



Career Technical Education and Agricultural Farm

Hello SMJUHSD AG Community,

The SMJUHSD CTE Center and Agricultural Farm (CTECAF) has now been open for business since March 2021. We started farming in May and Students started classes in the Machine Shop and Construction Shop in August.

Our farm endeavors up to this point have been exciting and complicated. We have seen all three schools coming together multiple times for planting and weeding. The comradery and mutual work have been fun to watch and be a part of. The work has been hindered by equipment availability, COVID delays in ordering, and water availability amongst other things. We have also been working towards establishing practices, procedures, norms, and workflow. This is a new endeavor for all of us and there has been a great amount of learning involved in how to operate a district farm with many people involved. We now have most of our equipment ordered and on site (see page 3) and we should be well equipped by the end of the semester. We also have the watering schedule figured out with water coming on M/W/F/Sa from 6a-12p.

Further work being done:

- We have engaged the services of a Pest Control Advisor for ongoing assistance regarding: fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and soil samples
- Had the plots informally surveyed by a community volunteer
- We have contracted with an irrigation design company (IDC) to assist with developing the irrigation design
- Met with community partner PLANTEL for input on design, their capability in our space, and our overall farming rhythm
- Opened up purchase orders to be able to get supplies quickly including seed, transplants, equipment, etc.

I look forward to working with our Agricultural Community as we continue to develop plans and provide a cutting-edge experience for students. I thank all involved up to this point for their time and patience.

Respectfully,

Dr. Paul Robinson
Director of Career Technical Education



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pumpkins almost ready for harvest
- Abundant Crops
- Large Equipment

Commercial and Residential Construction

Industry Sector:

Building and Construction Trades

Students will learn skills of :

General practices within industry:

Framing Drywall Electrical Tile Setting

Plumbing Roofing, and more.

Weatherization Blueprint Reading







 Transition to Cuesta Community College Construction Technology Program

NEXT STEPS

- Transition to AHC Architecture Drafting Program
- Transition to a 4 yr. university (Cal Poly) to study Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Construction Management, etc.



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HIGH SCHOOL	2 YEAR	4 YEAR	
DIPLOMA	COLLEGE DE-	COLLEGE DE-	
Carpenter Apprentice	Electronic Technician	Quality Control Manager	
Cabinetmaking Apprentice	Maintenance Supervisor	Environmental and Safety Manager	
Machine Operator	HVAC Technician	Product Designer	
Draftsperson	Environmental Materials Technician	Manufacturing Engineer	
Electrical Repair Person	CAD Technician	Construction Manager	
Electronic Equipment Installer	Building Constructor	Building Inspector	
Maintenance Technician	Cabinetmaking	Architect	
Laborer	Furniture Maker	Engineer	
	Iron Worker	Designer	
	Heavy Construction Journeyman	Building Trades Instructor	
	Plumber	Business Owner	
	Contractor		
	Computerized Numerical Control Tech		

Agricultural Equipment Update

On site:

2—Four seat Gators with trailers RipperKubota Utility Tractor Hay Bailer



Ordered:

John Deere 6130 Series "Mudder" Bed Shaper

John Deer 7R230 Ground Prep Tractor Land Plane

Manure Spreader 4 Bar Cultivator

4 Bed Drip tape Injector Fertilizer Injection System

Grain Drill





Sourced Equipment:

Plow Drip Extractor Tongue Mower Harrow Mower 5' Drip Lifter

Other Equipment On Site:

John Deer Loader/Backhoe Mini Excavator Miscellaneous Attachments

Skid Steer



Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

"The CTE Center/Agricultural Farm Project has been envisioned as a 21st century environment for "hands-on" and mentored learning within capstone classes for a number of the District's pathway programs. These classes will focus on various subjects that directly relate to high demand careers in agricultural sciences, culinary arts, construction, and diesel mechanics with the aim to improve students' job skills and enhance students' ability to transition from high school to the labor force or college. The project includes the construction of CTE workshops, an Agricultural Farm, and a CTE Pavilion."

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