

## WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE THE SPRING 2014 EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

Stay updated with news regarding the Summer Bridge program and read about successful students and upcoming events!

In addition, as you continue to pursue your academic goals, don't forget that the Summer Bridge Team is here for you. Stop by the Information and Welcome Centers and tell us how you're doing. We're still here to support you and genuinely want to know how you're doing. So please keep in touch and maybe we'll feature YOU in an upcoming edition.

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### IRENE PIEDRASANTA: A FACE TO REMEMBER

You may have seen Irene Piedrasanta on your way to class or to the library since she is featured on some of the many LMC posters around campus. Irene is one of a group of LMC students selected for the college's award winning "Be a Major Success" marketing campaign. A photo of Irene, surrounded by fellow Summer Bridge students, was also chosen for the latest flyer for 2014 (see page 3).

As a member of the 2012 Summer Bridge program she, like many, was interested in what college had to offer. When asked what had impressed her about Summer Bridge she said, "I was exposed to the skills that I needed in order to succeed and motivated by the staff and other students in the program." In addition to these skills she was introduced to many of the on campus learning communities, including the Transfer Academy which she is a part of today.

Additionally, Irene has been a tutor at the CORE and is currently volunteering at Kaiser. She plans to transfer to San Francisco State to study Nursing. With her campus involvement and commitment to goals, it's clear that Irene represents LMC well.

## FROM SUMMER BRIDGE TO STUDENT AMBASSADOR: AN INTERVIEW WITH MARIA AND CHRISTIAN

During the summer of 2012 Maria Martinez and Christian Maldonado took part in LMC's very first Summer Bridge cohort. Since then, they have been actively involved at LMC. Because of their dedication to their own goals and to helping students, they were selected to be Student Ambassadors for the Outreach department for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Maria is 19 and a 2012 Liberty High grad. She is the first person in her family to go to college and didn't know what to expect, so she decided to be part of the Summer Bridge program. There she made friends and got connected to people that would help her in the future. Maria recommends Summer Bridge because it helps transition from high school to college. She mentions, "Summer Bridge gets you ready academically and emotionally for college." Maria is very active at LMC; she was part of Puente and is currently part of MESA, the AMSA Club, and the LA Raza Club. She is a Biology major at LMC and her goal is to transfer to Saint Mary's College to get her bachelors. Her life goal is to go to Stanford Medical School and become a Cardiologist. She loves helping others as much as possible, and when she has time she enjoys hiking and camping, and is a huge soccer and football fan.

Christian is a 19 year old graduate of Pittsburg High's class of 2012. Christian also started his college experience early during the Summer Bridge Program. He says that he decided to be part of the program because he knew that high school would not be the same as college and he wanted to better prepare himself for what was coming. As a student at LMC, he is currently fulfilling classes for computer science and was part of the Puente Program along with Maria. His future goal is to transfer to San Jose State, and his lifetime goal is to work for software development companies in or near Silicon Valley. In his free time, Christian enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, bike riding, and eating! Christian recommends every high school graduate be a part of Summer Bridge because it will guide them to the right resources they might need as LMC students and beyond.



Maria Martinez



Christian Maldonado



## LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER BRIDGE 2014

For the third consecutive summer, we're looking for up to 100 students to take part in Summer Bridge. As you know, the program is designed to ease the transition between high school and college. So, if you know of anyone who you think might benefit from the program, tell them about it and encourage them to apply.

As you can see, we have an eye catching flyer for 2014 featuring a number of real, live former program participants. Take a close look and see if you recognize anyone. Better yet, show it to your friends or a family member and suggest that they fill out the Summer Bridge application online. You and the experiences you can describe as past participants are the best promoters of Summer Bridge.

## STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATION

We are now accepting applications for the STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER position. If interested, please stop by the Information Center or the Welcome Center to pick up an application and return it by March 14th.

We are looking for special students, interested in taking part in our Orientations for Graduating High School Seniors. Student Orientation Leaders assist with all aspects of the orientations such as: leading small groups, conducting campus tours, assisting with student registration and check in, and taking part in student panel presentations.

Good applicants will:

- Love LMC and want to help new students get connected
- Have an interest in developing leadership skills
- Have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA and be enrolled in at least 6 units
- Commit to participating in **ALL** trainings and orientation dates.

If interested, please fill out an application soon. Time is running out!

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

#### Student Orientation Leader Application

Due March 14th

#### Summer Bridge 2014 Application

Due May 29th