

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: State Seal of Civic Engagement: PVHS Students helping Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer to Build Homes
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Dear Friends,

I was truly inspired by Daniel and Francisco's Habitat presentation and the remarkable pupils at PVHS. Their dedication to Habitat and affordable housing was not only impressive, but also a powerful example of civic engagement in action. The students' enthusiasm and commitment to making a positive impact were evident and uplifting.

I've attached a pic from my visit. I cannot recommend Daniel, Francisco and the students I met more highly, and I sincerely hope they are recognized with the State Seal of Civic Engagement for their outstanding work and character.

Warm regards,

Catherine



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Good evening,

Daniel, thank you for sharing the work you are doing and advocating for in our community, it's exciting so many PVUSD students becoming community activists, helping the entire community learn what matters to you and your peers. I am happy to support you in connecting your project and advocacy to be in alignment with earning the California Seal of Civic Engagement. Please let me know how I can support you in your documentation and pursuit of the Seal! You are welcome to contact me at julie_edwards@pvusd.net

Onward in community,
Julie

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"The first revolution is when you change your mind about how you look at things, and see there might be another way to look at it that you have not been shown."
Gil Scott-Heron



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