

Higher Education Mentoring Program



Mayra Chacon, Saddleback High School

For five consecutive summers Mayra, has volunteered at Washington Elementary assisting her first grade teacher. Through her involvement she developed a strong interest in teaching. Fall 2007 she will be attending California State University, Fullerton and majoring in Liberal Studies. She plans to teach in Santa Ana after graduating.



Kareen Flores, Valley High School

During the summer of 2006, Kareen participated in Project SELF and worked at Stradling, Yocca, Carlson and Rauth. One of Kareen's greatest accomplishments was being recognized as Student of the Year for 2006-2007. The scholarships she has received include: Project SELF \$500, Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce \$500 and ROP \$125. Kareen will be attending the University of California, Santa Cruz and will be majoring in Political Science.



Maria Garcia, Santa Ana High School

Maria has shown a great interest and commitment to the Higher Education Mentoring Program. She attended all program workshops and activities. Maria has completed honors and AP courses as well as 170 community service hours. After being accepted to eight universities she chose to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz and will major in Spanish.



Ruth Gonzalez, Santa Ana High School

Ruth is a very responsible and organized student. She consistently maintained a strong GPA and made sure she completed all of her college applications on time. During summer of 2006, she participated in Project SELF with Fisher & Phillips LLP. For Fall 2007, she plans to attend the University of California, San Diego and major in Biology.



Jeanette Gutierrez, Valley High School

Since Jeanette started our program she has shown a great interest in Engineering. She has worked hard to keep her grades up and prepare for her college experience. She participated in the Architect Construction Engineering Program and has taken numerous math courses. Jeanette is pleased to announce that she will be attending Cal Poly Pomona and majoring in Engineering.



Gina Leon, Valley High School

Gina is a very responsible and committed student. This year she applied and received several scholarships. These include: Ronald M. Simon and Family Foundation \$4,000/yr., ConquistAmerica Education Foundation \$1,000/yr. plus a laptop, Sam Walton \$1,000 and ACE scholarship plaque and \$50. For Fall 2007, Gina plans on attending the University of California, Irvine and to major in Psychology and Social Behavior.

Graduation 2007

Amalia Mejia, Valley High School

Amalia is a very active student. She has maintained excellent grades, while being involved in extracurricular activities and sports. Since the beginning of the program, Amalia has demonstrated a strong interest in the field of law. For Fall 2007, she plans to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara and to pursue a major in Political Science.



Jenny Osegueda, Valley High School

Jenny was a Project SELF participant during the Summer of 2006. She worked at Carlton, DiSante & Freudenberger LLP. She has successfully maintained good grades while working a part-time job. For Fall 2007, she plans to attend the University of California, Fullerton and to pursue a degree in Psychology.



Athenas Peron, Santa Ana High School

Athenas is a very hard working student. She has been very involved in the Higher Education Mentoring Program. One of her greatest accomplishments was having the opportunity to visit 10 different college campuses. Her plans are to attend the University of California, Riverside and to major in Sociology. After graduation, Athenas plans to pursue a career in social work.



Jennifer Vargas, Santa Ana High School

Jennifer's hard work has provided her with several education options. For Fall 2007, she applied to CSLB, UCI, UCD, UCB, UCSD, USC, Stanford University and Harvard College. She received a scholarship from the Chamber of Commerce for \$1,000 and a University General Scholarship for \$17,000. Jennifer is proud to announce she will be attending Stanford University and majoring in Psychiatry. Jennifer is also number 3 in her graduating class.



Jeanette Vega, Santa Ana High School

Jeanette is a very dedicated student. Throughout her junior and senior year she completed nine AP courses. She had perfect attendance at the Higher Education Mentoring Program and participated in Project SELF, where she had the opportunity to work for Rutan & Tucker LLP. Jeanette has been awarded two scholarships \$500 from the Orange County Teachers Credit Union and \$800 from ROP. After being accepted to UCSC, CSLB and CSF, Jeanette is proud to announce that she will be attending the University of California, Irvine for Fall 2007.

