

Higher Education Mentoring Program

Seasonal
Newsletter

Summer 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Filling out FAFSA/ Dream Act Workshop

Wednesday, November
9th, 2016

6:30-8pm

Seniors

Student Panel

Workshop

Wednesday, November
16th, 2016

6:30-8pm

Juniors

*** PLEASE RSVP!**



Congratulations Class of 2016!



OCBF was proud to hold the 15th Annual Graduation ceremony for our seniors of the Higher Education Mentoring program on Wednesday, May 18th, 2015 (*La Quinceneara*). The event took place at the Chuck Jones Center, hosted by Orange County Bar Foundation. We celebrate the sixth coed graduation and the Class of 2016: Twenty-six graduating seniors, young women and men who have completed our 18-month program and will be attending college this fall.

Keynote Speaker - Monica M. Ramirez, gave words of wisdom to the graduates *pursue education beyond a high school diploma*. Ramirez provided an informative glimpse of her own background and educational journey to get to where she is today as the Special Assistant Attorney General of California. She also gave insight on her education at Harvard.

OCBF was delighted to be able to provide over \$27,500 in scholarship monies to this years graduating class.

Congratulations 2015 Graduates!

Justin Alvarez

CSU Dominguez Hills

Kathy Angel

Santa Ana College

Brady Carbajal

CSU Long Beach

Rebecca Cardenas

UC San Diego

Miguel De Dios

Santa Ana College

Monique Galaviz

Santa Ana College

Jesus Galvan Jr.

CSU Humboldt

Jazmin Gonzalez

UC Irvine

Devaneira Garcia

Saint Mary's College

Celeste Garcia

UC Irvine

Hilda Hernandez

UC Davis

Maritza Leiva

CSU Fullerton

Francisco Luna

CSU Fullerton

Nicholas Martinez

UC Irvine

Rachel Medel

UC Los Angeles

Jonathan Montes

UC Santa Barbara

Lizbeth Moreno

UC Riverside

Elias Nieto

UC Irvine

Luis Ochoa

UC San Diego

Enrique Pineda

UC Irvine

Felix Plavas

UC Merced

Marcos Quezada

UC Santa Cruz

Andrea Ramirez

Santa Ana College

Andres Ramirez

CSU Maritime

Aracely Ruvalcaba

Occidental College

Isaac Torres

Irvine Valley College



Summer Celebration!



On July 30th, the students of the Higher Education Mentoring Program were invited to a Social celebration by the OCBF Associate Board, at **Advanced Depositions** in Irvine California. They had pizza, beverages and many activities for the students, including: a Pool Table, a Ping Pong Table, Dart Boards, and Game Consoles. It also provided a great time for some healthy and friendly competition among our Associate Board and the students. Afterwards, we traveled to Santa Ana College's Tessmann Planetarium where NASA Astrologist, **Patricia Sullivan**, led us on a journey through space, exploring and inspiring students to study and discover the wonders of the universe.

Night with the Angels!



On September 18th, we were invited, by **Wells Fargo**, to attend an **Angel's Game** against the Blue Jays! We extended the invitation for our student's mentors and parents to attend this event with them. For many of our students, this was the first time they attended a baseball game. Before the game, the students were given a workshop on financial literacy. The workshop went over how to budget, creating your own budget, prioritizing when it comes to spending, what credit was, and saving money.

Mentor /Mentee To Do List:

- ◆ **Research Colleges to Apply to**
- ◆ **Apply for Early Start programs**
- ◆ **Personal Insight Questions**
 - Brainstorm
 - Express yourself
 - Review
- ◆ **Talk about which person mentee will ask Recommendation from.**
 - Professional
 - Extra Curricular
 - Counselor

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination"

-Tommy Lasorda

Who's new to the team!



Jeanette Lozano,
Program Intern

Jeanette is a senior at UC Irvine, she is currently studying Psychology and Social Behavior and Gender/ Sexuality Studies. Before attending UCI, she attended community college in the LA county. She is interning with the Higher Education Program for the 2016– 2017 academic school year through the School of Social Ecology's advance field study program at UCI. Jeanette's research project explores how the Higher Education program possibly changes feelings of validation and self- efficacy in the students that participate in the program. Her interests include higher education, feminism, human sexuality, comprehensive sexual health education, sex positivity.