

July 27, 2014



Upcoming Events

07.28.14 - 08.03.14 CAP's Northern California College Tour

08.22.14 Career Expo

09.18.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Board Meeting

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

10.07.14 OCCHC/SteppingUP Advisory Board Meeting

10.11.14 CAP Career Day

10.23.14 Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

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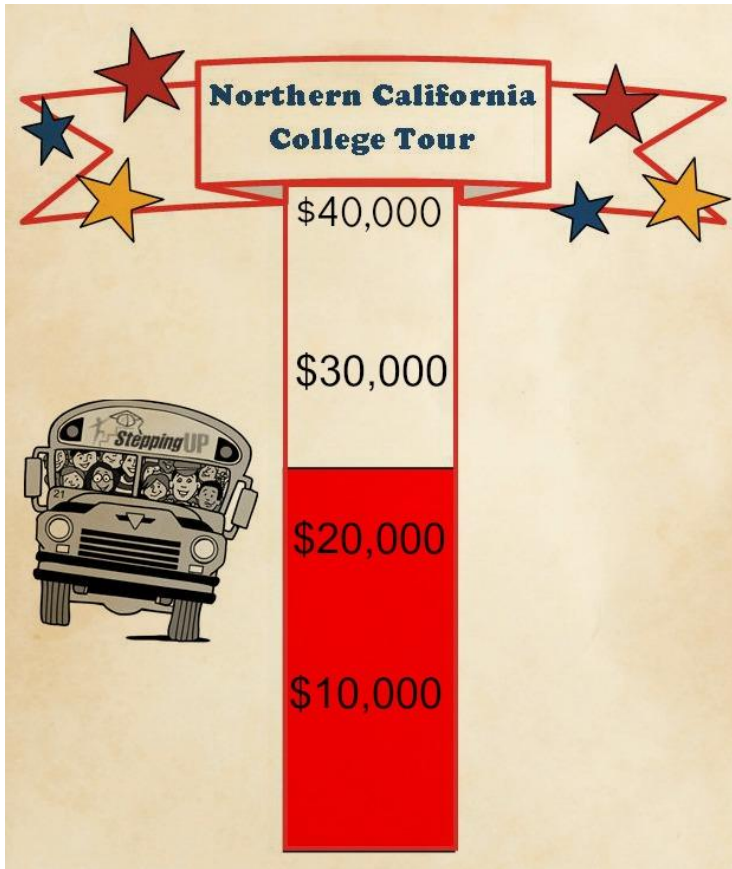
This past Friday, participants of OCCHC/SteppingUP's College Awareness Program (CAP) celebrated after raising awareness of the social injustices in the Oak View community. The students were a part of the Leadership Academy, a component designed by Academic Advisors that helped nurture and mold the leader within each of the 25 students in the program. The six week course covered topics such as bullying, public speaking, discrimination, racism, and most importantly discussed how everyone has the potential to be a leader.

Our student leaders attended a City Council meeting in Huntington Beach and learned that it was a place to voice your concerns about issues affecting their neighborhoods. They interviewed residents, community leaders and workers to gain different perspectives of issues such as having a recycling center next door to the local elementary school. They also worked together in different groups to create a documentary that showcased the various issues in their community that they were passionate about.



As a special treat to the students for their commitment and involvement in the academy, they got to spend a FUN-filled day at the Disneyland Resort and be a part of Disney's Youth Education Series (DisneyYES!), where they learned Disney's approach to leadership and teamwork. The students also learned about Walt Disney's legacy and his struggle to accomplish what Disney has become today. They were told the story of his humble beginnings and learned more about his perseverance to overcome all obstacles, even though many did not support nor believe in his dreams. After the story, the students did an activity to reinforce the idea that no matter what their dreams are, with determination, they can make them come true. Their day at Disneyland was not only about improving their leadership and teamwork skills, but also a day of exciting thrills and empowering bonds and friendships.

Congratulations to our future leaders!



**The Northern California
College Tour
is 15 hours away!**

Tomorrow, 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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