



# FACES FOR THE FUTURE

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Summer 2019  
NEWSLETTER



Hear from Program Manager  
JASMINE NAKAGAWA-WONG

When I returned from maternity leave in mid-June, I was quickly reminded of an undeniable fact: work at FACES does not stop during the summer! I had only been gone a few short weeks, but our team was in full swing, preparing and implementing summer activities across geographies. It's one of the things I love most about working here – the buzz of excitement, possibility, and optimism in the air when we're getting to know new students or trying out a new way to serve returning scholars.

Here's a quick rundown of some of our summer activities: In Oakland, we are preparing to host our 15th annual FACES Summer Medical Academy at Samuel Merritt University. In San

Diego, the team at Rady Children's Hospital is running their own version of Summer Medical Academy. In San Lorenzo, our students are participating in a FACES summer credit recovery program. In Denver, CO, we are training the new 2019-20 recruits to begin internships in the Fall. And in Albuquerque, NM, FACES summer students will be certified as Community Health Workers.

Read on for program spotlights, alumni updates, a job opportunity, and other exciting announcements. I hope you're enjoying your summer as much as we're enjoying ours!

**Jasmine Nakagawa-Wong**  
**Program Manager, FACES for the Future Coalition**



*Baby Theodore wearing his FACES Coalition onesie!*

## Program Spotlight: FACES ARROYO SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

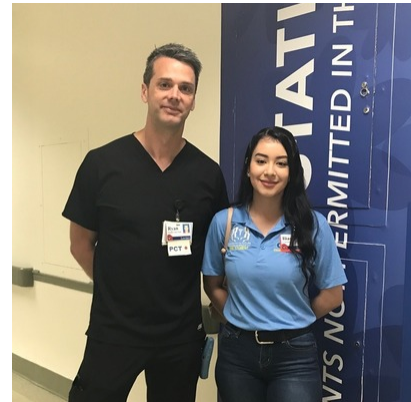


Last year, FACES piloted a summer credit recovery program at Arroyo High School in partnership with San Lorenzo Unified School District. The goal was to serve students who are interested in health professions, but who may need to recover some credits to graduate from high school. So FACES partnered with SLZUSD to build a credit-bearing summer school program – but instead of participating in traditional summer school classes, FACES Arroyo students earn high school credit by completing FACES

competency trainings, clinical skills workshops, and health internships. This summer, our second cohort of students have completed their training and begun internships in diagnostic imaging, skilled nursing facilities, pharmacies, and community clinics. Thank you to SLZUSD and our network of industry partners for making this summer program possible!

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## Program Spotlight: FACES ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC HEALTH YOUTH CORPS



The FACES Albuquerque Public Health Youth Corps (PHYC) summer program is underway in partnership with Central New Mexico Community College (CNM). Through this pilot program, FACES students learn about community and public health, participate in 56 hours of practicum experiences at Lovelace Medical Center, and graduate with a Community Health Worker certificate from CNM.

Piloted during the academic year in Sacramento, CA, the innovative FACES PHYC model is designed to expose youth to the field of public health while arming them with a series of professional certifications that support their employability. Moreover, FACES PHYC students are prepared with skills that allow them to intervene in case of health emergencies in their communities.

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## Coming Full Circle: FACES ALUMNI RETURN TO RUN FSMA



*Our 2019 FSMA Student Advisors, from left to right: Karina de Leon, Conor Collins, Rachel D'Lima, Treyvonn Chadwick, Elizabeth Storrs.*

Catching up with our alumni is always a highlight – and this summer, we have the privilege of welcoming 3 FACES alumni as Student Advisors for our summer programming! Treyvonn Chadwick graduated from FACES Hayward and is currently a 3rd-year student at Sierra College studying Biological Science and Health Science. Rachel D'Lima completed the FACES Behavioral Health Undergraduate Summit, and is now a rising 4th-year undergraduate student at San Diego State University studying nutrition. Lizzie Storrs graduated from the FACES Summer Medical Academy and is currently a rising 3rd-year Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology major at University of California, Santa Cruz. All three alumni have returned as Student Advisors, and will lead their own small groups of FACES Summer Medical Academy students through the 2-week program.

Treyvonn says, "In high school, the FACES program inspired me to pursue a career as a Physician Assistant. I'm excited to come back to FACES as a Student Advisor and share what I've learned with students in the summer program." We are thrilled to welcome Treyvonn, Rachel and Lizzie back to our programming this summer.

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More Training Dates Added:  
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION



**Adult Mental Health First Aid – Upcoming training dates: 9/13, 12/4**

**Youth Mental Health First Aid – Upcoming training dates: 9/20, 12/6**

Do you know what to say to a person who discloses something sensitive to you?

Do you know what to do if someone admits to you that they are having thoughts of ending their life or are engaging in self-harming behaviors?

Do you know how to support someone who is experiencing depression or is having a panic attack?

If you've hesitated even once – please consider getting certified in Mental Health First Aid.

**Contact [info@facesforthefuture.org](mailto:info@facesforthefuture.org) to speak with someone about the trainings.** The certification lasts for 3 years and is useful to those who just want to be better prepared to support the people in their lives and communities. We can walk you through options for certification and answer any questions you may have about the training.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)** for the Adult Mental Health First Aid course

**[REGISTER HERE](#)** for the Youth Mental Health First Aid course

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*Job Opportunity:*  
**FACES SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

FACES for the Future Coalition is seeking a full-time Program Coordinator in San Francisco. This person will be primarily responsible for planning, coordination and supervision of daily operations for the FACES program at two San Francisco high schools. This is a unique opportunity for a candidate who has experience working with teens from underserved communities, and shares in FACES' goal to support students into the health professions pipeline.

## Introducing VERONICA SANCHEZ-MADRIGAL, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE



We are excited to announce that Veronica Sanchez-Madrigal has accepted a new role as Program Associate with the FACES for the Future Coalition. Veronica joined the FACES team in 2015 as the San Francisco Program Coordinator. As Program Coordinator, she implemented the San Francisco program pilot, served over 200 students, and built strong relationships with industry and community partners. In her new role, Veronica will provide technical assistance to FACES programs in California and nationwide, oversee special projects and alumni engagement, and support the Coalition's evaluation efforts.

Veronica is a native of the East Bay Area, CA with a wealth of knowledge and experience working with underrepresented communities and expertise in addressing social determinants of health. She earned a Master's degree in Public Health at San Jose State University and a B.S. in Community Regional Development and B.A. in Chicano Studies from the University of California, Davis.

Welcome to the FACES Coalition, Veronica!

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