

July 20, 2014



Upcoming Events

07.21.14 CAP's Leadership Academy: City Council Meeting

07.22.14 CAP's Leadership Academy: Disney's YES! Program

07.25.14 CAP's Leadership Banquet

07.26.14 P.A.D.R.E. - UCLA Campus Tour

07.28.14 - 08.03.14 CAP's Northern California College Tour

08.22.14 Career Expo

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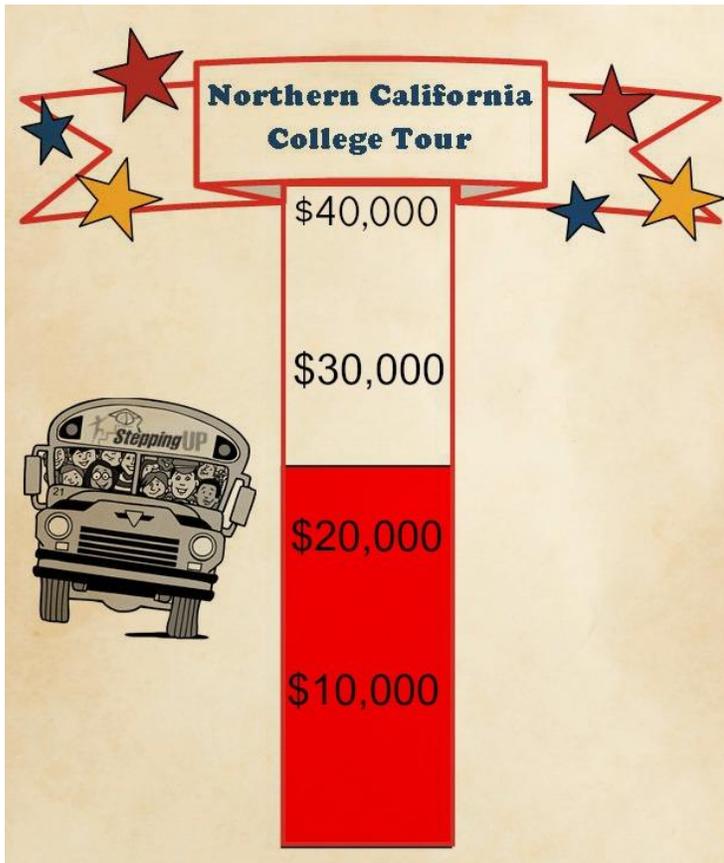
For the first time ever, OCCHC/SteppingUP's College Awareness Program hosted a S.T.E.M. Academy, motivating students to pursue an education and career within the S.T.E.M. fields in fun and creative ways. Advisors covered numerous subjects from biology to engineering to mathematics in order to increase the student's knowledge and confidence. The participants were immersed within the subjects through group activities, science projects, research and discussion led by local doctors, scientists and instructors. Lesson plans included studying Newton's Laws of Motion to design roller coasters, which allowed them to explore practical uses of magnetism, friction gravity and different forms of energy. Another day was spent carrying out an experiment that tested metabolism using yeast.



Students in their lab coats working on a cell project.

Cristian A., a seventh grade student and food lover never imagined having a career as a food scientist until he joined the academy. *"Growing up, I only heard kids talk about being teachers, lawyers, firemans... jobs that you see everyday. I didn't know that food scientists exist,"* shared Cristian, who is now interested in learning more about this specific occupation.

After spending six hours a day, twice a week, learning about things such as cytoplasm and mitochondria and participating in hands on experiments, the students were excited to share their projects and the knowledge they gained with their loved ones. The S.T.E.M. Academy held a celebration yesterday where parents, family members and friends were invited to see their masterpieces. The academy was a success and students are eager for the next S.T.E.M. Academy to take place!



**The Northern California
College Tour
is almost here!**

On July 28th, OCCHC/*SteppingUP* will be taking 40 students from the College Awareness Program on 7-day tour of 10 colleges and a few historical landmarks in Northern California, giving them a chance to create their dreams and aspirations as future college students.



Students and parents are excited for this once in a lifetime opportunity and have raised nearly \$20,000 in support of the tour. We are also pleased to announce that Golden State Foods donated \$5,000 to the cause!

Help the College Awareness Program reach their goal! The benefits far outweigh the costs as students come back with knowledge, options and awareness that they share with their community, creating a chain reaction of a desire to pursue higher education.

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