

HEALTH SERVICES

Golden Valley Health Centers, President Bush, celebrate National Health Center Week

STAFF REPORT

MERCED, CA — The week of August 18 - 24 has been designated National Health Center Week in recognition of over 3,000 community health centers across the country that make primary and preventative health services available to the 40 million uninsured people in our nation.

America's leaders, including President Bush, have recently voiced public support for health centers, which serve as the family doctor to many of America's low-income working families.

According to President Bush at a recent visit to High Point University, "We've got to make sure that people who need health care get health care, but not in the emergency rooms all across Amer-

ica. The most effective way to provide health care is in community health centers."

Health centers are open to everyone who seeks their care, regardless of ability to pay, and rely on funding from the federal government as well as other sources. Thanks to a new presidential initiative, health centers are entering an exciting period of growth and development. President Bush is calling on lawmakers to double the capacity of health centers, with 1,200 new and expanded health center sites that will allow them to serve an additional six million people by 2002.

According to Mike Sullivan, chief executive officer, Golden Valley Health Centers, "President Bush's plan will help us to serve even more people in our communi-

ty. The need is there, and while we have made great strides in providing access to quality health care in our region, we are excited to see more support and compassion on the horizon."

Each year, through its 14 clinical sites in Merced and Stanislaus Counties, the not-for-profit Golden Valley Health Centers organization serves approximately 50,000 residents, including over 12,000 uninsured patients who would otherwise not have access to care.

By focusing on primary care and preventative medicine, including several collaborative efforts to treat chronic illness such as diabetes, Golden Valley Health Centers is saving taxpayers thousands of dollars annually by keeping people healthy and out of emergency rooms.

ALUMNI

Merced College alumni sing

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A dozen alumni at Merced College have been recognized for their outstanding achievements as the college prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

A formal day-long celebration in honor of the anniversary is scheduled for Sept. 7.

Dr. John Spevak, vice president for instruction, said, "Each year, our academic divisions honor an alumnus or alumna for the wonderful contributions that they have made in their communities and in their professions."

Merced College's outstanding alumni for 2001-2002, and their nominating academic divisions, are:

Los Banos Campus

Adalberto (Al) Andino graduated from Merced College and then earned a bachelor's degree from CSU and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. Andino served as Merced College's director of financial aid. He ad-

man University. He obtained Peace Officers Standards and Training certification and then became a deputy sheriff-coroner with the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department. His future plans include attending law school.

Business

Tim Hauser graduated with honors from Merced College with a degree in business administration. He was a first team all-conference football player and MVP of the 1988 Elks Bowl. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from San Diego State University and immediately began his career with Kraft Foods, Inc., in Visalia and Fresno.

Allied Health

Joy Guthrie is an instructor in Merced College's new medical diagnostic sonography program. After receiving her associate degree from

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