

Student Spotlight

Santa Ana High School's "Fiddler on the Roof" cast members Cesar Cordova, Diana Ramirez and Emmanuel Ramirez discussed the character they played in the production which debuted recently at the school. Cesar, accompanied by keyboardist Laurie Cobb, performed the play's title song "If I were a Rich Man" for Board members and the community, while Director Terry Schwinge and Music Director Kathy Cobb-Woll were on hand to support their students.

Following the performance, Century High School Model United Nations Upper Secretariat members recapped the West Coast Invitational 30th Model United Nations Conference. The school hosted some 400 students from across the state during the debate-style competition held April 17 and 18. Alan Armstrong, MUN Advisor who started the program 30 years ago, Century High's Principal Margie Salcedo and Assistant Principal Laura Rubio lent their perspective as well. Shahar Azani, of the Consulate General of Israel, provided this year's MUN keynote address.



Cesar Cordova of Santa Ana High



Instructional Assist. Recognized

Adam Amarith, an instructional assistant at Romero-Cruz Elementary School, was honored as April Employee of the Month. He is pictured, from left, with Superintendent Jane Russo, HR Director Art Jimenez, Principal Edna Velado, and Assistant Principal Jessica Banda. Adam, who works in the computer lab, has positively influenced academic results by helping the school post the largest Academic Performance Index gain in Orange County. Additionally, the school's 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students made the

largest mathematics gains for those grade levels throughout the school district due to Adam's technical support of the MIND Research Institute mathematics program and the use of supplemental software, which he ensures is delivered electronically to students.

Board Discussions, Presentations and Awards

Staff shared the following presentations for Board information and consideration:

- Enrollment committee **update**.
- A detailed look at intervention models for schools identified as persistently low-achieving. The Board had previously authorized staff to begin the process of preparing an application to apply for federal school improvement funding to address low achievement. **View presentation**.
- School Arts Advantage Education Plan **presentation**.
- Student Information Systems **presentation**.
- SAUSD recently won its first Integrity in Workers' Compensation Award in the employers' category thanks to the work of Camille Boden, SAUSD Executive Director of Risk Management.

Regular Action Items: For additional information or all results from the Board meeting refer to the **Meeting Agendas and Minutes** section of the Board webpage.