

**Orange  
County Bar  
Foundation**

# Higher Education Mentoring Program

Monthly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Juniors & Seniors

*Women Health*

**Thurs., Mar. 3, 2011**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

***\*Please let me know if  
you will attend!***

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On Friday, February 11, 2011, the Higher Education Mentoring Program visited the University of California, Irvine (UCI) for a presentation and tour. The trip was extremely informative and a first time experience for many participants. The presentation included a general overview of the four systems of higher education, financial aid and scholarships. A second presentation focused on UCI resources, tuition, housing, tutoring, work-study, research and internship opportunities. Additionally, a video clip was shown which illustrated the experiences of students attending UCI. Afterwards students separated into different groups with their tour guide who were current UCI students. The tour included lecture halls, dorms, libraries, the theatre department and the important food court! Participants were engaged asking questions and curious to learn more about the campus. All of their questions and concerns were answered and overall they thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to see firsthand what the campus was like.

#### UCI Facts:

- Among the most dynamic campuses in the UC system

- Cost of attendance:

\*Tuition/Fees= \$11,927

\*Room & Board= \$11,400

\*Total Cost living @home=\$21,770

\*Total Cost living on-campus= \$28,031

- Nearly 28,000 students
- Rigorous academics and research
- Three UCI researchers have won Nobel prices
- Ranked 12th among the Nation's best public universities.



HEM Students with Peter the Anteater!



Students coming back from UCI Tour.

## Women Health Workshops

HEM girls were presented with Sessions one and two of the Women Health series in the month of February. Jessica Garcia, Girls Inc. Program Coordinator provided our girls with important and useful information about the different developmental stages of women. They learned the different ways their bodies and interest changed as they developed.

In session two, the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body were discussed. Students completed several group activities and the presentations have helped them build stronger ties with other program participants. In addition, these sessions allowed the girls to practice their communication and team building skills. The last session will be held on March 3, 2011.



HEM Girls working together!



## Going Away to College



After living my only 18 years of life in sunny southern California, I never thought I would experience changing leaves in fall, temperatures below 10 degrees, or snowstorm warnings. But after receiving my Wellesley College acceptance letter in April, I knew these experiences would be the norm

for the following 4 years. Moving 3000 miles away from home was difficult, but nonetheless rewarding. In my first semester, I moved into a cozy dorm, made friends from around the world, attended insightful classes with brilliant professors, explored the city of Boston, and flourished emotionally and mentally. Wellesley College has become my home away from home; it has already offered me valuable resources that will carry on with me as I strive to earn an Economics major and Women and Gender Studies minor. I advise all students to not shy away from single gender, east coast, or private colleges because it might just be the perfect college for them, as Wellesley College turned out to be for me.

*-Jannet Sanchez, 2010 Century HS & HEM Graduate.*

## Wellesley College



Wellesley College is located in Wellesley, Massachusetts (12 miles west of Boston). It is a liberal arts college for women. Wellesley College was founded in 1870, with the

first class starting in September 1875. Their mission, "is to provide an excellent liberal arts education for women who will make a difference in the world."

### Facts:

Degrees: Baccalaureate

Enrollment: 2,300 students

Majors: 56

Average Class Size: 17-20 students

Organizations/clubs: more than 150

Colors: Blue and White

2010-2011 Cost:

Tuition-\$39,420, Room \$6,234, Meal Plan 6,050  
TOTAL= \$51, 950

**Resource: [www.wellesley.edu](http://www.wellesley.edu)**