The faces of HEALTH CAREER EDUCATION

California faces a critical shortage of much needed Health Care professionals, and as populations grow, leaders of the industry and economists have found the perfect booster shot: Enter Health Careers Academy (HCA), a Stockton Unified School District-dependent charter school that provides children of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds with specialized education.

"The school works on two levels," says Aaron Mata, Principal at HCA. "The first is academic—we need to prepare them with rigorous science and math classes. The second level is our relationship with our community partners, like Kaiser and Dignity Health." Hospitals such as these offer opportunities such as internships, jobs shadows, and mock interviews. "That's a huge aspect of HCA—getting students to connect their education with the real world," says Aaron. This connection, Aaron says, was initially encouraged by former 7-year principal Traci Miller. "Traci really built this school's culture; she built the relationship with our community and our relationship with our students." Uniformed in scrubs, HCA students learn real medical skills by taking classes in CPR, mental health, and emergency medical services. "We have about six students who intern in the ER of Dignity Health," says Aaron. "What we've seen is that our students have taken on a sense of responsibility and accountability where they feel like they're a part of that hospital, and a part of that team. They take pride in what they're doing." For students who strive to take a different path to their education, the Health Careers Academy offers them the ability to jumpstart career training in a field that is set to grow rapidly in the coming decades.

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The faces of AUTOMOBILE SALES

There are certain things people want to see in a dealership when they're in the market for a car or truck: professional staff, a diverse range of models, a quality service department, and excellent customer service. All of this and more can be found at Stockton's Chase Chevrolet dealership, voted the best dealer in San Joaquin for 25 consecutive years. "Chase Chevrolet has been in this town since 1944," says John Ferraiolo, General Manager at Chase Chevrolet. "We really enjoy serving the community here."

Located in the heart of the Stockton Auto Mall, Chase Chevrolet dealership has over 600 vehicles in its inventory, from heavy duty trucks and family-friendly SUV's, to sleek, four-door coupes. Not only will Chase Chevrolet ensure that you find the vehicle that's right for you, but their Finance Center will also help you find the car loan or lease that accommodates your financial situation. After you've picked the perfect vehicle, Chase's Service Center is available for all your servicing and repair needs. "It's an essential part of comprehensive customer service—If there's a problem with one of our vehicles, we can diagnose the problem here at the dealership and fix it the first time," says John.

Chase Chevrolet is also heavily involved in programs across Stockton. Haven of Peace, St. Edward's Church, and Children's Home of Stockton are just a few of the organizations Chase Chevrolet supports. "There's a lot of good that goes on in this town," says John. "We like to be involved in it."

From the community to the individual, Chase Chevrolet knows Stockton better than anyone, and is committed to providing excellent service. "Whether it's parts, service, or sales, our goal is to make everybody happy when they come in."

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After 14 years of working in the HVAC industry, Scott Lovotti came to one conclusion: He could do it better. And in the 12 years that Lovotti Inc. has been serving the Stockton area, the community has confirmed that Scott was right. Not only has Lovotti Inc. received an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau, but they've also been voted Best of San Joaquin for seven years in a row.

Services offered by Lovotti Inc. include air conditioning, electrical, heating, indoor air-quality, plumbing, and refrigeration. A one-stop-shop for all your home and business installment, construction, and repair needs, Lovotti prides itself on providing honest workmanship and exceptional customer service. "We make sure that all of our technicians are highly trained to perform their jobs," says Scott. "We are consumers as well, so we know what it takes to provide the customer with a service at a reasonable price."

Lovotti Inc. strives to serve both the customer and their community. They support several local organizations such as The First Tee Program, United Way, United Cerebral Palsy, March of Dimes, Local Community Hospice, Stockton Ports, Stockton Team Trouble, VFW and current and former military personal, various schools, and various youth athletic programs.

At the end of the day, Lovotti Inc. knows its main service to the community lies in the quality of their work. Scott attributes the business' success to the great team that makes up his company, including Vice President JD Heinrich, Office Manager Silvia Almazan, HVAC Estimator/Project Manager Ryan Prudhel, HVAC Estimator/Project Manager Artie Jewel, HVAC Service Manager Dustin Deutscher, Electrical Manager Josh Dunkin, Plumbing Manager Jose Navarro, and Refrigeration Manager Tim Thimler, and all supporting staff. As Scott learned from his father, former baseball coach Paul Lovotti, "You are only successful as the team you build around you."

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The face of BUNDT CAKES

It's been almost four years since Mike Robinson became a part of the Nothing Bundt Cake family, opening his quaint bakery in Stockton's bustling Lincoln Center. "I had essentially retired, and after 2 years, my wife Beverly told me to go do something!" laughs Mike. Since then, he's emulated the true heart of hospitality by serving his local Stockton community with gourmet Bundt Cakes that are revered across America. "In today's world where everybody wants everything faster, I'm old school. Customer service is everything," says Mike.

Founded by Dena Trip and Debbie Shwetz in 1997, Nothing Bundt Cakes has grown from its inception as a simple, delicious dessert, to a small business, and, in 2006, a national franchise. And their popularity is not for nothing: these sweet cakes are made with real eggs, butter, and cream cheese to create their unforgettable moist texture and signature butter cream cheese frosting. "It all comes back to real ingredients," says Mike. "Nowadays, the phrase 'from scratch' has kind of disappeared; but we do everything from scratch." Offered in four different sizes—the cupcake sized Bundtini, the larger Bundtlet, and their 8 and 10-inch Bundt Cakes—the recipe never fails to delight, as customers can choose from 10 signature flavors and endless unique decorations. Perfect for any occasion, these sweet treats make unforgettable additions to any home cooked meal, office party, family get-together, or even the occasional "why not?" moment.

As this niche-concept bakery continues to delight the region and satisfy the sharpest sweet tooth, it never strays from its homekitchen roots. "There's nothing we do here that you couldn't go home and attempt to do with real ingredients in your kitchen," <u>says Mike.</u> "This is the cake Grandma made."

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For In-Shape Health Clubs, the name was deliberate. Yes, In-Shape is a place where people go to work out, but it's not just a "gym"—it's much more than that. In-Shape Health Clubs is a community, a place where members can feel a sense of belonging. Francesca Schuler, Chief Executive Officer at In-Shape Health Clubs, knows this better than anyone: "At our Health Clubs, we don't separate the notion of fitness and community," she says. "We know that if you are a part of a community, you're going to be happier, and in turn, more motivated to be healthy."

And what better place for our locals to feel at home than in a Health Club that originated in Stockton! In 1981, Dr. Mort Rothbard, a retired doctor, transformed a run-of-the-mill racquet ball club on Bianchi Road into a full-service health club. He believed that there was more to health than just hitting the gym, and the 70 In-Shapes across California continue to adhere to this belief today.

"I always say we're really in the motivating-people business, not the health business," laughs Francesca. "We take a 360 approach to fitness, where you can really work on all aspects of your health—variety keeps people motivated." With group classes such as Cycling, Les Mills BodyPump, and Zumba, as well as a wide array of free-weights and machines, variety abounds. "We want to have a diverse set of activities that engage a broad range of people," says Francesca.

In-Shape also offers other ways to keep their members fit, active, and feeling good: racquet ball courts, swimming pools, steam rooms, and personal trainers are available to help members achieve their summer body goals. Fitness aside, at the end of the day, In-Shape is a business that is passionate about people. "Our mission boils down to one thing" concludes Francesca, "to make a member's day better."

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The face of COSMETIC DENTISTRY

With an undergraduate degree from our very own University of the Pacific, it's safe to say Dr. Todd Franklin knows local teeth or at least, what makes locals smile the brightest! Dr. Franklin's Lodi office offers several cosmetic dentistry services to beautify smiles across San Joaquin. "The biggest impact cosmetic dentistry has on our patients is their self-esteem," says Dr. Franklin. "It really lifts one's spirit when they can feel confident in their smile."

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Dr. Franklin went on to study at the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry, and receive the Outstanding Clinician Award. Shortly after, he set up his practice in Lodi. In the 24 years that Dr. Franklin has served Lodi, he has seen firsthand how cosmetic dentistry can improve a person's life.

"When you talk about cosmetic dentistry, a lot of people have the impression that it's complicated, but a lot of it is just smaller procedures, like whitening and fixing chips," says Dr. Franklin. "Simple things like that can make a really big difference." The office also offers services including enamel shaping, gum shaping, bonding gaps, fixing cracked or broken teeth, crowns, veneers, bridges, and implants.

When Dr. Franklin is not in the office, he is traveling the country for his teaching company, The Pacific Aesthetic Continuum. "All the lecturing I do demands I stay current with the latest advances in dentistry. Our patients are able to receive the latest in techniques and materials," says Dr. Franklin.

With his team of exceptional oral health professionals, Dr. Todd Franklin's patients can rest easy in the knowledge that they are receiving excellent care. "My team has been with me a long time," says Dr. Franklin. "What gives us a sense of pride is the impact we make by giving people quality dental care."

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