



Visionaries

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Youth Fight Tobacco Use With Photography

On Saturday April 16th, Project: VISION students had the opportunity to show their photography work in a gallery showing at the Chinatown Library. Fifteen high school students participated in the Free to Soar Program (also known as Project: Smoke-Free Chinatown) this spring semester. Made possible by the State Farm Good Neighbors Grant and Youth Service America, Project: VISION youth have been working to build awareness and promote an anti-tobacco message in the Chinatown community.

As the final project, students utilized Photovoice, a methodology that employs photography to educate and spark discussion in the community about social issues. Over the semester, students worked together to capture images of tobacco use in the community, with the goal of conveying an anti-tobacco message. Students also worked in teams to edit and create captions for the photos.



Students out on a photo shoot.

On Saturday afternoon over fifty library patrons, young and old, visited the gallery. The photos sparked discussion about smoking, and some told personal stories of how they were personally affected by tobacco smoking.



Guests browsing photos.

Awards were also give out for youths' photography work. Congratulations to the student team consisting of Anna Fung, Carol Zhu, and Jabri Whirl, who won Overall Best Photo, judged for creativity, composition, and caption.



Overall Best Photo: The threat of tobacco is closer than may appear.

Also congratulations to additional student teams:

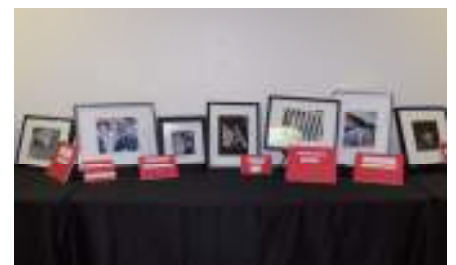
Honorable Mention Overall Photo: Oliva So, Cindy Tan, Sally Tan, Chigo Asonye, & Hailee Chan

Best Caption: Nancy Su, Susan Zhao, Susan Jiang, & Samuel Chu

Most Creative Editing & Design: Megan Leung, Christopher Tso, & Victoria Lei



Students receive recognition certificates.



To see more of students' work, please visit our online gallery on the Project: VISION Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Project-VISION/153620462014

We would also like to thank our collaborator, the Asian Health Coalition for making this project possible! www.asianhealth.org

Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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College Advice!

Project: VISION freshmen and sophomores attended a Saturday workshop this month to learn about college applications... because it's never too early to start thinking about college! If you missed the workshop, here are some of the highlights:

1. Build a good foundation—Unfortunately, there's no way around getting good grades, so make sure you keep them up!
2. Prepare for your ACT or SAT's during the fall/winter of your junior year. Try a prep class and do plenty of practice.
3. Quality > Quantity when it comes to extracurricular activities. The best activities

are those where you show commitment and leadership.

4. Make yourself a college list. Think about things like location, big vs. small, what you'd like to study. A good place to start is the College Matchmaker on www.collegeboard.org.
5. Best way to determine if a college is good fit for you... do a campus visit and talk to current students!

Remember, Project: VISION tutors are always here to help if you have questions along the way! Stay tuned for more workshops in the fall on essays, financial aid, and ACT prep classes!

Upcoming Events

8th Annual Bowl-a-thon

Sunday June 12th, 2p-4p

Come bowl for Project: VISION! Sign up at:

www.projectvisionchicago.org/fundraising.html.
For PV students, see one of the tutors to sign up for a team!

Summer Programs

Dates & Times TBA

We're planning an awesome summer this year! Activities will include arts/crafts workshops, writing workshops, service learning projects, and an end-of-summer leadership retreat. More details to come. Talk to Program Coordinator Victoria if you're interested.

The Youth Center will be closed:

May 30- Memorial Day (No School)

BOWL for Project: VISION!



Save the Date

for our 8th Annual Bowl-a-thon!!

Sunday June 12th from 2-4pm

at the UIC Student Games & Bowling Center

This year, we're raising money for:

-Updated computers & a new printer

-Remodeling the Center (a new coat of paint and lights for our classrooms)

-Summer leadership retreat for our students

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