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THE YOUTH BULLETIN

San Diego, A City Where Children and Youth Thrive

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Office of Child and Youth Success

The Office of Child & Youth Success (OCYS) serves as a navigation and connection point for residents seeking supportive services and programming for youth ages 24 and below.

Vision

All of San Diego's children and youth thrive, are empowered, and feel successful. They are supported by a coordinated network of City and community partners with a shared framework to provide high-impact and equitable programs, services, resources, and opportunities.

LEARN MORE



Mission

The Office of Child and Youth Success is dedicated to prioritizing San Diego's youngest community by ensuring access to resources, services, and high-quality programs to support positive social, health, and educational outcomes for all children and youth.

Creators

Each of our monthly newsletters are created by OCYS interns Ayleth Cruz, Frida J Cienega, and Ruth Pineda.

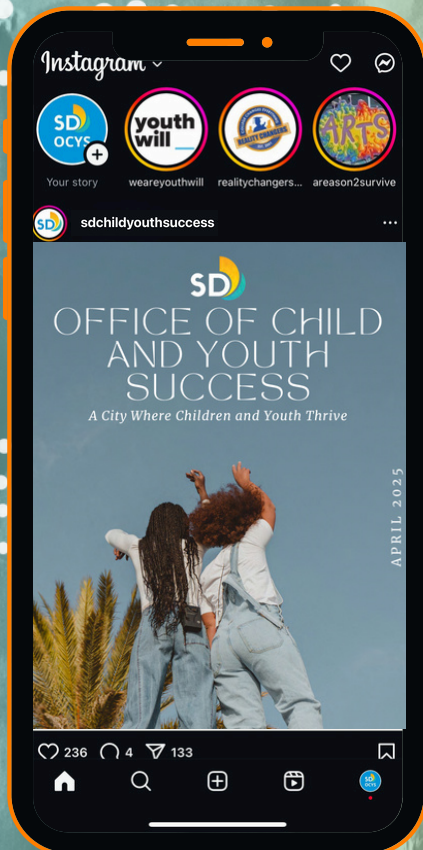
Stay Connected

The Office of Child and Youth Success newsletters are carefully crafted by the talented Employ & Empower Youth interns!

Subscribe and follow us on Instagram to stay current on youth resources and more!



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Office of Child
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PRESENTS:

FREE

Youth Summit 2026

June 3rd ~ 10:00AM-3:45PM ~ Balboa Park

RESOURCES • GUEST SPEAKERS • WORKSHOPS
GAMES • ART • COMMUNITY

An opportunity for youth (**ages 15-24**) in San Diego to
build bridges with community and connect with
resources while having fun in the park, learning and
creating with peers.

**San Diego youth are highly
encouraged to attend!**

CO-HOSTS:



**youth
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OUR TIME TO ACT



THE CENTER

SD PromiseZone

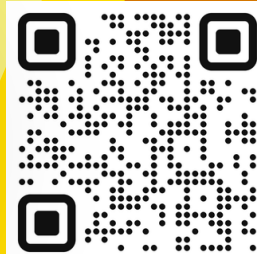
ENGAGING ART ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BY:



San Diego
Creative Youth
Development Network

REGISTER!
bit.ly/sdyouthsummit2026

Information for resource
vendors and sponsors visit
ocys@sandiego.gov



Community Spotlight:

HILLCREST

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Hillcrest transformed from a postwar, near-wasteland of single family homes, to a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community. The birth of the modern gay rights movement in 1969 resulted in a new era in Hillcrest history. During the 1970s, gays and lesbians began to establish residences, businesses, and organizations in this location.



June 21st 1980 the first San Diego pride parade took place. Maureen O'Connor became the first San Diego mayor to march in the parade. San Diego's unpredictable June weather, permanently moved to the month of July in 1991. Parade and festival attendance, and event profits, began to grow. Today the San Diego Pride Parade draws an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 people each year!

Business spotlight

Bluestocking Books

Located in the heart of Hillcrest, "This creaky wooden-floored space has been a bookshop since 1967, when it was known as Otento Books. The store was purchased by Kris Nelson in 1999 and the name was changed to Bluestocking Books. Bluestocking Books sells used books, new books, recent releases, greetings cards, postcards, booky gift items, vintage pulps and antique ephemera. Bluestocking Books is a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of the modern world where old (and not so old) titles are waiting on the shelves to choose you"



Crest Cafe

For over 40 years this Hillcrest local business has been feeding the hearts of the community. "For over 40 years, Crest Cafe has been a San Diego staple for bold, feel-good food served with a side of community. We're proudly LGBTQ+ friendly, family-owned, and famous for our something-for-everyone menu—from decadent French toast to spicy pastrami hash, to juicy butter burgers!"

Queer Owned Small Businesses

Libélula Books & Co

BIPOC & LGBTQ-owned bookstore and event space in Barrio Logan focusing on social justice. A small independent bookstore started by two queer Latinx folx, Araceli Hernandez and Jesi Gutterriez. The shop features both new and used books to ensure accessibility for all. Their intention behind the space is to cultivate a place where people of all ages, but with an emphasis on youth and young adults, can gather, communicate, celebrate and connect in a space that is centralized around knowledge and books.

Honest Thrift and Plants

A queer owned plant and thrift store located in San Diego. Serving the community with follow-up plant education, affordable clothing and monthly community events. Owned and operated by Hannah & Hanna, creating a welcoming space for everyone, centered in sustainability and community

Gnarly Girl Pizza

The only women-owned and LGBTQ+ owned pizza shop in San Diego. Serving delicious pizza located in El Cajon Blvd in University Heights. They also host events centered in community and inclusion.



RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



DIVERSIONARY

Produces bold LGBTQ-themed theatre, plus talkbacks, workshops, and community dialogue.



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LAMBDA ARCHIVES
OF SAN DIEGO
— SINCE 1987 —

Dedicated to preserving LGBTQ history through exhibits and research.



” We create inclusive, free, spaces for LGBTQIA2S+ youth. Everything from monthly Dungeons and Dragons, to our yearly Inclusive Prom and Camping trip, we make sure fun and friends are foremost in our planning”



TransFamily Support Services guide transgender/non-binary youth and their families through the gender transitioning process to help make it the most positive experience

LGBTQ+

Art

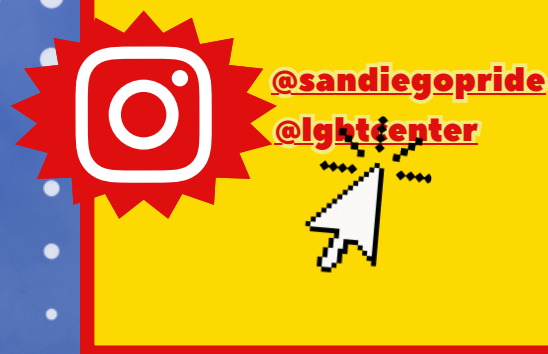
Resources



San Diego PRIDE is a non-profit organization that aims to encourage respect for pride and equality through various forms of expression including art! Art of Pride is a volunteer-run program and part of the organization that serves to promote a community for Youth LGBTQIA+ through local artists and art events.



The San Diego LGBT Community Center is a non-profit organization that provides various helpful resources for the community and youth. Some of these include housing, mental health counseling, and youth/family services!



HELPING HANDS SAN DIEGO

Get involved this Summer!

Check out volunteer opportunities happening across San Diego!



Sharia's Closet is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency clothing to individuals and families. Check out their [volunteer page](#) to see various ways you can help!

The San Diego Food Bank feeds thousands of San Diegans facing food insecurity. Check out their [volunteer page](#) & sign up to sort donated items, assemble food packages, or participate in food distributions!



The San Diego Humane Society is a nonprofit, open-admission shelter that protects over 40,000 animals annually across San Diego County. Check out their [volunteer page](#) & sign up to help with shelter projects or take a dog out for the day!

San Diego Pride is a nonprofit organization that hosts one of the largest LGBTQ+ celebrations in the U.S. every July. Pride relies on over 2,000 volunteers to help plan and execute the Pride Parade & Festival. Check out their [volunteer page](#) to see various ways you can help!





JUNE 2026:

BUILDING YOUR FUTURE THIS SUMMER: WHY JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, AND SHADOWING MATTER

Reality Changers prepares youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in their communities.

Summer is more than a break from school — it is an opportunity to build confidence, discover interests, and create meaningful connections that can shape a student's future. Whether students are preparing for college, exploring career options, or simply looking to gain experience, summer jobs, internships, and shadowing opportunities provide valuable real-world learning that cannot always be taught in a classroom.

~ Why Summer Opportunities Matter ~

A summer job teaches accountability, financial literacy, and workplace expectations. Students learn how to manage schedules, interact professionally, and work collaboratively with others. Even entry-level positions can strengthen confidence and provide valuable experience for future resumes, college applications, and scholarship opportunities.

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Internships allow students to explore industries and careers in a more focused way. Whether working with a nonprofit organization, business, healthcare provider, technology company, or community program, internships expose students to professional environments and help them discover what careers may align with their passions and strengths.

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Job shadowing offers another powerful experience. Spending even one day observing a professional at work can inspire students and provide insight into educational pathways, workplace culture, and career expectations. Shadowing opportunities can help students better understand careers in fields such as healthcare, engineering, education, media, culinary arts, law, public service, and more.

THE POWER OF MENTORSHIP AND PEER SUPPORT

Mentors can:

- Share career advice and personal experiences
- Help students navigate college and career decisions
- Encourage goal setting and accountability
- Provide networking opportunities and references
- Inspire students to believe in their potential

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE STARTS NOW

Students should begin preparing early by:

- Creating or updating a resume
- Asking teachers, counselors, or mentors for recommendations
- Researching local businesses, organizations, and programs
- Applying to multiple opportunities
- Practicing interview and communication skills
- Following up professionally after submitting applications

~ Final Thoughts for a Successful Summer ~

Every summer experience has the potential to open doors. Whether a student gains their first paycheck, discovers a future career path, or connects with a supportive mentor, these opportunities create stepping stones toward long-term success.

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Students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, explore new possibilities, and invest in their future this summer. The experiences, relationships, and skills gained today can become the foundation for tomorrow's success.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

- Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest ~ Deadline: June 3, 2026
- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program ~ Varies
- Army ROTC Scholarship ~ Varies
- Mathew & Swift Scholarship ~ Varies
- NROTC (Navy Scholarships) ~ Varies

INTERNSHIPS

- NASA OSTEM Internships ~ Deadline: May 22, 2026
- PNNL High School Business Internship ~ Deadline: June 1, 2026
- College Vine Internships ~ Deadline: Various

SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

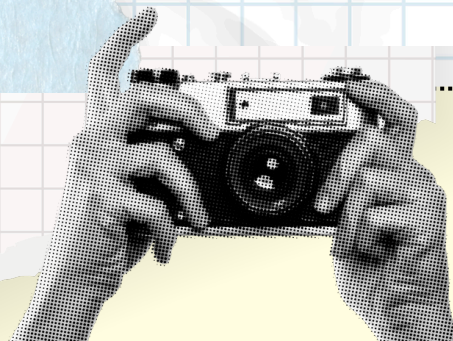
- Northwestern University Pre-College (Rolling) ~ Deadline: June 1, 2026
- Rice University Precollege (Rolling) ~ Deadline: June 1, 2026
- University of Notre Dame Pre-College (Rolling) ~ Deadline: June 1, 2026
- Vanderbilt Summer Academy (Rolling) ~ Deadline: June 1, 2026



Career Spotlight

Calling ALL Inspiring Photography/Photographers/
Digital Media Animator

- According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook 2025
- Videos:
Photography/Photographer
Special Effects Artists and Animators



**2024 Median Pay
(Per Year)
(Per Hour)**

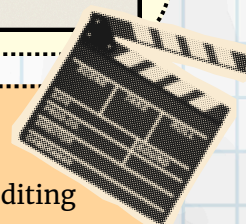
Automotive/Auto Mechanic
\$42,520 per yr. | \$20.44 per hr.

Welder/Cutters/Brazers
\$99,800 per yr. | \$47.98 per hr.

Typical Entry-Level Photography/Photographer Special Effects Artists/Animators	➔	High School Diplomas or Equivalent Bachelor's Degree
Work Experience in <u>Occupation</u>	➔	None None
On-the-job Training	➔	Moderate-term on the job training None
Number of Jobs, 2024	➔	151,200 57,100
Job Outlook, 2024-34	➔	2 % (Slower than average) 2 % (Slower than average)
Employment Change, 2024-34	➔	2,800 900

San Diego Filmmaker Camps

- Ages 12 - 18
- Digital Shorts Camp: Learn beginner storytelling, directing, camera operation and digital editing through short film creations.
- Director's Cut: Learn scriptwriting, directing, acting, and teamwork.
- Master Shot: Advanced camp for students to develop strong portfolio- ready films with polished and professional.



Discover

JUNE 2026 PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS FREE OF CHARGE

CAREER READINESS

Art of Careers: Careers for Artists

Mission Valley Library

06/12/2026 | 11:00AM - 12:00PM

COLLEGE PREP

Writing a Strong Personal Statement

Pacific Highlands Ranch Library

06/18/2026 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Admissions 101: What Colleges Are Looking For

Pacific Highlands Ranch Library

06/25/2026 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM

LIFE MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Zombie Preparedness

Pacific Highlands Ranch Library

06/04/2026 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Automotive Maintenance & Safety

Balboa Library

06/06/2026 | 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Cooking for Teens

Central Library - Teen Center

06/11/2026 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM

STEAM

Piñata Science

Otay Mesa-Nestor Library

06/05/2026 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Cochineal & Natural Dyes

Skyline Hills Library

06/18/2026 | 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Learn Scratch: Flower Game | Taste of Technology

Paradise Hills Library

06/23/2026 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM



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Public
Library



FREE Upcoming Events!!!



**JUNE 5TH
5PM-6PM**

Kids Craft at San Diego Craft Collective!

📍 2590 Truxtun Road Studio 106 San Diego, CA 92106

For youth to dive in deep into their creativity through craft making and celebrating the theme of the month!

- Craft of the month: Summer Weaving
- STEAM building skills and creativity
- New crafts are offered monthly!



Design & Build Summer Intensive

📍 NewSchool of Architecture & Design ~ San Diego, CA

A camp for students ages 14-17 who are eager to explore the world of design and creativity!

- Hands-on work with professional studios
- Enhance skills in drafting, sketching, design, and much more through supportive faculty in architecture, construction, and design!

JUNE 29TH - JULY 2ND

Summer Arts Fest

📍 NTC North Promenade ~ San Diego, CA

One-day festival to celebrate local artists across Liberty Station!

- Food & Drinks!
- Live performances
- Explore in-studio workshops, live painting, and curated art market also showcasing original work by local artists

**JUNE 13TH
2PM-8PM**



Yard Sale and Recycle Event

📍 University Heights Neighborhood ~ San Diego, CA

The annual garage sale and e-waste recycling event and for LGBTQ+ youth to come together!

- E-waste shredding
- Donations
- Get a free map on Park Blvd!

**JUNE 6TH
7AM-3PM**

aBOUT CURRENT OCYS iNTeRNS

Currently enrolled in San Diego City College studying film production

Interests: Music, graphic design, books, fashion, and film.

Favorite thing about being OCYS intern; Getting to learn about all the amazing resources San Diego has to offer.

Collaborating with my amazing team and demonstrating the importance of youth.

Shout out **Tori Coffee** shop for feeding my sweet tooth (their snickerdoodle cookie is the best!)



Hello, my name is Frida. I recently graduated a year early from the University of California, Riverside with a Bachelor's Degree in Art (Studio). I have many interests, but my favorites include creating any form of art, primarily drawing, playing my guitar, crafting, and discovering new tunes or revisiting old favorites. My favorite thing about being an OCYS intern is definitely the individuals I've had the pleasure of meeting while providing various useful resources for youth across San Diego. Shout out to **Szechuan Chef** in Convoy! They have many yummy Chinese dishes to explore.



My name is Ruth Pineda and I am an upcoming Senior at SDSU majoring in Communication Studies!

My interests include going to the gym, watching WWE, and hanging out with my loved ones!

My favorite thing about being an OCYS Intern is being able to advocate for the Youth by providing access to resources and planning events that are fun and fruitful!

Huge shoutout to **Fercheladas** on Imperial Ave they have the best Ceviche in town!

(they have bomb birria too if you don't like seafood lol)

