

## YOP VISION

YOP provides comprehensive, long-term services to help youth:

- ◆ Improve education achievement
- ◆ Prepare for and succeed in employment
- ◆ Receive supportive services
- ◆ Develop as citizens and leaders

## To qualify, you must:

- ◆ Be 14 to 18 before enrollment
- ◆ Be attending high school
- ◆ Meet income guidelines
- ◆ Have necessary documents to work
- ◆ Attend on orientation and meet your mentor

## And meet one of the following:

- ◆ Basic skills deficient
- ◆ Homeless, runaway, or foster youth
- ◆ Pregnant or parenting
- ◆ Offender
- ◆ Disabled



## WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

"I learned something new and it was fun!"

"It was fun; A lot of math, my brain hurts"

"I learned more about work ethics and life all together."

"The most important thing to remember is ...  
To take it one step at a time."

"The most important to remember is ...  
Learning is lifelong."

## CLASS OF 2008

Brandi Parker

Joseph Perez

Colton McDonald

Justin Clayton

David Her

Kah Vang

Elida Willis

Liaku Xiong

Felicitas Rodriguez

Mariana Gomez

Griselda Barajas

Mariela Gomez

Ishmael Escalante

Martin Pantoja Jr.

Janet DeLa herran

Marty J. Clayton-Lester

Jenessa Mathis

Mena Boonmee

Jerry Thao

Priscilla Heredia

Joe Martins

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## WORK SITES



FASHION BUG



GOTTSCHALKS MUSIC



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Griselda Barajas enrolled in YOP in January 2005. When Griselda first joined YOP, she was a very shy and timid freshman at Merced High. Through the years I watched her grow into a beautiful young woman that she is today. Griselda proved to

be a very ambitious young lady. She always participated in YOP events and meetings, guaranteeing her a spot in summer work experience. Griselda had the opportunity to work at Mercy Medical Center of Merced during her sophomore and junior year. Her work experience at Mercy helped her decide on her future career in the medical field. Griselda will attend UC Davis in the fall and will be the first generation to attend college. I am very proud of Griselda and her achievements.

Go Griselda!!!

## Youth Opportunity Program Business Partners

Best Buy	Merced City School Dist.
Bloom	MCOE Media Center
Boys & Girls Club	Merced Housing Authority
Bronco Video	Merced Yosemite Realty
Costco	Millennium Sports Club
Dollar Tree	Pacific Sunwear
Dos Palos Elementary School	Performance Auto Repair
Fashion Bug	Raley's
Flicks & Licks	Rave
Gamestop	Starbucks
Golden Valley Health Center	The Hampshire
Kragen Auto Parts	Warren's Auto Body
Le Grand Elementary	Yearbook
Liberty Market	Zumiez

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM



The Youth Opportunity Program can assist you with:

Basic Education

GED/ High School Diploma

Paid and Unpaid work experience

Occupational skills training

Leadership development

Support services

Adult mentoring

On-the-job training

**SUCCESS!**



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