

**Orange  
County Bar  
Foundation**

# Higher Education Mentoring Program

**Monthly Newsletter**

**April 2011**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Higher Ed. Graduation



**Thurs., May, 26, 2011**

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

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## Annual Career Fair

OCBF's Annual Career Fair was held on Saturday, April 2 at the McFadden Library Learning Center. The event provided a great opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and speak to professionals in the field about their educational background and what their day is like on the job. Audience members networked at the Career Information Tables which included: Social Work: Solomon Massin, MSW; Entertainment: Diana Oropeza, Manager Special Events; Make-Up Artist: Samantha Saldivar; Engineering: Candace Wells, Aerospace Engineer; Finance: Mavel Becerra, Project Manager; Computer Science: Brian Santos, Cost Engineer, Law: Candice Tong, Associate Attorney, and Law Enforcement: Rosa Ponce De Leon, and Elizabeth Granados, SA Police Officers.

The career panel included very inspiring individuals:

Candace Wells, Aerospace Engineer: Candace received her B.S. in Aerospace Engineering with a concentration in astronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. She has been working at Northrop Grumman for over 7 years. Her duties include material testing, project manufacturing support and training other engineers for material testing.

Candice Tong, Associate Attorney: She is an associate with the law firm of Palmieri, Tyler, Wiener, Wilhelm & Waldron LLP. She received her law degree from the UC

Davis School of Law. While at UCD she served on the Moot Court Board. Candice received her bachelor's degree from the UC Irvine where she majored in Political Science and minored in Humanities and Law. She was an active member of the UC Irvine Law Forum and the Dean's Ambassadors Council.

Diana Oropeza, Manager Special Events:

As Manager for Raleigh Film and Television Studios, Diana's extensive portfolio encompasses large scale, high-profile events for Fortune 500 corporations such as Microsoft and Google, and for such entertainment powerhouses as Sony Pictures Studios and Disney, as well as more intimate and personal affairs, which are also produced at the studio's facilities.

Tom Serafin, Director of SAPAAL

Tom joined the Santa Ana Police Department in 1981 and was appointed Director of the Santa Ana Police Athletic & Activity League in 2007. The SAPAAL is an afterschool program that focuses on building a bond between cops and kids through education, fitness and activities.

Tom brings 30 years of law enforcement experience and has spent the majority of his career in gang suppression, gang investigation and gang homicide.

Included was also a presentation on Resume and Interview Skills by Diana Casares, Job Placement Coordinator, Santiago Canyon Community College. Diana provided students with great examples and tips to help them create a competitive resume and to be prepared for an interview.

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## Career Fair Photos

Students visiting Career tables:



## Career Fair (cont.)

To close the event, Ryan Rowell & Matthew Snead, Employment Training Specialists, moderated this year's fashion show and our own version of "What not to Wear to an Interview!"

A special thanks to everyone that helped make this event a success!

### What Students have to say:

"The Career Fair opened my eyes to many new careers I did not know were available. The career of make-up artist made me consider it as an option." Maria Zamora, 12th

"I felt that this event helped me learn more about what career I want. The speakers were so passionate about their careers it made me want to be able to find something that I can love. I also enjoyed talking to the speakers and learning about their careers and areas of study." Karolina Vasquez, 12th

"I learned that a degree can offer you numerous opportunities outside the area of study." Maribel Morales, 12th

## Financial Literacy

On Thursday, April 14, 2011, juniors, seniors and parents attended a Financial Literacy Workshop by Wells Fargo Bank. Mavel Becerra, and another bank representative provided essential information on bank accounts, credit cards and the importance of good credit.

Parents were encouraged to teach their children to save and to learn how to budget. Speakers highlighted the importance of teaching children how to be responsible with their money.

Students learned about the importance of building good credit and paying all their bills on time. They were reminded about the differences of wants vs. needs and how that will affect their money management and financial goals. They also learned about the three credit bureaus that monitor our credit and the importance of maintaining a good credit.

To learn more about Financial Literacy please visit: [www.handsonbanking.org](http://www.handsonbanking.org)



Students learning about financial literacy.

## Save the Date!

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### Location:

Rancho Santiago Community College District  
2323 N. Broadway  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

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