

October 5, 2014



**Upcoming Events**

**10.07.14** OCCHC/SteppingUP Advisory Board Meeting

**10.11.14** CAP Career Day

**10.28.14** Annual Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

**11.01.14** CAP College Tours: Cal Poly Pomona & Pomona College

**11.15.14** CAP College Tours: UC Riverside & Loma Linda University

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**Dear Friend,**

OCCHC/SteppingUP is fully committed to helping all students reach their full potential. Recently, this was shown as they helped a participant and his mother fight to better his future. Oscar J. was a shy and timid young man when he came to SteppingUP a year ago. He was not one to speak up in group activities or share his ideas, but that has since changed.



*Oscar with his sister Elizabeth*

Through hard work and the guidance of his academic advisor Jessica, Oscar became more comfortable with his group and he embraced the program and the knowledge it gave him. He recognized that he needed to improve academically to reach his newly found goals, so he and his mother decided to seek the help of Testing Services Program Director, Juan Sandoval.

Juan quickly realized that Oscar had a gift for mathematics. Oscar should have been enrolled in advanced math classes. When Oscar's mother asked for her son to be transferred into the class, the school refused. Oscar's teacher did not feel that he was prepared to handle the curriculum. Juan made it a priority to work with Oscar and his mom on this issue. Through Juan's guidance, Oscar is now in the appropriate class.

This change will better prepare Oscar to meet the A-G requirements and ultimately help him achieve his goal of going to a four-year university. It was Oscar's family that initially pushed him to join the program. The welcoming and caring environment that SteppingUP provided him has now given him the tools to motivate himself. Oscar has improved his grades, his social skills, and has become an overall more well-rounded person. SteppingUP will continue to help students like Oscar stand up for themselves and realize they have the power to

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