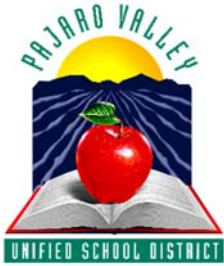


**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive **contributions to the community and global society.**



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**Students at Watsonville High School Earn Industry Certifications in the
Agriculture Business and Horticulture Pathways**

Students take important step in pursuing career goals by attaining industry certifications

Watsonville, CA, July 12, 2019 – Aligned with Pajaro Valley Unified School District’s vision, Watsonville High School is pleased to recognize students for earning 86 certifications this academic year. Through the intensive certification program, these students have shown mastery of the knowledge needed for entrance into their respective career field of interest in various Career and Technical Education (CTE) subject areas. This promotes a successful transition to postsecondary education and/or the workforce.

Students worked hard to excel in the Agriculture Business and Horticulture Pathways and learned very valuable skills in the hands-on classes of Agriculture Business, Agriculture Communications, Floral Design and Horticulture. Many of these student use the skills gained in their summer jobs which will then allow them to carry those skills to their future careers. Out of the 86 earned certifications, Bayer Crop Plant Science Certification issued 29 and 11 were from Benz School of Floral Design Principles of Floral Design Certification.

Developed and issued by industry-leading companies and organizations, the certifications enhance student résumés and help them stand out to prospective colleges and employers. The certifications reflect the needs of real-world career expectations, boost employability and allow employers to identify and connect with qualified applicants. To earn the certification, each student passed a rigorous exam based on weighted industry-valued and industry-accepted standards.

Pajaro Valley Unified School District is proud to have in place education pathways that align with students’ interests and passions. Congratulations to all 86 student who earned their certification!

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