

**Orange
County Bar
Foundation**

Higher Education Mentoring Program (HEM)

Monthly Newsletter

July/August 2010



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Senior Workshop: CSU & UC Application

Thursday, Sept. 9, 10
6:00pm-8:00pm

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

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HEM Annual Reunion

For the fifth year in a row, the Higher Education Mentoring Program has kept HEM students and past graduates motivated over the summer months by hosting “The Reunion” summer beach party! The Reunion’s goal is to bring together HEM participants -*girls with a goal to graduate from college*, and to do something fun!

The Reunion was held on Friday, July 30, 2010 at Huntington State Beach. The girls got to know one another through ice-breakers, games, over lunch, and just laying around the beach talking! The summer event was a great success!

Here’s what a few of the beach goers had to say:

“It was great to see everyone gathered together. I met new people and had the opportunity to see old friends.”

Lisette Vega, UCI Mentor, 3rd year.

“One of my favorites activities of the year!!! It was nice to spend time away from the academics and just relax.”

Vanessa Tapia, Chapman Mentor.

“The experience I had at the beach reunion was unforgettable. It was fun to meet new friends. I plan to attend the reunion next year!” **Claudia Rendon, Senior.**



Current and past HEM participants gathered for College Access Graduate Scholarship presentation.

August Workshop

On Wednesday, August 18, 2010 the HEM Program hosted The Getting Ready for College Workshop. Senior boys and girls were invited to attend. Susana Espinoza, HEM Program Coordinator and Robert Diaz, HEM Boys Mentor provided seniors with important upcoming college information and deadlines. Students had the opportunity to discuss the UC, Cal State deadlines and requirements. In addition, to having the opportunity to discuss the personal statement prompts. Part of the presentation also discussed important SAT and ACT deadlines and score requirements based on a students GPA.

IMPORTANT: The December tests are the last chance seniors have for taking the SAT and ACT. Tests taken after that date will not be considered.

Reminder: Cal State applications open October 1, 2010 and UC applications open November 1, 2010. For both applications the deadline is November 30, 2010. Please make sure to start the CSU applications early and make sure to start on the personal statement. **NOTE:** Private Universities have different deadlines and prompts; please make sure to research each school separately. If additional, assistance is needed please contact Susana Espinoza, Program Coordinator at sespinoza@ocbarfoundation.org.

Important links:

www.collegeboard.com/splash/

www.act.org/

www.universityofcalifornia.edu



Scholarship Winners!!!

The Orange County Bar Foundation Higher Education Mentoring Program awarded seven scholarships at this year's "Reunion". The scholarships were *sponsored by the College Access Foundation of California*. Martha Madrid, HEM Program Director and Susana Espinoza, HEM Program Coordinator presented the awards. HEM and the College Access Foundation have joined forces to help as many of our past HEM graduates as possible to complete their educational goals.

The scholarship awards went to:

Vivian Ceja, Santa Ana College, 3rd year. Major: Children Psychology. HEM Graduate: 2008.

Kareen Flores, UC Santa Cruz, 4th year. Major: Politics & Latino/Latin American Studies. HEM Graduate 2007.

Susan Guadarrama, University of Southern California, 3rd year. Major: Psychology. HEM Graduate: 2008.

Amalia Mejia, UC Santa Barbara, 3rd year. Major: Sociology & Political Science. HEM Graduate: 2007.

Adriana Rangel, Cal State Long Beach, 3rd year. Major: Marketing. HEM Graduate: 2008

Jeanette Vega, UC Irvine, 4th year. Major: Criminology, Law & Society. HEM Graduate: 2007.

Lisette Vega, UC Irvine, 3rd year. Major: Psychology and Social Behavior. HEM Graduate: 2008.



Left-Right: Lisette Vega (UCI), Jeanette Vega (UCI), Adriana Rangel (CSULB), and Kareen Flores (UCSC).