

Hi, I am Dee Vallee,  
I am a donor recruiter for the Northern Ca community blood bank

I want to say Welcome back students!! To all the High school and College students out there, I want to thank you personally to ~~all~~ the students that donated blood last year when we were on your campus. The combination between all the High schools along with Humboldt state University and College of the redwoods, you bring in 20% of our blood in a year!!

Northern California Community Blood Bank (NCCBB) is able to meet the needs of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties with the help from you. An average of 60 to 70 pints of blood products must be collected each and every day. We struggle in the summer months when the schools are out, and our regular donors are on vacation.

We are in pursuit of a safe and adequate blood supply, which truly makes a difference in people's lives. The hope you give to a patient or their family when you donate blood is perhaps the most precious gift of all. Through your dedication and determination you provide hope for tomorrow.

We do go to all the high schools twice a school year and are at Humboldt state University campus at least 2 to 3 times a week. If you belong to a club, or athletic team, or any other group and would like to sponsor a blood drive, please contact me at the blood bank.

We do have a new Tattoo policy!! It's great news!!! If you got a tattoo at a Licensed California parlor, it is only a one month deferral. It used to be a one year deferral! So if you got a tattoo in June or the first part of July there is no wait for you.

Ok, High School Seniors, we do give out a red cord at Graduation for any senior that has donated 3 or more times. If you have not donated yet there is still time, you have the two drives that we will be on campus and you can donate on your own here at the Blood bank or on one of our blood mobiles, it is an honor to wear this cord. You can also use donating blood for community service hours.

*NO* For a few facts, did you know that only 37% of the population is eligible, less than 5% of the eligible population donates blood.

1 in every 3 persons will need blood in their life. So look around, who will it be? Please pay it forward so it's there when you need it

A whole blood donor can donate every 56 days or 6 times a year, that is 6 hours out of 8760 hours in a year.

Again I want to say Welcome back Students, I am sure you will see us at your campus soon.

*Thank you*