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Youth Resiliency Summit Igniting Art, Advocacy and Action

Solano County, CA – Solano County Office of Education in partnership with Fighting Back Partnership, Fairfield Police Activities League, LGBTQ Minus Tobacco, Nature of Sound, Solano Youth Coalition, Vacaville Police Activities League and VIBE Solano hosted the third annual [Solano Youth Resiliency Summit](#) in December 2021. This virtual summit was free and open to all middle and high school students living or attending school in Solano County. Adult youth advocates also attended.

“Solano County Office of Education is grateful for the opportunity to cohost and collaborate with our amazing community partners to bring another successful summit to our youth,” said Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. “Events like the Solano Youth Resiliency Summit provide a forum for our students to engage with each other and their community, promoting positive outcomes and perspectives about topics that affect them.”

More than 15 different workshops were offered at the summit. Some topics included: working with government officials, healthy relationships, financial planning, financial aid for post-secondary pathways, mental health and wellness, suicide prevention, human trafficking, volunteerism and voter engagement. The interactive platform provided summit attendees creative ways to engage with one another. Participants developed skills to strengthen their resiliency and promote creative positive change.

This year’s summit featured keynote speakers Tina Davis and Marcus Williams, both Vallejo natives. Ms. Davis is a successful record label executive, artist manager and entrepreneur, with nearly 30 years of experience and Mr. Williams is an activist and founder of LYDO (Living Your Day Overcoming), a non-profit focused on peer advocacy to help physically and emotionally empower survivors to battle their unique life crises.

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