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"This is what I want to do to make a difference in the world: make money and give it to charities and kids."

Chris, Age 10

Marshall Elementary School
San Bernardino, CA

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Letter from BOOST

Dear BOOSTers,

Summertime and the livin's easy!

The BOOST Team has been busy on the road this summer working with hundreds of programs across many cities and states providing BOOST Boot Camps and other trainings on topics such as homework assistance, improving program quality, classroom management, positive discipline, professionalism, team building, service learning, engaging older youth, STEM activities, parent involvement, youth development and so much more! We are thrilled for the many opportunities to work with such dedicated out-of-school time professionals around the country and are inspired by you everyday! Please let us know how we can work with your team and help to inspire and create change in your programs!

Thank you for all of the work you do to support children, youth, families and communities.

Tia Quinn
Executive Director, BOOST Collaborative

BOOST Buzz

Meet the BOOST Summer Interns

The BOOST Collaborative is lucky to have had FOUR great interns this summer as part of the BOOST Team. With their expertise and enthusiasm, Ben Doctor, Keighty Lautz, Jessica Fulco, and Elizabeth Huato Maldonado have been great assets to our organization. On August 16th they will be showcasing their hard work and what all they have learned during their time at BOOST. If you are interested in attending, please contact Christine McKenna at christine@boostcollaborative.org.

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Speakers Corner & Vendor Fair

Looking for a one-stop-shop for all your out-of-school needs? Search for free on The BOOST Collaborative [Speakers Corner](#) and [Vendor Fair](#). Browse through to find a



Ben Doctor: Ben grew up in San Diego enjoying the ocean and the outdoors with his wonderful family and friends. He attended the University of California, Santa Barbara where he earned a bachelor of science with distinction in Aquatic Biology and was a Worster Research Award recipient. Ben then moved to Davis, CA to pursue work as a Project Scientist for an environmental consulting firm. It was there that his passion for communicating his love for math, science, and education was reinvigorated. (Read more [here](#))



Keighty Lautz: Born and raised in San Diego, Keighty attended a variety of after-school programs, ranging from sports teams to music classes. She is now an undergraduate at the University of California-Los Angeles, where she serves as Co-Executive Director of Amigos de UCLA. Amigos de UCLA is a student-run organization that provides one-on-one tutoring and mentoring in two public schools in Los Angeles. Moreover, Keighty serves on UCLA's Community Service Mini-fund Committee, which provides grants to student-run community service organizations. (Read more [here](#))



Jessica Fulco: Jessica grew up in Santa Barbara, California playing soccer, running track and field and enjoying the beaches before moving to San Diego to attend the University of California, San Diego. She is entering her senior year and majoring in Management Science with a Computing Arts minor, but plans to study in Seville, Spain for the fall semester at Pablo de Olavide University. Through involvement in many of the organizations UCSD has to offer, Jessica has gained key leadership skills by participating with the OASIS program and acting as the Director of Recruitment Records in the Greek Community. (Read more [here](#))



Elizabeth Huato Maldonado: Elizabeth was born in San Diego and raised in Michoacán Mexico. Elizabeth has worked for the Border Art Workshop in Tijuana as an Arts promoter for children and youth during her college years. Later she cofounded BACU Barrios con Arte y Cultura where she oversaw the creation and implementation of art and educational workshops for children and youth in communities affected by drug violence. She graduated from UCSD with a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies and looks forward to the opportunity with the BOOST Collaborative. Elizabeth enjoys the outdoors and hanging out with her 3 year old son.

BOOST Professional Development

Student Recruitment

We know one of the most important components of a successful after school program is understanding our students and engaging their interests. As you prepare for a new school year, ask yourself, 'How will I intentionally get to know my students this year and how will I recruit

variety of companies and speakers for all your program needs.

Vendor Fair Highlight REVOLUTION K12

To view the Revolution K12 Vendor Fair profile, click [here](#).

Get Involved!

BOOST yourself - find out all the great ways to get involved at BOOST.

[Click Here to Get Involved!](#)

July Contest Winner



Congratulations to Amigos de UCLA! for subscribing to our YouTube page, one lucky member from the organization will be attending the Healthy Behaviors Conference in San Diego, December 7-9, 2011.

Make sure to subscribe to our [YouTube](#) page so you don't miss any BOOST Conference videos.

BOOST Media



Did you miss the 2011 BOOST Conference? Check out videos of our keynotes, Taylor Mali and Jonathon Kozol, and student performances on the BOOST Collaborative [YouTube](#) page.

students into the program?' Here are a few quick tips:

1. Be observant to what students are doing after school. Are they leaving campus? Are they hanging around on campus? If so, what are they doing and why aren't they attending your program?
2. Know what is your competition is. What are your students into? Is this something that can be offered in your program?
3. Be present on campus & be involved outside of the after school program.

It is important to know youth culture and what kids are talking about, what they value, where they are hanging out, and what they do with their time. For more information on Student Recruitment, please visit our YOUTHINK page <http://www.boostcollaborative.com/youthink>



If you would like us to facilitate an **Empower, Engage, Enroll** workshop to help boost your program attendance, please contact Tia Quinn at tia@boostcollaborative.org

See a complete list of training topics [here](#).

Monthly Contest

Get Connected with the BOOST Career Corner

The BOOST Collaborative site offers a great opportunity for you and your colleagues to search jobs in the out-of-school time field. We add jobs throughout the week to keep you updated on the most recent job openings around the nation.

In the Career Corner, BOOSTers are encouraged to post any relevant job openings. To post a job, go to the BOOST Collaborative's [Career Corner](#), log in, and post your job opening. Then let us know by posting on our [Facebook](#) wall to be entered in the contest. This month, one lucky winner will win BOOST Gear!

Winner will be selected at random. Contest ends Wednesday, August 31st at 5pm PST. Winner will receive a BOOST t-shirt and water bottle.



BOOST Collaborative Career Corner

Looking for quality staff? Check out the BOOST Career Corner to post job listings or browse available job listings for free.

[Executive Director](#)
THINK Together
Colton, CA

[Regional Sales Associate](#)
Revolution Prep
Los Angeles, CA

[Community Organizer-Media
and Communications Specialist](#)
East LA Community
Corporation
Los Angeles, CA

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Jaime Stephanidis
Program Associate
American Institute for Research
Photo: Alaska

Program Highlight

Dysart Community Center - Summer Camp



Dysart Community Center is a non-profit organization in the West Valley of Phoenix, AZ. The Center offers after-school and summer programs for youth ages 5-16. The Center just finished a very fun and exciting summer camp which had 130 youth participate who participated in a variety of activities, such as pottery, hip hop lessons, arts/crafts, acting, singing, dancing, tennis, basketball, and a variety of other activities to promote good

character, team building, and friendship.

On the last day of the summer camp, in partnership with Yoome Adventures (www.yoomee.org), the camp youth put together the following video to spread the word that "We Are All Children" and promote anti-bullying efforts. You can take a look at the hard work of the youth below. This entire video was choreographed, videotaped, and produced by and for the children. Please feel free to share this video with friends and colleagues.



Children of El Mirage

Staff Highlight

Huy Nguyen
Staff Member
Boys & Girls Club Linda Vista (Roberts)
San Diego, CA

Huy is a summer staff member for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater San Diego in Linda Vista. He attended the club as a kid, earning Youth of the Year honors. He now works during the summer as a lead staff, directing the kids in various activities from song to sports to art. During the school year, Huy is a Site Supervisor for the PrimeTime program at Crown Point

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Resource Center

BOOST is proud to bring you free resources to enhance the quality of your out-of-school time program and professional development needs. We will be adding resources to this section on a quarterly basis. (* new resources added)

Here is a sampling of what is offered. Please click on the subjects below.

[Academic Curriculum](#)

[Advocacy](#)

[Arts & Culture](#)*

[Behavior Management](#)

[Camps](#)

[Character Education](#)

[Child Advocacy](#)*

[Community Collaborations/Partnerships](#)

[Community Service Learning](#)*

[Depression/Suicide](#)*

[Family Support Services](#)

[Foster Youth](#)

[Green Schools](#)

[Homework Assistance](#)

[Inclusion/Disability Awareness](#)

Elementary in San Diego.

Huy has been working with youth for many years and has made a very positive impact on everyone he meets. He can take any group, child and/or area and turn it into a wonderland for the kids. He uses positive reinforcement and preventative behavior management with the children and it shows. His groups hardly EVER have behavior issues. Huy is a unique and genuine individual that is rare to find in the after school field.

Submitted by:

Joe Sorenson

Site Supervisor

Boys & Girls Club Linda Vista (Roberts)

San Diego, CA

Have a staff member you would like to recognize in the our monthly newsletter? Contact us at inspire@boostcollaborative.org

Youth Activity Highlight**Mile-by-Mile Marathon**

The objective of the Mile-by-Mile Marathon is to have kids engage in healthy behaviors, such as exercising and eating healthy, and to bring those healthy habits into their lives out of school time hours.

This activity starts by having students walk a mile each day for 26 days. By the end of the 26 days students will have walked the equivalent of a marathon, or 26.2 miles. At the end of the activity the students receive a medal and enjoy a "healthy snacks" party for their participation.

There are several extensions of the Mile-by-Mile Marathon incorporated throughout the activity. Math can be included by having students create graphs based on their individual progress and work together to convert miles into feet. Students can also calculate the total distance walked by all students and use maps to see the possible places they could travel. Health and wellness is the primary focus of this activity and so healthy lifestyle activities should be included. Exposing students to healthy eating behaviors, participating in daily physical fitness, and engaging in team building activities are great ways to supplement the Mile-by-Mile Marathon.

Submitted by:

Libby Burrows

4th grade teacher

Early Childhood University

Galveston, TX

Research**F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2011**

[Juvenile Diversion](#)[LGBTQ *](#)[Mental Health](#)[Military](#)[Nutrition](#)[Prevention: Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs](#)[Prevention: Violence, Bullying,](#)[Gangs *](#)[Research](#)[Resiliency](#)[Teen Dating](#)[Youth Development](#)

Adult obesity rates increased in 16 states in the past year and did not decline in any state, according to *F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2011*, a report from

the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Twelve states now have obesity rates above 30 percent. Four years ago, only one state was above 30 percent.

Click [here](#) to read the summary from Trust for America's Health.

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

Click [here](#) to read the full research report.

In The News

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[Los Angeles USD leader suspends new homework policy](#)

July 24

[As Best Schools Compete for Best Performances, Students May Be Left Behind](#)

July 25

[Law opens private aid to illegal college students](#)

July 26

[Opponents of California gay history law seek referendum](#)

July 27

[A Sleepaway Camp Where Math Is the Main Sport](#)

July 27

[This Is Your Brain on Summer](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Charter Schools Program Grants to non-state agencies](#)

August 24th

The purpose of the CSP Is to increase national understanding of the Charter School Model and to expand the number of high-quality Charter Schools available to students across the nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of Charter Schools, and to evaluate the effects of Charter Schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents.

[Do Something 9/11 Remembrance Grants](#)

September 1st

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11th, Do Something and American Express are teaming up to offer YOU grants to take action and start your own projects in your communities. We're looking for projects that have been started or are being planned in the spirit of September 11th including youth-led projects that recognize and commemorate our emergency responders (EMTs, Police and Fire Departments), our troops, and programs that promote diversity all across the country. These can be on-going projects, or projects specifically planned around the 10th

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anniversary of September 11th. We'll be announcing our winners on September 11th to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the attacks and as part of the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Grants

September 9th

The Barbara Bush Foundation for family literacy is pleased to announce our 2012 national grant competition. The foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000.

KaBOOM! Let's Play Spruce Grants

September 15, October 15

With support from Dr Pepper Snapple Group, KaBOOM! will be awarding grants of \$750 each to communities this year who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting. Communities must demonstrate that they have maintained their play space and they have led an improvement project in the last 60 days. Communities that demonstrate this will receive a \$750 gift card to further enhance or improve their play space.

Sodexo Youth Grants

September 16th

YSA will award 25 Sodexo Youth Grants of \$500 each to support youth-led service projects in the United States that address the issue of childhood hunger during National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 13-20, 2011). We're looking for projects that engage your peers, friends, families, neighbors, Sodexo employees, and other community members in creative, youth-inspired solutions to ending childhood hunger in your community.

Parenting Magazine's Mom Congress School Transformation Grant

September 30th

Between Now And September 30th, Visitors To Parenting.com Can Cast Their Votes For Their Favorite School Based On A 200-word Essay And Photo Submission. At The End Of The Entry Period, The School With The Most Votes Will Take Home The \$20,000 Prize.

To see more funding opportunities, click [here](#)

