

Giving Back

The student becomes the teacher



Oscar with his Academic Advisor, Leo de la Torre, in 2007.

Oscar was born in East Los Angeles and raised in Huntington Beach, a product of the Oak View Community. He began his journey with *SteppingUP* as a participant of the College Awareness Program (CAP) in 2007. Oscar is an individual who truly emanates the spirit of volunteerism. Aside from being an Academic Advisor in Huntington Beach, Garden Grove and Buena Park, Oscar assists his father in running the Oak View Youth Soccer League, a community-led athletic program in Huntington Beach which serves 500 local youth. Oscar is a full time student at Cal

State Long Beach studying Health Care Administration with hopes of becoming a surgeon. In his spare time, Oscar works as a DJ and volunteers his time giving back to the community as a mentor, a counselor, and a big brother.

His integrity, dedication, generosity, enthusiasm, and spirit of service shine in all that he does. He is a role model for his peers and those in his neighborhood as he volunteers to better himself and his community. Oscar is thankful to have the opportunity to give back to his community through *SteppingUP*, the program that helped him reach his goal of attending a university. OCCHC/*SteppingUP* is glad to have Oscar on board!



Oscar at his high school graduation with SteppingUP Program Director, Monica Cardenas, and Program Coordinator, Margarita Muniz.

