

Santa Fe Roundhouse

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On January 27th-29th I attended the legislative meetings in Santa Fe, New Mexico along with four of my peers. Mariah Edwards, Gysselle Arroyo, Monica Mercado, and Shawn Roberts. When we got to Santa Fe, we had to prepare. When I say prepare we had to get ready to talk to our senators and representatives in our district. So, for our district our senator is John Arthur Smith. And our Representative is Candie Sweetser.

We were informed that Senator Michael Padilla introduced a bill that would give 400,000 dollars to all the CTSO's and it would be separated between each CTSO. There is a total of six organizations. DECA, HOSA, BPA, FCCLA, TSA, and SkillsUSA. Each organization is unique. For example, DECA is associated with business management, HOSA gets students ready for health occupations, BPA (Business Professionals of America) is business as well and they also prepare students for real life experiences like job interviews. FCCLA, Family, Career and Community leaders of America helps with participation and community outreach stemming from their neighborhood, state, to nation. TSA students work alongside real-life technology majors and people in the work field of their choosing. SkillsUSA is non-profit student organization that gets students ready for the world of work stemming all the way from cosmetology to automotive and everything in between.

Upon entering the Roundhouse, we immediately made our way to the education committees meeting to see if they would pass our bill and they did! This meant that from there, the bill would be sent to the house floor for voting from the to be sent to the Governor for signing. In the meantime we had congressional meetings with our senators to ensure their votes at their meetings.