

## What's happening

■ **Girls ages 14 to 17** who volunteer in their community or school are eligible to apply for the Violet Richardson Award, an annual \$1,000 grant given by Soroptimist International of Davis. Recipients are those who show initiative, identify a problem and try to solve it. Priority is given to applicants whose work focuses on one project that wasn't undertaken to earn a different award. Download an application at [www.sidavis.org/awards](http://www.sidavis.org/awards). Applicants should provide photos, news clippings and other supporting documents in their digital file when submitting. Direct questions and submissions to Wendy Weitzel at [wendyedit@gmail.com](mailto:wendyedit@gmail.com). All submissions must be electronic and are due no later than Dec. 1.

### Friday

■ Children in costume are invited to walk the downtown **Treat Trail** from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Watch for the bright orange "Treat Trail" sign in store windows. This community tradition, recommended for kids 10 and under, will happen rain or shine. Adding to the Halloween spirit, the Varsity Theatre will show **"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"** for free at 2, 2:35, 3:10 and 3:45 p.m. The Varsity is at 616 Second St.

■ Two PG-13 scary movies will be screened, candy will be available and teens can win prizes at a costume contest at the **After-Hours Movie Night** at the Stephens Branch Library, 315 E. 14th St. in Davis. The library, in partnership with the city of Davis, presents after-hours teen movie nights on the last Friday of each month. Double features are shown in the Blanchard Room at the library, 315 E. 14th St. in Davis, and teens in grades 7-9 are invited to attend. Youths may come for one movie or both, but in-and-out privileges are not permitted. Doors for the free event open at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Crista Cannariato at 530-757-5598 or [cannariato@yolocounty.org](mailto:cannariato@yolocounty.org).

### Sunday

■ Enjoy an afternoon of wine-tasting, epicurean delights, silent auction, art and music benefiting **Davis High School's Advanced Treble Choir** from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pence Gallery, 212 D St. The program begins with wine-tasting from a number of local wineries and appetizer pairings provided by the parent group. An intimate performance by the choir featuring a number of songs will follow. Proceeds will benefit the choir as they prepare for an educational performance trip to Seattle and Vancouver. To reserve tickets email [atcboard@gmail.com](mailto:atcboard@gmail.com) or contact [kathykperez@gmail.com](mailto:kathykperez@gmail.com). Tickets are \$25 before Saturday and \$30 at the door.

### Friday, Nov. 7

■ **It's Parents Night Out** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Gym, 23 Russell Blvd. Give the kids a break and take the night off. Children ages 6 to 17 can join an evening of gymnastics fun and games and no experience is required. Snacks will be provided. The cost is \$10 if registered by Nov. 6; \$15 at the door. For information, call 530-757-5626.

### Tuesday, Nov. 11

A **workshop for students in grades K-6** will give children an opportunity to learn songs of the holiday season and to perform with the Davis High School Madrigal Singers at the University Retirement Community in December. The workshop takes places from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Brunelle Performance Hall, 315 W. 14th St. The cost is \$30 per student and registration is open through Friday, Nov. 7. Sign-up options are online at <http://www.davismadrigals.com/2014-madrigal-singers-holiday-choral-workshop.html>.

## Chávez kids are movin'!

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**H**ave you ever Hula-Hooped for 30 minutes straight? How about jumped rope for a half-hour?

Lots of César Chávez Elementary School students did during the school's recent "Move-a-thon."

They Hula-Hooped, jumped rope, danced and ran, and raised \$10,000 in the process for the school's multiple active-play and exercise programs.

Organized by parent volunteers Raychel Kubby Adler and Jen Brackney, the event was a fundraiser meant to continue supporting the school's commitment to fitness.

Currently, Chávez features three programs that the Move-a-thon fundraiser will benefit: Playworks, which uses trained student and parent volunteers to teach various lunch-time playground games to students throughout the year; Running Club, a weekly after-school program; and the Walk, Bike, Bus and Carpool program, which encourages students to find healthy and environmental methods of getting to school.

Prior to the big day, students collected sponsorships and received raffle tickets based on the amount of money they'd raised. At the Move-a-thon, they used the raffle tickets to try to win the prizes they wanted — prizes that ranged from jump ropes to hackie sacks, Hula Hoops to headbands.

But all Chavez students participated in the Move-a-thon — whether they collected sponsorships or not — and it made for an exciting afternoon on the black-top and field.

Three areas were roped off — one for running, walking and skipping; another for dancing; and the third for Hula-Hooping and jump roping.

First up were the first- through third-graders.

Even before the countdown to start, Kayla Li was working a Hula Hoop, something her mom, Heidi, said she'd been practicing just for the Move-a-thon.

Li said her kids already bike to school and participate in the Playworks program at lunch, "which is a great way to exercise and teach rules," she said.

Over in the dance area, kids were boogying to the Black Eyed Peas' "Good Night," followed by the Macarena and even "Gangnam Style." A

conga line started up and snaked through the dancers

and Denise Mathieu, owner of Fiesta Dance and Fitness, arrived to teach some new moves to the students and adults alike.

Meanwhile, over on the field, kids were running and running and running.

After Adler led another countdown to end the 30 minutes of movement, a round of cheers went up and then it was time for the older kids to have their turn.

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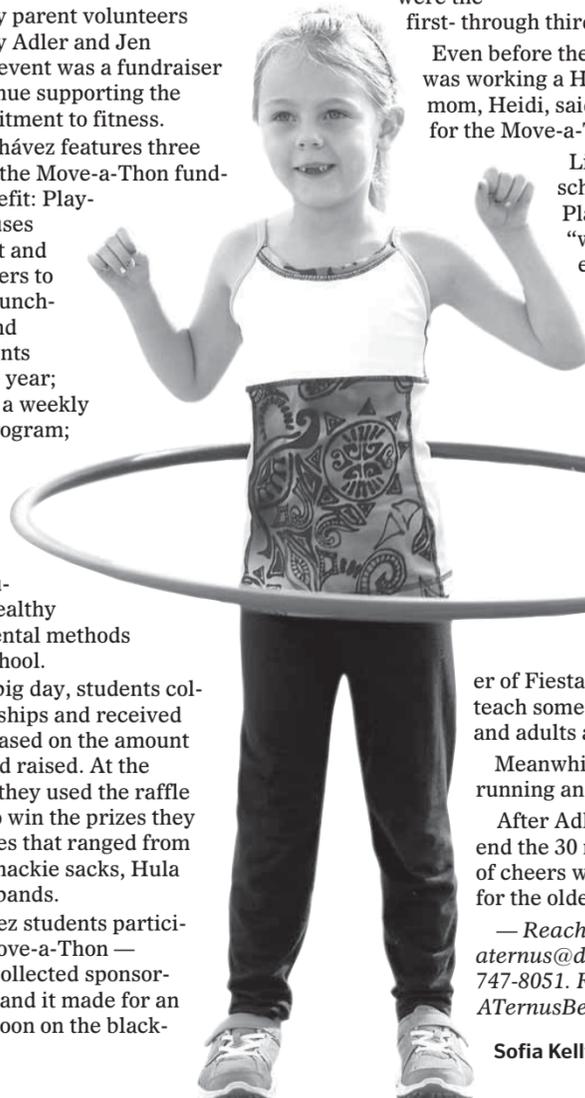
**Sofia Kelly gives the Hula Hoop a whirl during the Move-a-thon.**



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**Truman Roe and Katie Dowling get airborne with the jump rope at César Chávez Elementary's Move-a-thon, where students raised \$10,000 for the school's fitness programs.**

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## Should you go the honors route?

**A**n increasingly common question I am fielding these days is whether a student should apply to an honors college or an honors program. Just what is an honors college or honors program, you ask?

Well, it is not just graduating with honors or making it on the dean's list. In a nutshell, honors colleges/programs function and exist as part of a larger, more comprehensive university and offer an enriched learning experience — smaller classes, excellent teachers, individualized educational opportunities and, in many cases, a dedicated living-learning environment.

Viewed as a way for high-achieving students to challenge themselves, this is an attractive option at an affordable price for many students. By offering a liberal arts-like feel but with the resources of a large public university, this path combines, in some ways, the best of both worlds.

### The evolution of honors programs and honors colleges

Honors programs have been around for decades but really began to take off after World War II when GIs were coming home looking for what to do next. Private schools couldn't meet the increased demand for college, and at the same time many students were unable to afford private schools anyway.

Some savvy public universities saw this as a market opportunity and began to offer enriched programs to attract talent. Most honors colleges have grown out of these honors programs, although it is no longer just public institutions that offer these options.

Private schools such as Boston University, Baylor, Hofstra and Azusa Pacific all have honors colleges, and there are now honors programs or honors colleges at various community colleges, too. Sacramento City



College has an honors program where students in the program take challenging three-unit honors scholars courses (usually limited to 15 or fewer students), receive scholarships and earn an "Honors Scholar" notation on their transcript, among other things.

### How is an honors college different from an honors program?

While their purpose is the same — to attract and challenge talented students — their structure and scope are different. While both a typical honors college and honors program have honors housing, advisers, a faculty board and a thesis requirement, honors colleges also typically have a dean, community outreach, an alumni society and an external advisory board.

The most common model for an honors college is one in which the college is situated within a large comprehensive public university. Students in an honors college may have one or all of the following benefits: small classes; more interaction with professors; early registration for classes; special activities (retreats, campus-wide recognition banquets, dinners with faculty members); and priority interviewing for jobs and internships.

At some schools, students who participate in the honors program also may qualify for certain scholarships that otherwise would not be available to them. Graduating from this program also means that the honors degree is on the diploma and permanent record, which can be

a distinguishing factor on a résumé.

### What are the disadvantages?

With all of these benefits, why wouldn't you apply to an honors college? Well, there are some disadvantages to consider. First, the high expectations and the level of rigor may not be a good fit for some students for whom the transition to college is not seamless. For these students it could jeopardize GPA or perhaps even undermine chances of getting into graduate school or getting a good job.

Another consideration is the "elitism," whether perceived or real, that an honors college/program on campus may engender. And, as is the case with other small colleges, being in small classes and then also living with the same students may not work out if there is not a good social fit.

### How to apply

That being said, what is the application process? Since honors colleges tend to be more selective than the university they are attached to, they generally have higher admission criteria to meet (higher GPA and test scores required) and additional application requirements such as letters of recommendation, essays and an interview. Think private school application.

Each school and program has its own application process and timeline, but most prefer students to apply early. At some schools you are automatically accepted into the program if you meet the criteria, while at others, you may need to submit a separate application. Applying to Arizona State University's Barrett Honors College, for example, is a two-step process. Apply to ASU first and then to Barrett.

Check each college's website for more specifics or go to the

## Check them out

### Honors colleges popular with Davis students

- Arizona State University Barrett Honors College
- Boston University Kilachand Honors College
- Oregon State University Honors College
- San Diego State University Honors College
- University of Oregon Clark Honors College
- University of Massachusetts Amherst Commonwealth Honors College
- Washington State Honors College

### Honors programs popular with Davis students

- Boston College
- Chico State
- Colorado State Fort Collins
- St Mary's
- UC Davis
- UCLA
- University of Nevada at Reno
- University of Washington

website for the National Collegiate Honors Council, <http://nchchonors.org>, for more general information about honors programs.

### Until next time

I hope you will do me the honor of considering my parting refrain: Remember, even if the honors college route is not your cup of tea, there is still a right college out there for you!

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