

ENGAGING OUR YOUTH!

The City of American Canyon is actively working to engage our high school youth in their local government and to show them the value of Public Service. In conjunction with the Leadership and Humanities teachers, we have implemented a Senior Shadow Day, Voter Outreach on Campus, and participated in a Career Day Fair. There are a few more events planned for the remainder of the 2012/13 school year.

With 2012 being an election year and the high school having their first class of seniors, it was the perfect time to conduct an onsite voter registration outreach. We registered six students and a few teachers. On May 22, 2013 the City Clerk's Office will be conducting a second voter outreach for those students who have turned 18 since the first round.

In March, senior students were invited to participate in Senior Shadow Day at the City. They were asked to complete an application noting what their interests were and which department they would like to "shadow" for a day. Unfortunately, only one student participated but seemed to appreciate the experience. In review, it was decided that by spring the senior students are more focused on finals, prom, and graduation than participating in a career type shadow day. So, in an effort to combat this, we will be visiting the junior humanities classes in the next week to discuss public service and encourage them to participate in Senior Shadow Day in the fall! Our current young people are our future leaders – whether it's as a CEO, an airplane pilot or rock star. Why not the City Manager for the City of American Canyon?