SUMMER BRIDGE 2014: CONNECTING HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION
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This past summer, 54 recent high school grads took part in the 3rd annual LMC Summer Bridge program. During the four-week program, dedicated faculty and staff came together with 54 energetic new LMC students to create a meaningful transition from high school to college.

The Summer Bridge program, sponsored by the EXITO and SB 70 #6 grants, provides both academic and social activities by connecting students with campus support resources, learning communities, local business and industry partners, and by touring college campuses.

The students were placed into either a Critical Writing or a Basic Math seminar to brush up on their academic skills and familiarize them with college level coursework. This year Summer Bridge partnered with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and offered a STEM math seminar for students identified as having possible STEM majors. The ultimate goal for all participants is to make connections, brush up on academic skills and gain confidence as they pursue higher education.

Each afternoon, students also participated in a variety of activities such as a Luau Luncheon and LMC scavenger hunt, a beach themed closing ceremony, and a day of pizza and bowling. Tours to UC Davis and CSU East Bay exposed them to other higher education options, and daily afternoon seminars with members of community businesses and industries, helped students connect their personal goals to possible careers. Some seminar highlights were, a creative arts panel and interactive dance performance by the Grown Woman’s Dance Collective, an LMC Career Day, and the Meet a Professional session, where Summer Bridge students got to speak one-on-one with a variety of local educators and business, industry and community service professionals.

Many thanks to all who collaborated on making the program a success, both on campus and off, with a special recognition to LMC’s counselors, instructors, program staff and student leaders! Without the support of so many who believe in and value higher education, the Summer Bridge program would not be such a valuable experience for LMC’s first year students.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS MAKE AN IMPACT

Being a leader is very important because that is how many things in life are accomplished. The 2014 Impact Retreat held October 11th at LMC helped me understand what a leader should be like, how a leader is successful, what type of leader/person I am, and details on how to plan an event on campus. I have been a leader for many clubs since my high school years and I now see that I wasn’t such a good leader back then. I enjoyed the workshop by Cora Loveone. Having someone talking to us about being a leader, someone who actually comes here on this campus, really helped me understand that I can also be a great leader here at LMC. Now I am way more prepared to take the challenge of becoming a leader once again and use all the qualities that I learned at the Impact Retreat. – Maria Martinez

Educational Partners Breakfast:

LMC hosted the event on November 5, 2014. Principals from each of the following high schools Liberty HS, Pittsburg HS, Freedom HS, Deer Valley HS, and Antioch HS were present as well as superintendents from Antioch, Liberty Union and Pittsburg School Districts. Topics discussed at the meeting included 3SP, Supporting Students in the College Transition (spoke about PHS to LMC Transition Program and High school Tabling) and Concurrent Enrollment.

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