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GCRCLA'S New Direction

At our recent Board meeting, we began to evaluate our programs. We acknowledged a strong Health Pillar because of our All Things New program, our vaccine clinics, high blood pressure clinics and our Health Equity presentations. We also have a community garden and regular produce giveaways.

The conversation switched to our Education Pillar. We have a scholarship program, Financial Literacy, and community research initiatives.

We began to discuss the current political climate and realized we need to do more in an effort to preserve our Democracy. Many students complete high school without having a practical understanding of how government works. The Board decided we need to develop a plan to address this deficit.

The overall goal would be to increase middle and high school students practical understanding of how government works, starting with local government, and to empower them to participate meaningfully in civic processes

and community decision-making. The Civic Roots & Civic Engagement course will cover topics such as Splitting the jurisdiction: The 15 member LA City Council vs. the 5 member LA County Board of Supervisors and Understanding Your Local Ballot. Participants will also attend various Board meetings and submit proposals or propositions. Currently, the course is planned for 18 sessions.

We are seeking partners that will assist us in this endeavor. If interested please email hlwilliams@gcrcla.org.



OUR WORK

This month, we are highlighting the accomplishments of Vivian Johnson. Vivian was a recipient of the Ford Reynolds Star Scholarship in 2023.



Vivian Johnson

She began her college experience at Pomona College and will graduate in 2027 with a Bachelors Degree. Her plans for the future include becoming a professional dancer and a successful director of photography. She plans to give back to her community by participating in community service that works with exposing at risk children to all forms of art.

Vivian was a member of the dance ministry when she attended Lincoln Memorial. She was very good and she has continued to improve her dancing skills.



November 1	Time Change	Fall backward
November 3	VOTE	7 AM - 8 PM
November 26	Thanksgiving Day	HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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