



Creating college bound communities

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SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT UC SANTA CRUZ

80 Rising 9th Grade Migrant Students Participate In Leadership, Academic Prep, and Skill-Building Workshops Taught By High School Peer Mentors

- WHAT:** **Summer Youth Leadership Conference 2008 at UC Santa Cruz**
Co-sponsored by UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center (EPC) and Migrant Education Region XI, the Summer Youth Leadership Conference (SYLC) at UCSC is a three-day residential program to develop students' academic and leadership skills. The conference provides a motivating, informative, and hands-on approach to develop students' leadership qualities and create a cohort of College Ambassadors, a pool of highly motivated students who will become leaders and college information resources for their peers. The students participate in a mock college experience and engage in activities that foster critical thinking and articulation skills.
- WHO:** 80 ninth grade migrant students and 20 high school Peer Mentors from Pajaro Valley Unified School District; UCSC Rainbow Theater will perform at the Closing Ceremony
- WHEN:** Friday, July 25 – Sunday, July 27, 2008
Friday: Students arrive on campus to at College 10 at 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: Campus tour 9:30 – 11:00, workshop sessions at College 10 from 11:15 – 2:45
Sunday: Closing Ceremony at Namaste Lounge from 9:00 – 11:00, students depart at 2:30
(Full agenda available upon request)
- WHERE:** UC Santa Cruz, College 10
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064
College 10 classrooms, dining hall, and Namaste Lounge
- WHY:** The focus of SYLC is to help students make a successful transition from middle school to high school. Workshops will help with test taking strategies, writing abilities, and studying skills. Students will also learn about the A-G high school course pattern for college eligibility and high school "do's and don'ts." Peer Mentors are essential to the success of SYLC—student Peer Mentors from Watsonville and Pajaro Valley High Schools are heavily involved in the planning process and are responsible for facilitating all group discussions, leading many of the activities throughout the weekend of the conference, and serving as mentors for the students. The peer-to-peer outreach contributes to building a college-bound community. SYLC is an important part of EPC's ongoing efforts to improve student academic achievement and increase college-going rates, especially for students from low-income and underserved communities. See <http://epc.ucsc.edu> for more information.

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