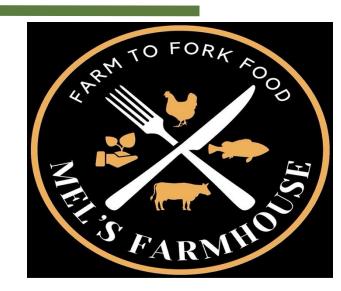
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BARON'S MICROGREENS



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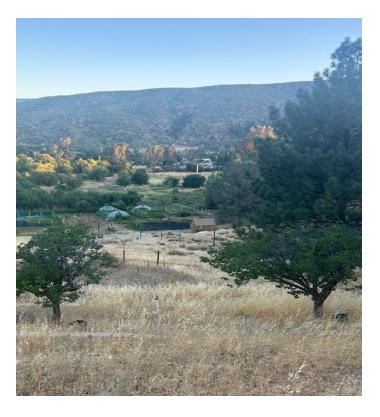
Now, &

Implementing positive changes

# In Service to Our Community







#### WHO WE SERVE

Besides serving our Microgreens, fresh produce, and value-added products, being in service to our community is at the heart of what we do.

#### Here are some ways in which we add value to our community:

- 1. Volunteer at Region South LAUSD schools to teach, empower our students and community, build gardens, plant, care for, and harvest vegetables, including microgreens, and create value-added products.
- 2. Community sponsor for Team Flourish, South Los Angeles's first team to participate in Envirothon (HS environment competition).
- 3. Develop and sponsor environmental competition among area high schools.
- 4. Working with the University of California Agriculture Natural Resource to develop the first South Los Angeles 4-H Club and the first South Los Angeles Envirothon academic and competition team. Partnership with Point Blue Conservation Science.
- 5. Provide organic foods and community health education through farm stands. The goal is to have a farm-to-table restaurant run by students—Baron's Community Farmers Markets.
- 6. Support students with internships, externships, full-time employment, entrepreneurship, and other resources. HBCU scholarships, USDA Scholarships, University of California Scholarships

# **Our Value, Our Values...**

- 1. We promise to do our part to build a community where all families and children have access to healthy foods.
- 2. We believe in the value of truly healthy communities where children and families have access to physical, mental and dental wellness.
- 3. We honor integrity and trust which are at the core of our partnerships. We treat all people with kindness and respect.



# Team Flourish California Envirothon

Boys Academic Leadership Academy (B A L A) & George Washington Preparatory High School



Heart & Soul of Envirothon Mr. Strickland & Dr. Brown The California Envirothon is a natural resources and environmental competition for teams of high school students and youth organizations such as 4-H clubs.



On our way to California Envirothon 2024

#### 5:00 AM in front of B A L A



(L-R) De'Ontay Everett (Washington Prep), Salvador Valadez, James Torres, Justin Coleman, Skyler Jefferson, Mr. Medina (BALA) Early morning walk to the venue...



Early morning walk to the venue...





# Early morning photography – students behind the camera...









#### Breaking News:

For the first time in California Envirothon's history, students from South Los Angeles, the pioneers of their region, participated in the competition. The five high school students hailed from BALA and Washington Prep High School, two Region South LAUSD schools. The group's founders named themselves Team Flourish. The students' involvement was possible through cooperation among the schools, students, parents, and Organic Farm Solutions 1, LLC (Smiles for Miles, INC, Mel's Farmhouse, and Baron's Microgreens).



#### **TEAM MEETING**



The Competition

# LET THE GAMES BEGIN







Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District





# ... at the Wildlife Station







For first-timers, our young men made us proud...



They showed up. They did their best. They learned a lot.

They represented themselves and their schools well.

# Team Flourish



Back Row (L-R): Sylvia Coleman - parent & outreach coordinator, De'Ontay Everett Washington Prep student, Justin Coleman - team captain & BALA student, Gilberto Valadez - BALA student, Mr. Lino Medina - BALA staff & mentor

- Middle Row (L-R): Ms. Jovita Pajarillo Chairperson CA Envirothon, Skyler Jefferson – BALA student, Kristina Carrillo-Turnage – Barons Ambassador, James Torres – BALA student, Mr. Ken Kerbs – Washington Prep teacher
- Front Row: Ms. Mina Carrillo Strickland Organic Farm Solutions 1, LLC / Barons Microgreens

#### California Envirothon



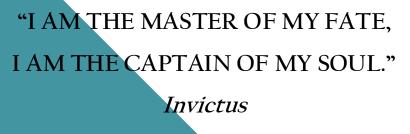
2024 Participants

# 2024 California Envirothon Achievement Award

Presented to members of Team Flourish

by

Jovita Pajarillo, Chair



(William Marcus Henley)



Baron's Microgreens

# BOYS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (B A L A)

&

Washington Preparatory High School

Photo Album

"A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill intentions. They thrive because someone expends effort on them." -Liberty Hyde Bailey





Mr. Strickland, Mr. Howard & Lupe

### Gardening as a Teacher

"A garden is a teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."

-Gertrude Jekyll, British Horticulturist



#### Dorsey High School



Rev JJ, Tracy Rice, Ms. Briscoe, Dr. Love, Mr. Strickland

#### Washington Preparatory High School



Washington Preparatory & Baron's Microgreens Garden Team

#### Prepping to Plant Microgreens at BALA









#### **Planting Microgreens at BALA**

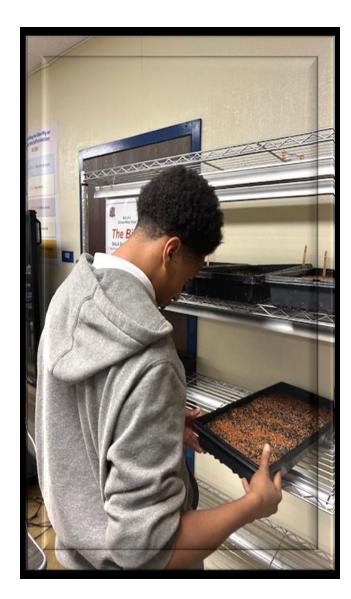
Ms. Georgette Mel's Fish Shack







# Planting Microgreens at BALA







# Harvesting Microgreens at BALA









## We have a "budding" interest in gardening.





# Building together...







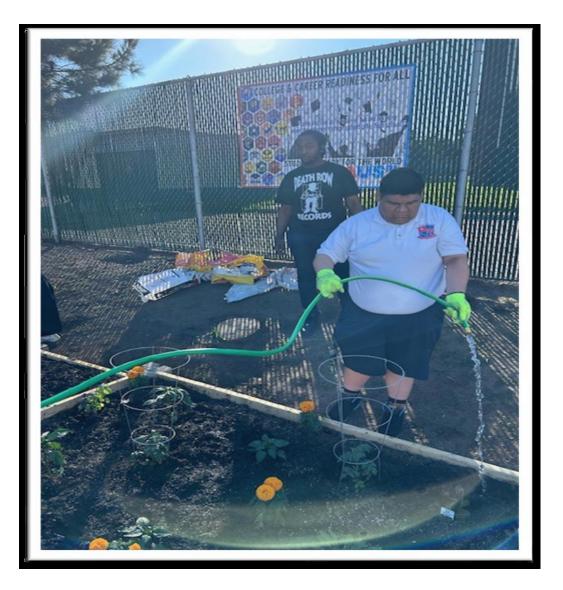






### **Excited to start gardening...**











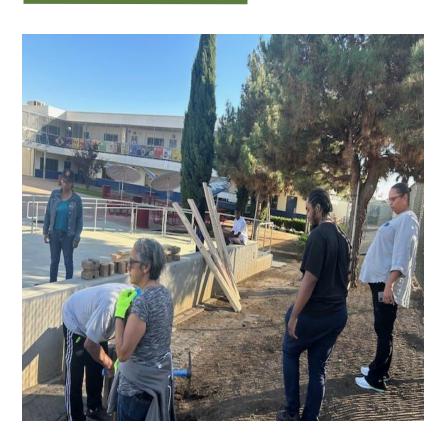
#### STUDENTS AND TEACHER AT WORK

#### "As you water your garden, water your dreams of determination."





### COMMUNITY TEAMWORK







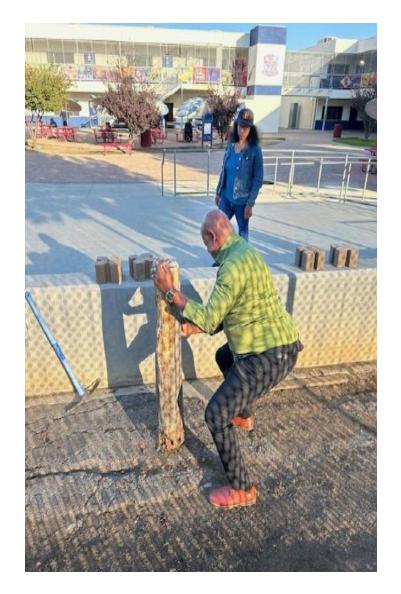
#### **PICK IT & SHOVEL IT**







#### DR. SAMUEL ALWAYS TEACHING



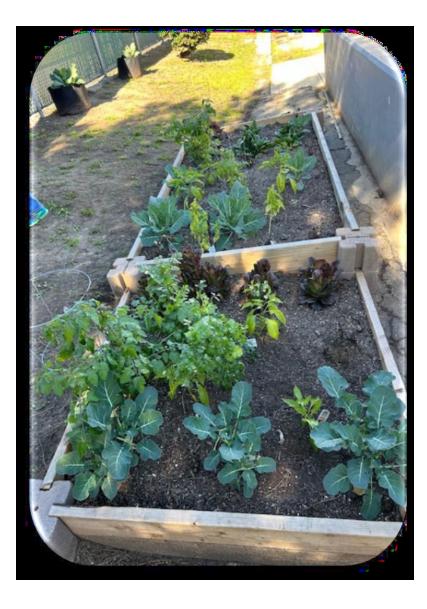


## "Every gardener is an artist, every garden a masterpiece."









## The Garden Club at BALA 2023-2024





#### The greatest fine art of the future will be the making of a comfortable living from a small piece of land.-Abraham Lincoln

## Baron's Microgreens

From Our Farm to Your Table

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BARON'S MICROGREENS

## **The Baron's Farm at Lake Hughes**

- ✤ The Baron's Farm is Disabled Veteran, Minority-Owned, and Family-Operated.
- ✤ The Baron's Farm is the only 100 %USDA/CDFA-certified Microgreen in the area.
- WIC Approved
- ✤ Green house.
- ✤ Raised bed gardens.
- ✤ High Tunnel Green Houses.
- ✤ Farmland for fruit trees.
- Livestock
- Zero waste (freeze-drying pulp, composting, animal feed)

## Value Added Products We Create...

#### Baron's Sparkling Juices

- > Apple Beet
- Cucumber Apple
- > Orange Pineapple



Our juices contain 100% USDA Certified Organic Microgreens

## Value Added Products We Create...

#### **Gluten Free & Vegan Cakes**

- Dill-icious Lemon Cake
- Strawberry Cake
- ➤ Guava Cake
- Tripple Layer Chocolate Cake





All our cakes contain 100% USDA Certified Organic Microgreens

## Value Added Products We Create...

- Gut Happy Vinaigrette (Strawberry, Raspberry, Blue Berry, Mixed Berries, Peach) Seasonal
- Jams/Jellies
- Spreads
- Energy Balls



All our goods contain 100% USDA Certified Organic Microgreens



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# Thank you

## Muchas Gracías

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