



A mix of Chino High students, parents, faculty, alumni, community leaders, Chino Valley Unified School District administrators, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation team members fill the school's multi-purpose room for its 120th Anniversary and WASC Accreditation Reception on March 19.

Chino High celebrates 120th anniversary, accreditation visit

Chino High kicked off its 121st year and welcomed an accreditation team to the campus during a 120th Anniversary reception on March 19 in the school's multi-purpose room.

More than 200 people attended, including students, parents, staff members, alumni, community leaders, and Chino Valley Unified School District administrators.

Also attending were a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) team who visited the school the following week as part of Chino High's accreditation

process. An accreditation by a reputable organization, such as WASC, helps schools establish or maintain their academic credibility. An accreditation makes it easier for high school students to be admitted to colleges and universities.

The WASC team met with Chino High parents following the reception.

The reception kicked off with a flag salute and Principal Felix Melendez praising the school and the community that supports it.

Chino High math teachers Shirley Keebaugh and Lindsey Johnson, a Chino High graduate, talked about the school's history, including how it got its start in the late 1880s by Chino founding father Richard Gird, its first graduating class in 1900, the ornate Chino High built in 1908 on Riverside Drive and later razed after California's devastating 1933 earthquake, and the present campus, built in the 1950s. Keebaugh said this year's seniors will be the 118th class to graduate from Chino High.

Among the guests was Class of 1950 graduate Dave George, a lifelong Chino resident.

Chino High Activities Director Jasmine Norman, parent volunteers and students decorated the multi-purpose room for the occasion in the school's signature blue and white. Entertainment was provided by the Chino High Chorale and Jazz Ensemble. Refreshments were created for the event by Chino High's Culinary and Hospitality Occupations Management Profession (CHOMP) Academy students. A cake, featuring an edible Chino High logo and yearbook photos from the past was served to guests.

Associated Student Body leaders and cheerleaders greeted the guests as they arrived. Students representing campus clubs and programs, and Chino High's CHOMP and Law, Justice and Public Service academies offered information from booths along the multi-purpose room walls.

Chino High held Spirit Week activities in the week preceding the reception.



Chino High's 120th Anniversary cake includes the school logo and yearbook photos reproduced on edible fondant.



Chino High's Chorale, under the direction of music teacher Doug Bowden, performs for the crowd.



Chino High's Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Joe Correia, performs at the reception.



Dave George, a 1950 graduate of Chino High, is one of the guests of honor at the school's 120th Anniversary and WASC Accreditation Reception.



Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education member James Na helps himself to refreshments prepared by Chino High's culinary academy students, and adult volunteers.



Board of Education members Sylvia Orozco (second from left) and Pamela Feix talk to guests at the reception.



Students and adult volunteers set up the Chino High multi-purpose room for the reception.



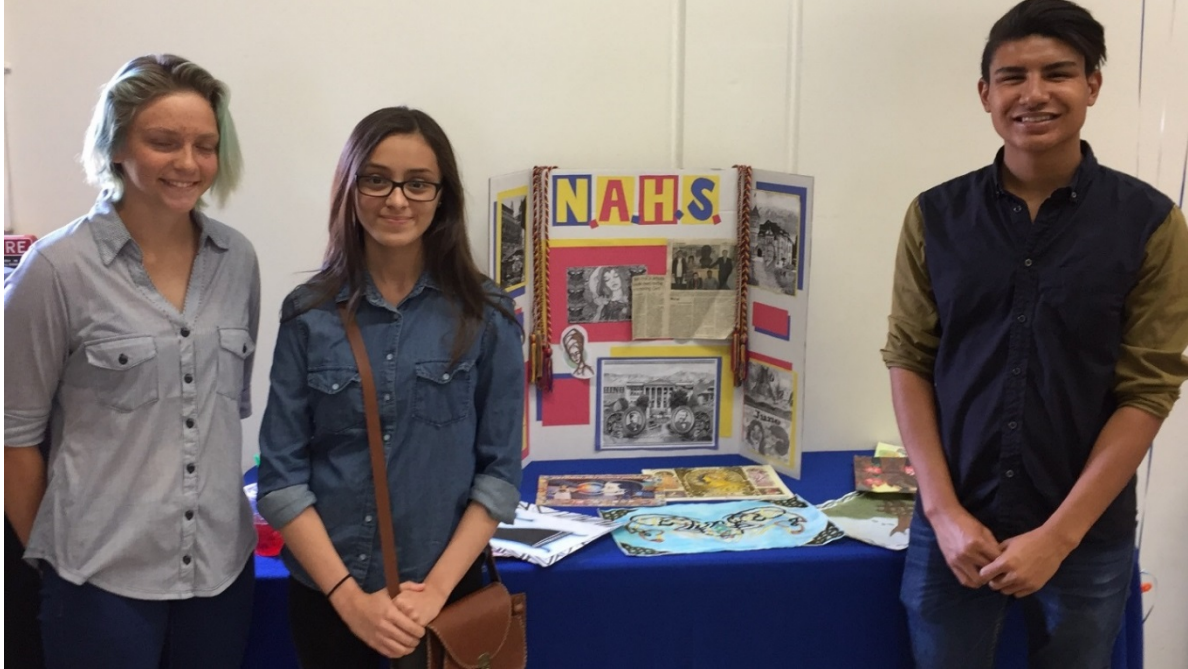
A student-drawn sign welcomes the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team to Chino High.



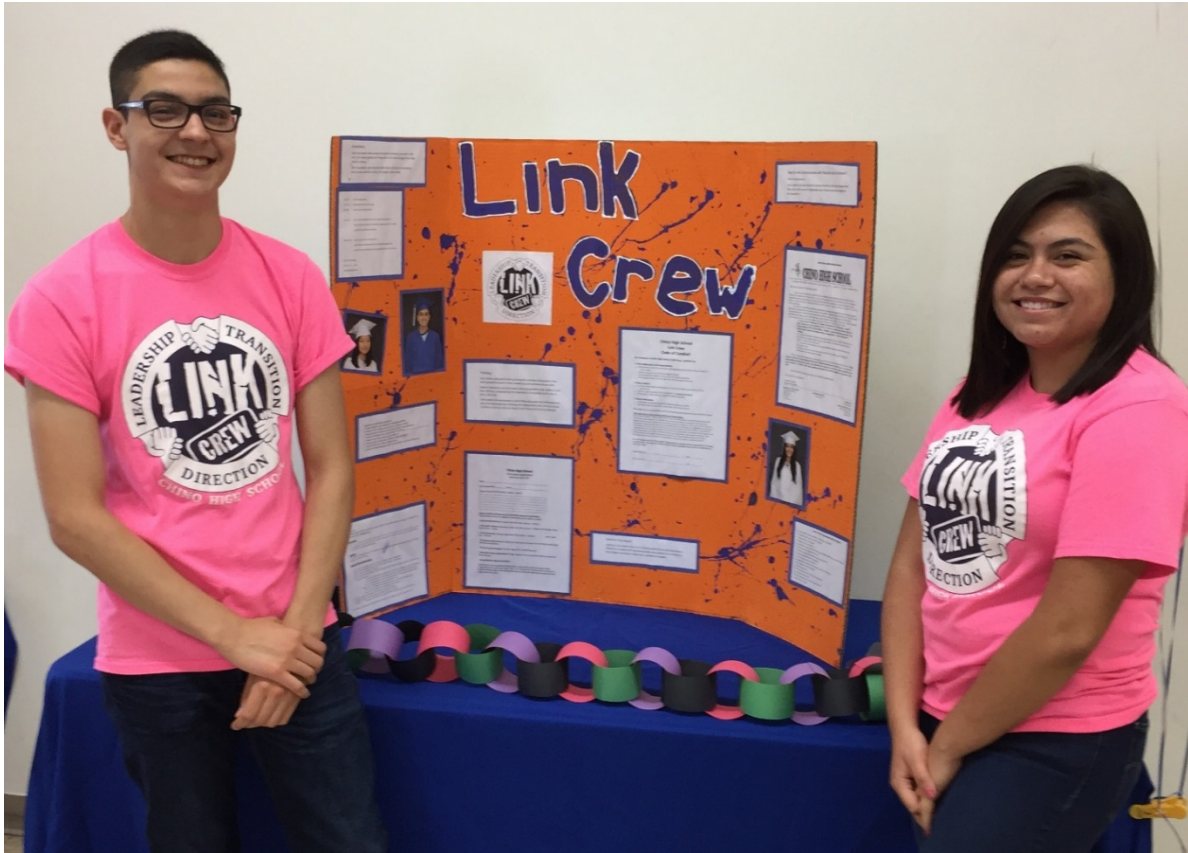
Chino High math teachers Shirley Keebaugh (Left) and Lindsey Johnson, co-chairs of the school's accreditation process, talk about Chino High's long history. Johnson is a Chino High graduate.



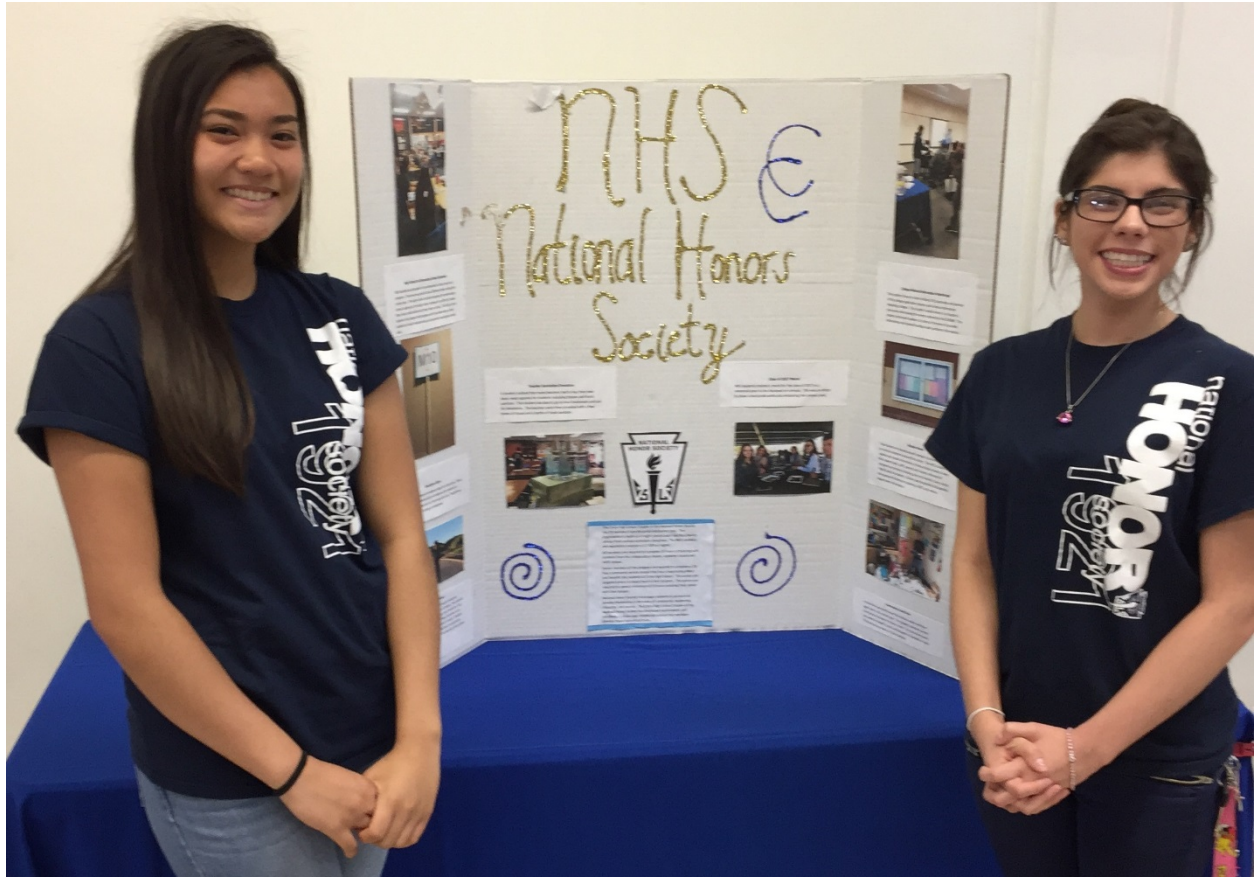
Chino High's culinary academy students (in black) and parent volunteers Susan Fekete and Sally Santoyo prepare the refreshment table for the 120th Anniversary Reception.



Members of Chino High's National Art Honor Society man their booth at the reception.



Link Crew, comprised of older Chino High students, help freshmen adjust to high school.



Chino High students represent the school's chapter of the National Honor Society, an academic recognition group.



A reception visitor checks out the Culinary and Hospitality Occupations Management Profession (CHOMP) Academy booth.



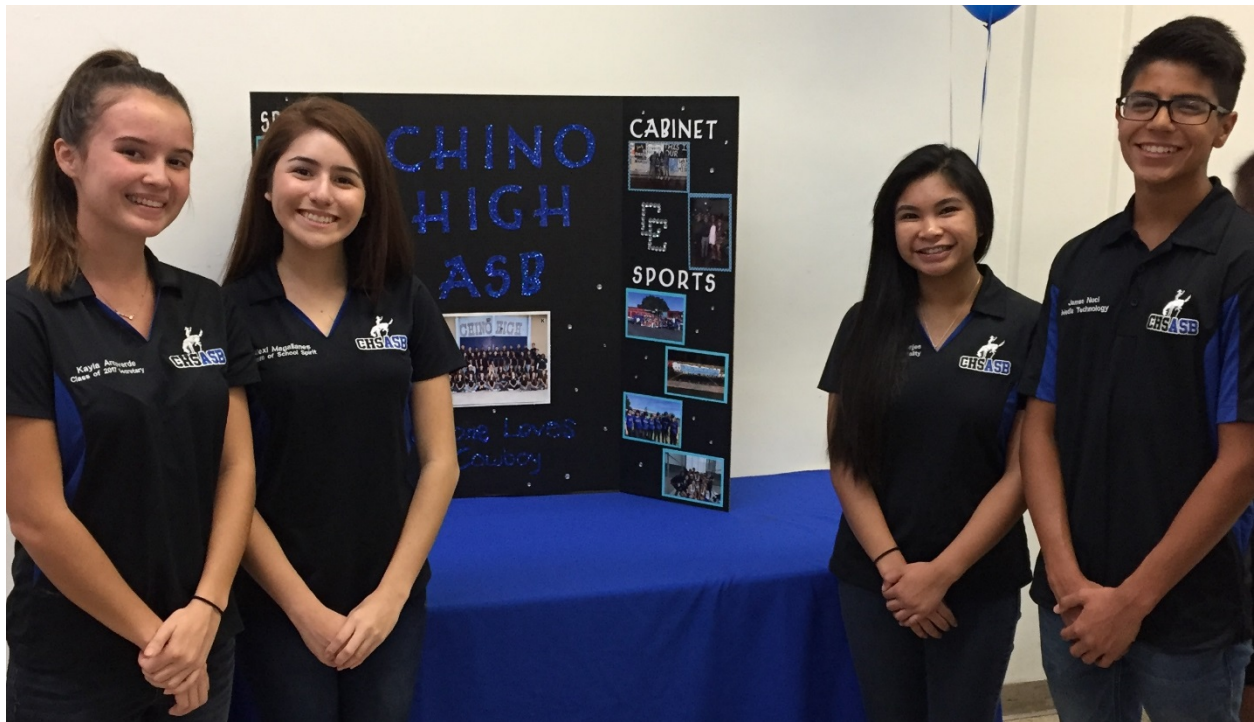
A member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation team visits Chino High's Law, Justice, and Public Service Academy booth.



Chino High's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) helps students prepare for college. Members of the group are usually the first in their families to attend college.



Representatives of the school's Renaissance group display photos of the academic recognition program.



Chino High's active Associated Student Body present photos of activities they helped organize.



Chino High Associated Student Body leaders greet guests as they arrive at the reception.



Chino High's multi-purpose room stage is decorated for the 120th Anniversary and WASC Accreditation reception.



Guests enjoy appetizers made by Chino High's Culinary and Hospitality Occupations Management Profession (CHOMP) Academy students.