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Message from the President

Dear Friends of REACH,

As we head into November, we're excited for all the upcoming events this month!

Coming up, we have the SoCalGas Hydrogen Home Innovation Experience (H2IE) on Nov. 11th, the Madrigal Middle School XC Invitational on Nov. 12th and our 16th From the Inside (FTI) Speakers Panel on Nov. 13th. This year's theme for FTI is "The Story Behind Who We Become," featuring 5 speakers from a variety of fields talking about their journey and challenges they faced in their profession. We hope you will be able to join us at these events! Check out our website for more info.

Our intern team is working hard behind the scenes to prepare and plan for the upcoming events and programs. Many of our interns are also in the process of designing and launching their own programs. I'm truly grateful for the dedication and contributions all the interns have put in to REACH.

Thank you to our district, families and community partners whose support and dedication allow REACH to continue growing and making an impact in our community. Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you,

Bella Huang

Internship President-Elect 2026-2027

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REACH Foundation earns 2nd Place for the Best Education Organization!



Spotlight on Success

Zachary Chen

VP of Fund Development and Grant Writing

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Zachary Chen serves as the VP of Fund Development and Grant Writing at REACH, where he helps support the organization's outreach and fundraising efforts. He collaborates and leads a team of 10 to strategize, writes grants, and sponsor letters to promote REACH initiatives and helps prepare for events such as Madrigal MSXC, PYLUSD Championships, and FTI. Zachary also develops and presents the REACH Funding Plan to the Fund Team and REACH interns. In addition, he works with the Shamrock 'n Run lead, Samuel Huizar, to collaborate, plan and create event materials to help the teams achieve their goals. Outside of REACH, Zachary plays multiple instruments and serves as an FLL Robotics Manager at Travis Ranch Middle School where he guides three teams.

“From The Inside” Speakers #16



REACH’s From the Inside (FTI) Speaker Series has been one of its most impactful initiatives since its launch in 2020, connecting students with alumni, professionals, and experts who share their career journeys, personal experiences, and valuable advice. Through these conversations, students gain insight into a variety of career paths, discover new opportunities, and learn directly from individuals with real-world experience. FTI also encourages students to ask questions, explore interests they may not have previously considered, and reflect on how they can make a meaningful impact in the world. Join us on November 13th at 6:00 PM for “The Stories Behind Who We Become” in the District Board Conference Room for an evening of inspiring stories, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to learn from others’ experiences.

Madrigal Cross Country Meet



Cross Country Invitational

November 12

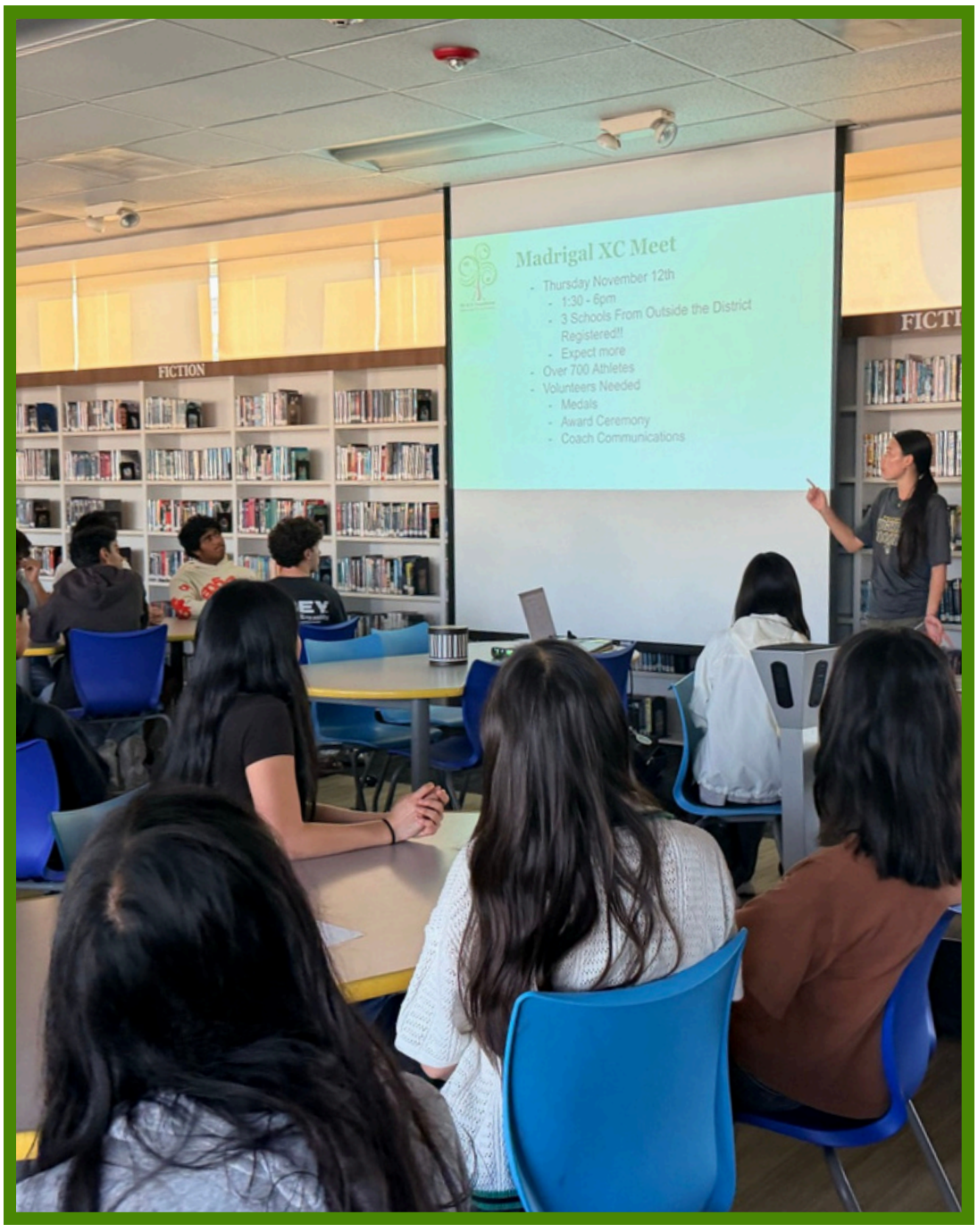
Cross Country Championship

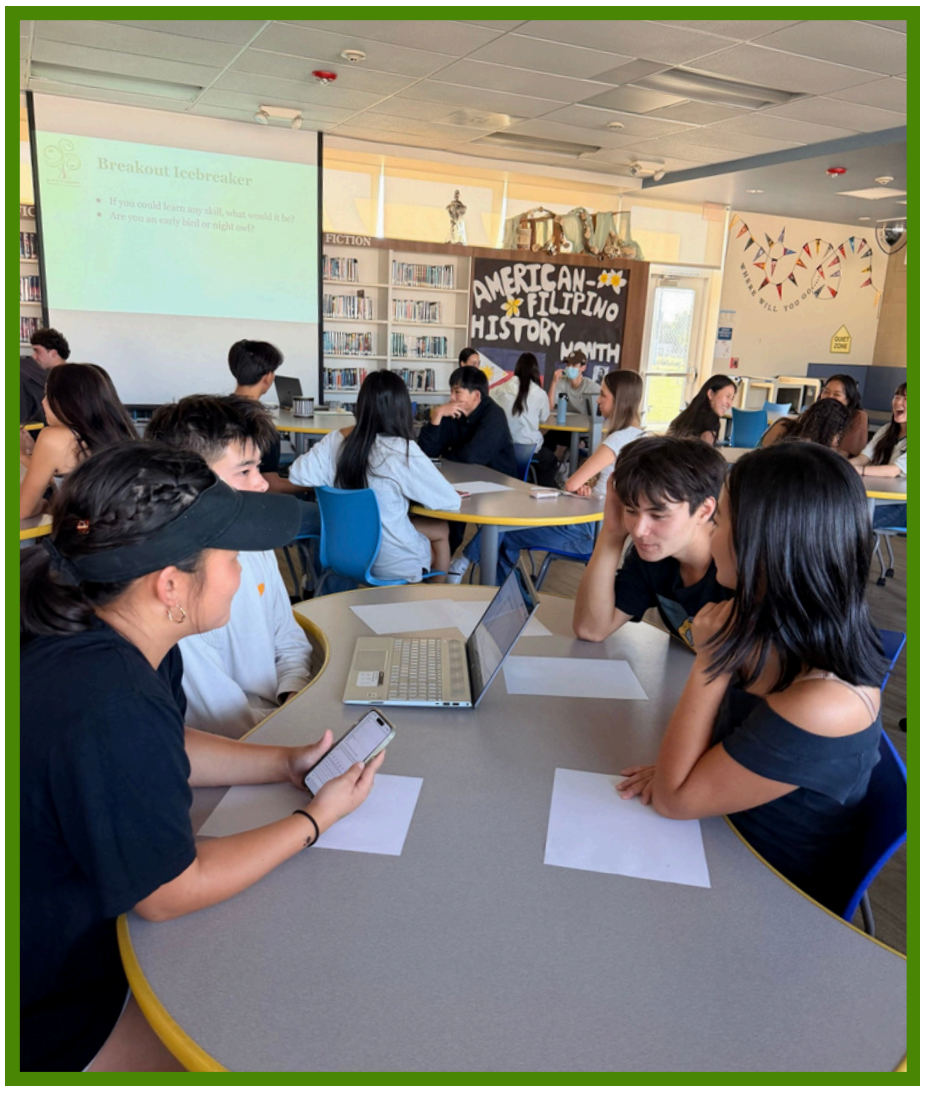
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The REACH Foundation is excited to bring about 700 students and the community together through the Madrigal Middle School Cross-Country Invitational and PYLUSD Cross-Country Championship. These events give student-athletes the opportunity to challenge themselves, show their hard work, and represent their schools with pride. With the support of coaches, staff, volunteers, families, and community partners, REACH helps create an environment where students can grow, build friendships, and develop teamwork through athletics. These meets are about more than just running; they are about bringing communities together and encouraging students to do their best. Thank you to our district partners and everyone who helps make these events possible and continues to support REACH's mission of creating opportunities for students throughout our community. To learn more visit www.reach4pylusd.org.

Our Intern Team Working Hard!

The REACH Foundation intern team is working as hard as ever! Our amazing group of 36 high school interns are the core of REACH Foundation. From planning events such as From the Inside and the Shamrock N' Run to ensuring smooth teamwork within the group, our organization really wouldn't exist without our interns. In the pictures shown here, the intern team is shown in one of their bi-monthly meetings to plan events, share ideas, get to know each other,





and grow as leaders. Each year, the intern team grows, both in numbers and cohesion. This year, we have introduced the mentorship program, which has helped new mentors adjust to the expectation and flow of being a REACH intern. If you or somebody else you know may be interested in joining the team, please visit the REACH Foundation website at www.reach4pylusd.org.



Recognition

REACH Interns 2025-2026

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Our Intern program is a transformative opportunity designed to empower students with real-world experience and leadership skills. The Foundation supports selected highly engaged Interns to foster "innovation, imagination and intrapreneurship."

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