

September 21, 2014



Upcoming Events

09.18.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Board Meeting

09.20.14 P.A.D.R.E. Conference at Chapman University

09.26.14 CAP Educational Excursion: *The Long Road*

09.27.14 CAP Community Service: Oak View Clean Up

09.29.14 CAP's 5th Grade Mentoring Program Begins

10.07.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Advisory Board Meeting

10.11.14 CAP Career Day

10.28.14 Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

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Dear Friend,

Recently, a group of parents from OCCHC/SteppingUP's College Awareness Program toured UCLA's campus in a unique first hand way. The 35 adults, who never experienced a college education, had the opportunity of being first-year students on their first day of school at UCLA. Each parent was given a schedule and a campus map to guide them to their first class. At every stop, SteppingUP alumnus Lucia C., now a third year student at UCLA, spoke to the parents about her experience as a college student. She shares the experience below:



"I really enjoyed participating in SteppingUP's Parent Tour at UCLA. I loved connecting with parents and showing them around UCLA. It was a beautiful experience and I hope to see their children at UCLA soon. One of my favorite parts of the day was seeing the excitement on parents' faces as they thought about their son(s) or daughter(s) going to college. I also really enjoyed hearing from one of the fathers who changed his mind about his daughter's housing status for university. Before attending SteppingUP's Parent Tour, he wanted his daughter to commute to school. After experiencing a "typical day" in school, he decided that he would rather have his daughter live on campus because he realized how much more difficult it would be if she had to commute."

The parents were able to get a glimpse of the bright future ahead for their children and become informed about the college admissions process. The resources and guidance provided by OCCHC/SteppingUP have made higher education possible for so many and the number will continue to grow with the generous support received.

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