



# BREAKING BARRIERS:

Empowering Newcomer  
& Refugee Students for  
Success

Council of Great City Schools  
October 24, 2025  
Cindy Flores, Director  
Brad Keating, Assistant Superintendent



**~285,000** Students

**370+** School Programs

**40,000+** Employees

**~8,000** Square Miles

**Urban and Rural** Communities

## Main Areas of Focus & Progress

Pre-Kindergarten

Early Literacy

Middle School Mathematics

Workforce and College Readiness

### Superintendent

Jhone Ebert

### Board of School Trustees

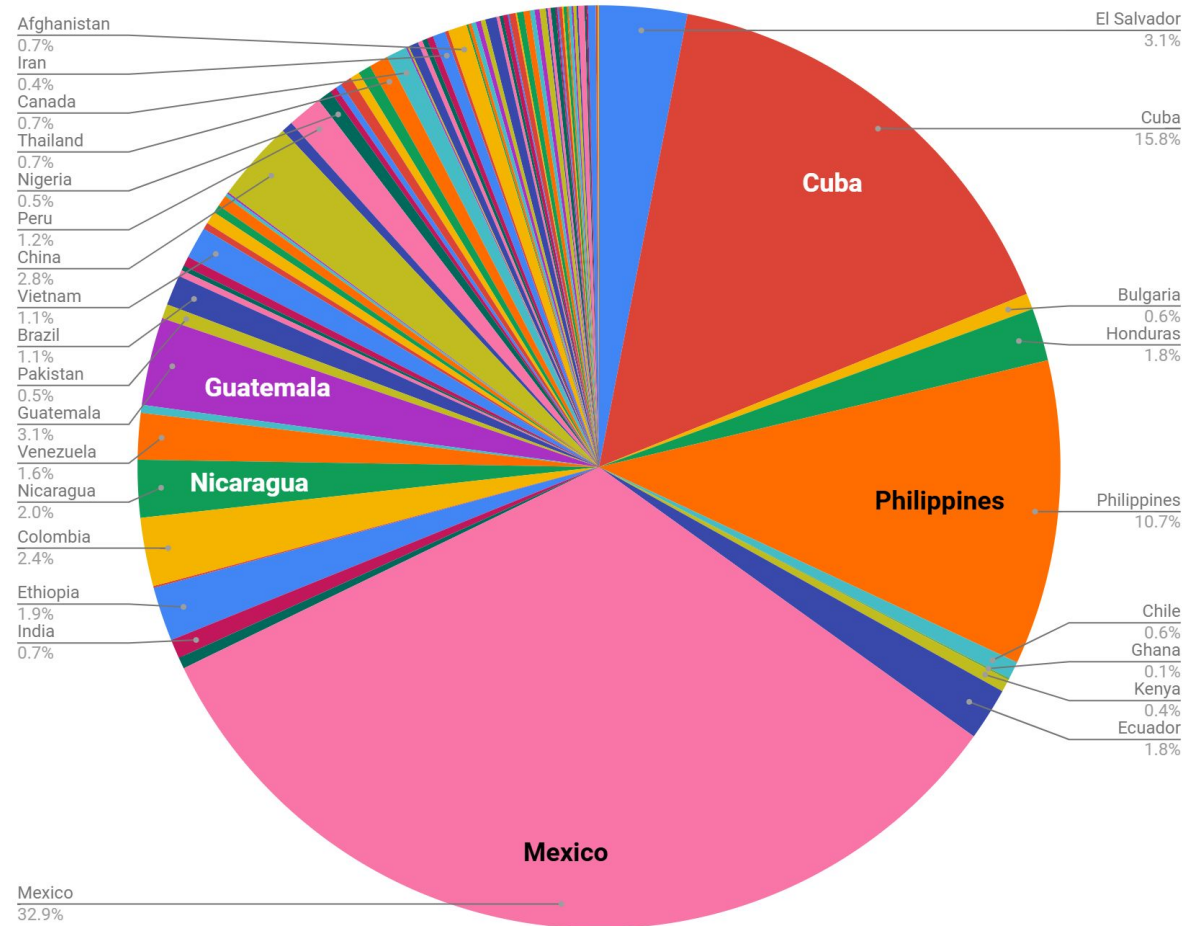
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# CCSD DATA SNAPSHOT: NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE STUDENTS (FY25)

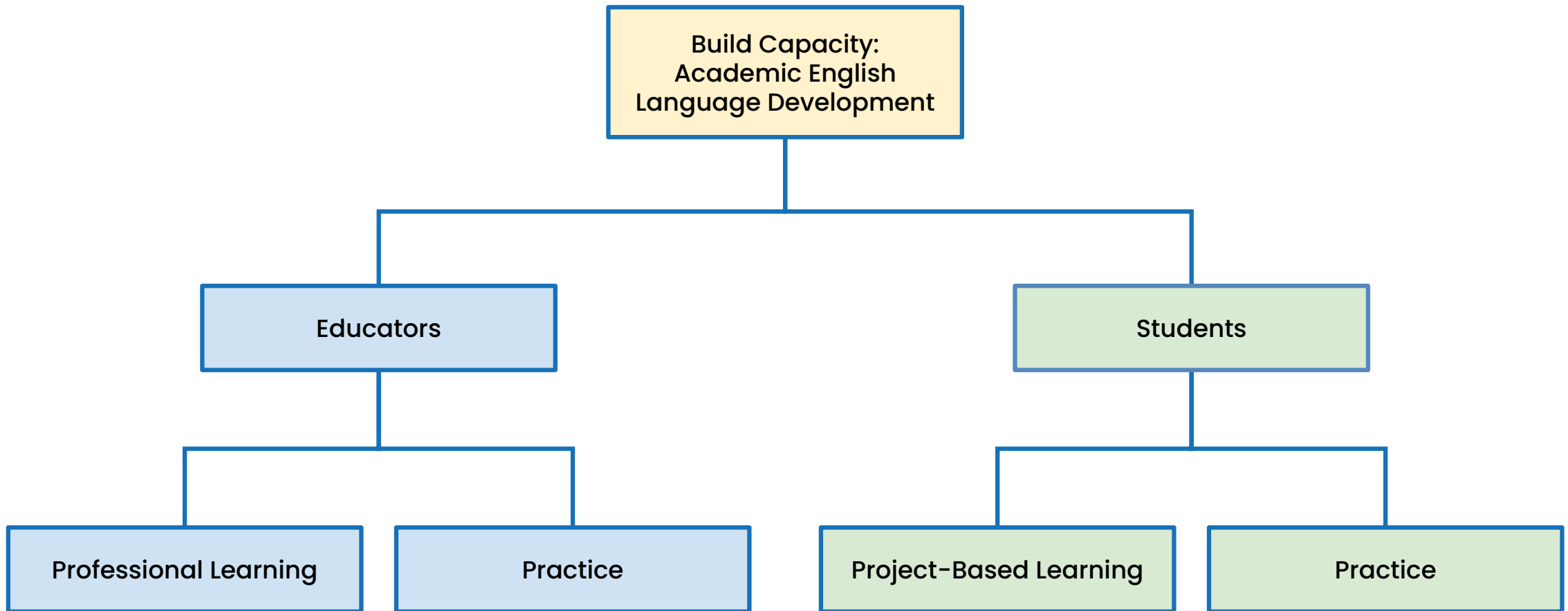
45,503	Multilingual Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identified a language other than English on the home language survey (OLR)</li><li>Scoring 1.0 - 4.4 Overall on the WIDA Screener</li></ul>
8,576	Newcomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non U.S. born</li><li>Not attended a U.S. school for more than three years</li></ul>
518	Refugees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Entered with refugee status via a resettlement agency</li><li>Flagged in Infinite Campus for 5 years</li></ul>

# FOREIGN TRANSCRIPT EVALUATIONS MS/HS



Mexico	589
Cuba	283
Philippines	191
El Salvador	55
Guatemala	55
China	51
Colombia	43
Nicaragua	36
Ethiopia	34
Honduras	33
Ecuador	33
Venezuela	29
Peru	22
Vietnam	20
Brazil	19
Canada	13
India	12
Thailand	12
Afghanistan	12
Chile	11
Bulgaria	10
Pakistan	9
Nigeria	9
Kenya	8
Spain	8
Ukraine	8
Iran	8
Uganda	7
Dominican Republic	7
Costa Rica	7

# APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS





# COORDINATING SUCCESS: BEHIND THE SCENES



**GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**1**

**Funding:**  
Identify eligible  
sources for the  
program.

**2**

**Recruitment:**  
Recruit  
students in  
grades 2-12.

**3**

**Hire and Train:**  
Hire teachers  
and provide  
professional  
learning.

**4**

**Transportation:**  
Secure District  
bus routes and  
field trip  
transportation.

**5**

**Organize:**  
Organize  
opportunities  
like ACT prep,  
speakers,  
conferences.

**6**

**Partner Up:**  
Establish  
community and  
educational  
partnerships.

# BUILDING TEACHER CAPACITY: TARGETED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

1

Preparing Your Secondary  
Campus for Newcomer  
Enrollment

2

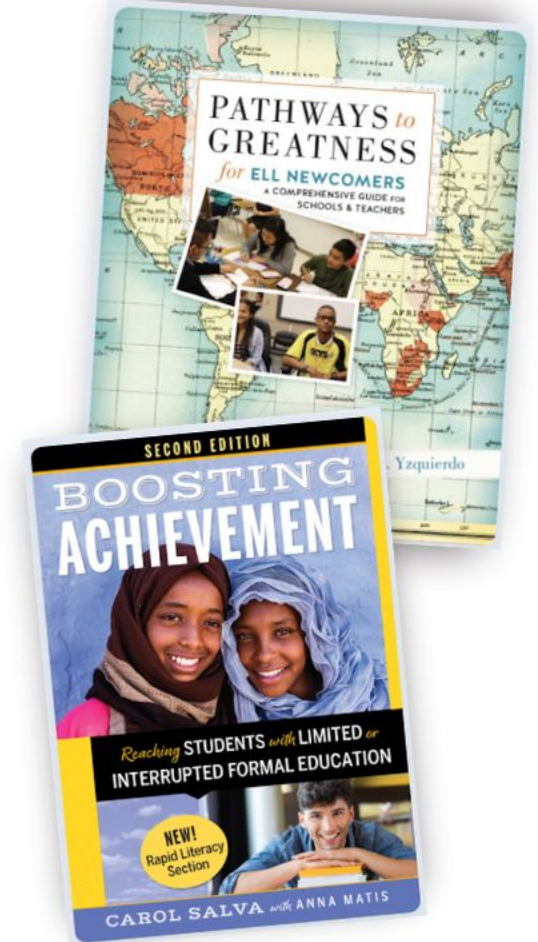
Pathways to Greatness  
for ELL Newcomers

3

Supporting SLIFE  
Through Graduation:  
Boosting Achievement

4

Internationals Network:  
Project-Based Learning





# SUMMER INITIATIVE: BUILDING LANGUAGE AND CONFIDENCE



**Summer STEAM Camp**

You're invited to the 2025 FSC summer camp!

This year we will focus on:

- Career exploration
- STEAM activities & projects
- Educational field trips
- Hands-on learning

(for CCSD students ages 6-12)

Dates: June 2 - June 26, 2025  
Time: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Location: CCSD Family Support Center  
1720 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89104

If you have any questions please call: (702) 799-0072

The poster features a blue background with a white wavy banner at the top. It includes three circular icons labeled 'LEARN', 'EXPLORE', and 'CREATE' with corresponding images of a globe, a group of children, and a child working on a project. The text is in white and yellow, with a list of activities and contact information at the bottom.



**GLOBAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Summer Language Camp**  
DIVE INTO A FUN, INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

**CAMP OVERVIEW**

- Earn half an elective credit through hands-on, project-based learning
- Practice speaking and writing in real-world contexts
- Collaborate with peers on exciting projects
- Explore different cultures

**Grades 8-12**

**Registration FREE**

**Camp Dates:** June 2 - June 20, 2025  
**Time:** 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Global Community HS  
1725 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89104  
**Grades:** 8-12  
**To register:** <https://bit.ly/SummerLanguageCamp>

**WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT**

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Guest Speakers
- ✓ STEAM activities
- ✓ College & Career Readiness Skills
- ✓ Transportation provided
- ✓ Boost your English skills!!

The poster has a white background with a grid pattern. It features a starburst graphic at the top left and a globe graphic at the top right. The text is in blue and yellow, with a list of activities and a QR code for registration. The bottom section is a yellow box with a blue header.





# PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

## Primary Level (Grades 2-7): STEAM Focus

- Collaborative STEM challenges
  - Roller coasters, Coding, Robotics
- Career Exploration
  - Financial Literacy, UNLV Nursing
- Art Projects
  - Piñatas, Painting, Balloon Animals
- Educational Field Trips
  - Discovery Center, Shark Reef
- Oral Language & Vocabulary Growth





# PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

## Secondary (Grades 8-12): Leadership Skills and Academic Growth

- Projects: Financial Literacy and Heroes
- Leadership & Team Building
- Educational Field Trip to Mount Charleston
- English and Academic Acceleration



# MEASURING THE BREAKTHROUGH

ACT Bootcamp Pre and Post:  
Composite score went up by an  
average of 6

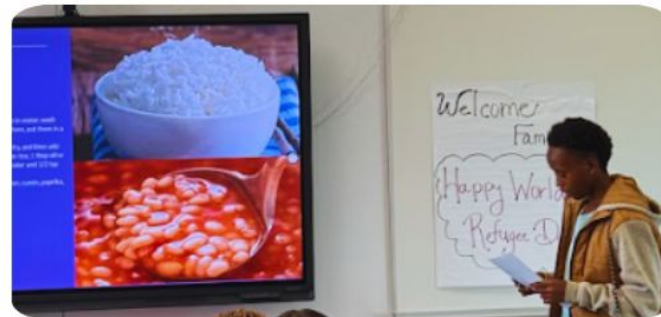
Students Successfully  
Completed Online  
Credit Retrieval

Visible Increase in  
English Language Use

Students Earned a 0.5  
Elective Credit

28 Students Participated in  
NHI Workshops or Conferences

Students Made Friends and  
Lasting Memories



# PARTNERSHIPS



GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
HIGH SCHOOL



FULLFILLMENT  
*Fundamentals*



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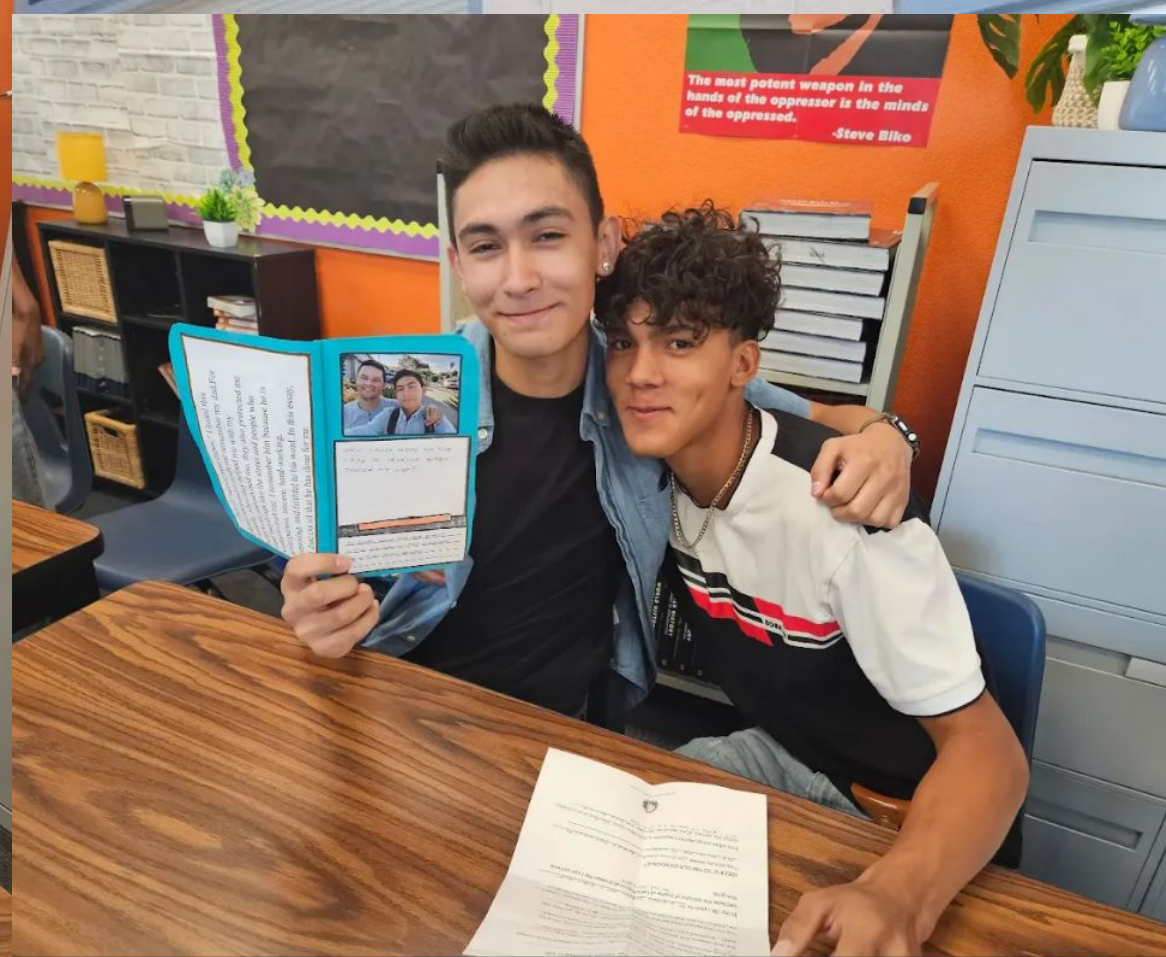
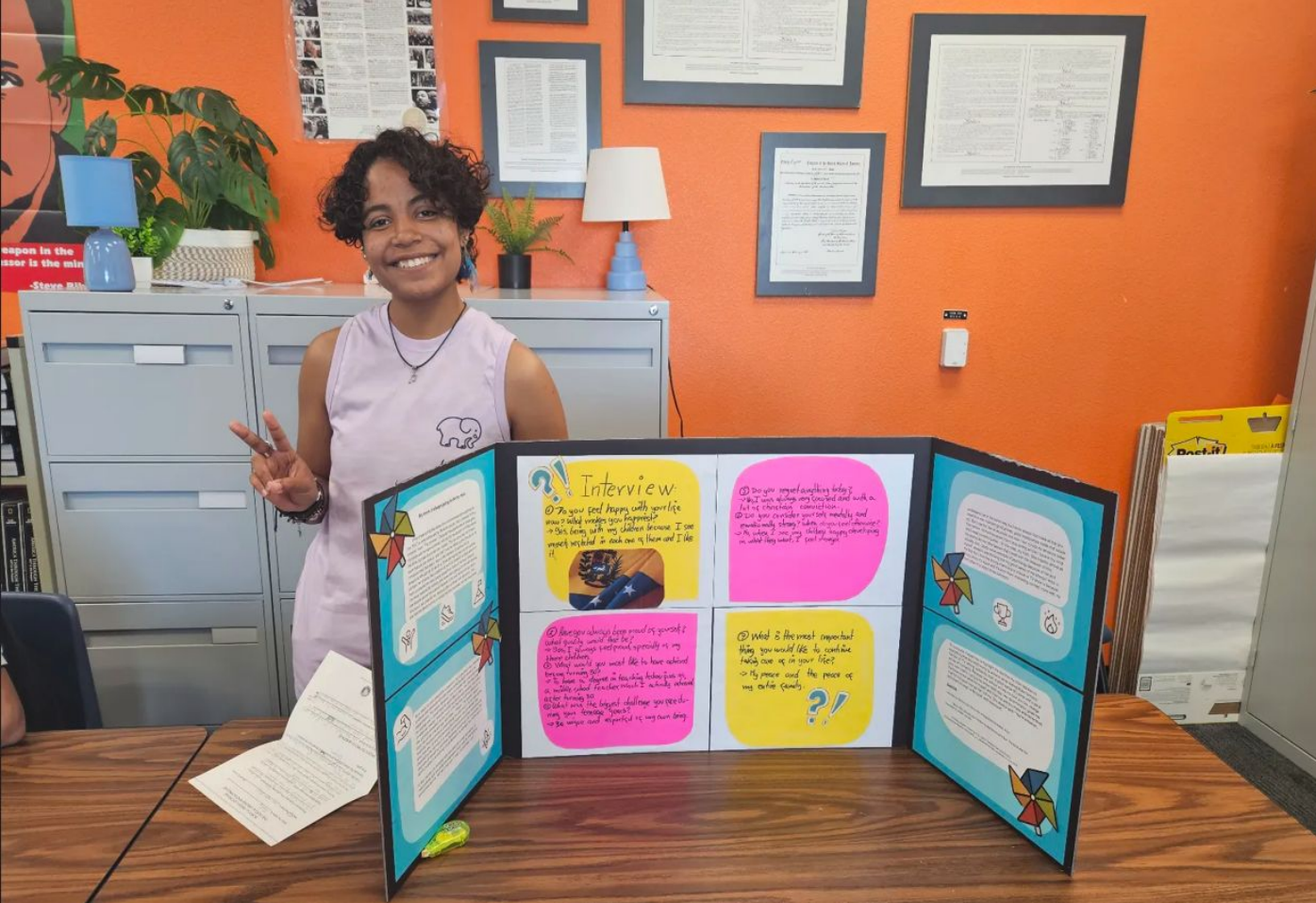
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Biotechnology & Natural Resources







# CLOSING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS