnic tables enjoying the pie eating contest. The youth gathered near the duck filled ponds and took photos with their friends and family.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the Back to School picnic. A big thank you to our coordinators, volunteers, and vendors for making this year another success. The picnic has become so much more over the years, youth are celebrated; their return to school noted as a great accomplishment and family, friends and staff joining together to collectively say "WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!"



Horse Therapy

During the month of September our youth outreach coordinator, Ms. Olivia Verrett took our youth on a trip to the ranch and what an amazing trip it was. The youth got to experience farm life and the best part of it all was interacting with the animals, especially the horses. Horses can often times be stubborn, reluctant to follow orders, and have to learn how to get along with a team. The youth learned how to properly lead, groom, and take care of the animals.

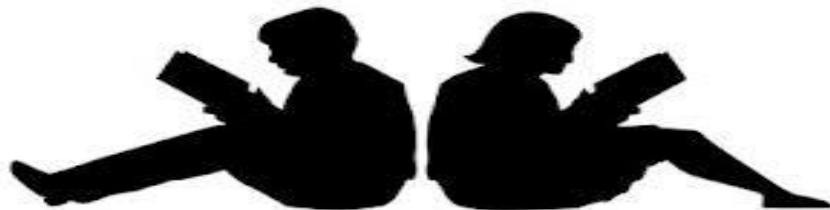
A few of our youth joked around and said they exhibit some of the exact same behaviors as the horse. The instructor taught them that learning how to get along and work with the horse will help them better understand their own emotions and body language.



Enrichment Program

Now in its third year, the Dimondale Enrichment Program continues to provide educational programs for the underserved youth throughout Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley. The mission of the Enrichment Program is to provide at-risk youth with the opportunity to achieve success through participation in a variety of related programs.

For more information on Enrichment Services please contact our Enrichment Service Coordinator, Carina Rowland at Crowland@dacfs.org



2014 Graduation

Congratulations to our 2014 graduates! The day they were waiting for and certainly the day they will long remember finally came. In high school some teens look forward to homecoming and prom but they all look forward to their high school graduation. The moment they worked hard for, all the studying finally paid off and they have earned the privilege to walk across the stage and hear friends and family cheer them on for one of many of their great accomplishments.

Dimondale Grads...



Genesis
Dashayna



Section of Appreciation



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Dimondale would like to thank Employees Community Fund of Boeing California for their kind donations. Your commitment to helping our organization is sincerely appreciated.

Thanks to your donation, Dimondale will continue to advance its mission of providing programs for our youth. We have seen many lives change for the better. Our goal is to continue to make a difference in the lives of our youth, and with supporters such as you, we will continue to see improvements.

Sincerely,
Ardra Fleming,
Executive Director

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There is still time to give a gift of hope. By supporting our youth with your donations we will be happy to acknowledge you in our next newsletter and at our upcoming events.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

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If you have questions about the organization or to request a pamphlet, please contact us at: [info@dacfs.org](mailto:info@dacfs.org) or give us a call at: (310) 791-3064



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To our employees celebrating their anniversaries.



We'd like to wish a "Happy Anniversary" to all the Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility employees celebrating their anniversary with us! Thank you for your hard work!

**Happy  
Birthday**

### October

Ms. Dee Parker- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Gail Johnson- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Darlene Pimental- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

### November

Deniece Green- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Cris- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Lyn – Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lyn Ayars- 10yrs.</li><li>• Dennisha Gallison- 8yrs.</li><li>• La'keisha Horsley- 7yrs.</li><li>• Darlene Pimental- 5yrs.</li><li>• Carina Rowland- 4yrs.</li><li>• Shesha Williams- 3yrs</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adeline Torres- 2yrs.</li><li>• Cris Velez- 2yrs.</li><li>• Alvinya Key- 1yr.</li><li>• Shamika Coleman- 1yr.</li><li>• Vanessa Bradshaw- 1yr.</li><li>• Debra Bell- 1yr.</li><li>• Mary Amos- 1yr.</li></ul> |
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