

## STUDENT AMBASSADORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

*Gloria Duarte, Student Ambassador in the Welcome/Information Center, was selected as one of the participants for the 2013 Federal Glover Internship Program. Interns get a firsthand look at how government works. Gloria is a Clinical Nutrition major and plans to transfer to UC Davis in Fall 2014. Read about her experience this summer.*

The internship was a great opportunity to learn about the population and demographics of Contra Costa County. I had the chance to attend several meetings where I was exposed to new laws and policies that soon will come into effect. For example, AB 109 which indicates that inmates considered "low-risk" will be transferred to county jails. The county will supervise, rehabilitate and manage low-level offenders. Once they are released from prison, programs and services will be offered to them so they can reincorporate into society. Another example, I had the chance to learn about the tobacco prevention program of Contra Costa. I learned about policies that help reduce the tobacco consumption by minors. This is a very interesting topic, considering the increase in lung cancer and health problems related to second hand smoke suffered by a lot of county residents.

The 8 weeks I spent in this internship helped me learn not only the negatives but also the positives about District V, exposing me to issues like health care, illegal dumping, section 8 housing, public protection, road and highways improvements, and economic development. This learning experience provided me with a lot of knowledge about changes that we, as a community, can make to live better. Sometimes we are dependent on the county to solve our problems that we forget that we also have the power to stop a lot of problems before they happen. Community involvement, volunteering for local food banks, health fairs, blood donations, are just a few things that we can do as a community to help each other. The county does provide a lot for us, but is our task to give back to our community and help the county as well.



Gloria Duarte (far left) listens with fellow interns to Eva García at the Ambrose Center in Bay Point.

## SUMMER BRIDGE – CONNECTING NEW STUDENTS

By: Carla Rosas



In the summer of 2012, the ÉXITO Grant launched a Summer Bridge program in partnership with Career Technical Education (CTE) targeting incoming high school students to provide them a boost for their first year at LMC. The program focuses both on academic and social success by connecting with learning communities and support programs at LMC, visiting industry partners, touring college campuses, and gaining study, time management, and test-taking skills. Participants take a Math Prep Seminar and a Critical Writing Seminar. The ultimate goal is to motivate participants to pursue higher education.

This summer's program included 48 students and added a pre-STEM math seminar. Thank you to all who collaborated on making the program a success! A special recognition to our counselors, instructors, program staff and student leaders!

Summer Bridge 2014 will be June 23 – July 18.

## Upcoming - LMC Tertulias: Brown Bag Lunch Series

Sponsored by the ÉXITO Grant and the Looking In – Looking Out Committee

*Supporting Dreamers – a conversation with LMC students*

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

12:00 – 1:30 PM in L109



Questions? Interested in hosting? Contact Nicole Almassey x3423.

## The ÉXITO Grant Team:

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Tara Dale Sanders - Transfer Center Coordinator

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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As of October 1, 2013, the ÉXITO Grant rolls into the fourth year of its five year grant cycle. Unbelievable! In the last three years, we have seen remarkable things happen, among them: new staff and new roles, growth of the Transfer Academy into its third cohort of students, collaboration with K-12 leaders, enhanced orientations for new high school students, Summer Bridge launch, Student Ambassador program, new transfer billboards and marketing, new courses, improved transfer numbers, conferences for Dreamers, and planning meetings...many meetings. As we recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, I am inspired by the legacy we are creating at LMC as a Hispanic *Serving* Institution (HSI). LMC is one of the 112 HSI's in California, the state with the largest number of HSIs and growing with 81 emerging HSI campuses. Our success as a campus community is making a difference for our students in East County and in our state!

Rosa L. Armendáriz

## TRANSFER DATA

By: Dave Belman

The Title V HSI ÉXITO Grant team loves data, and we have some exciting data to share. The LMC transfer data for UC/CSU for 2012-13 is in and the college has **set a record for the most LMC transfers to UC+CSU in a single year!** (including a record for the most UC transfers in a single year!)

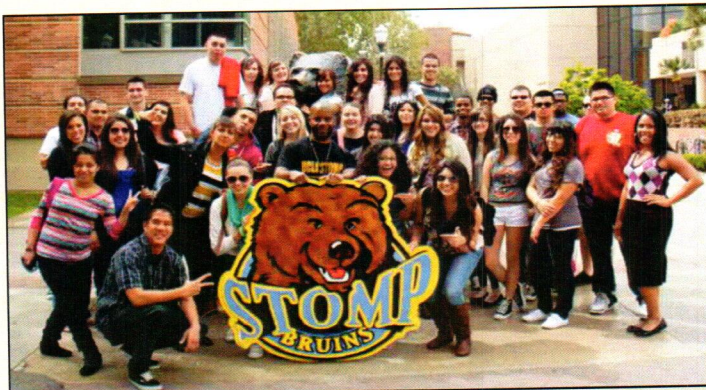
Below are a number of highlights from 2012-13 that show gains LMC has made in several areas with regard to UC and CSU transfers.

- Total **UC + CSU Transfers = 337** (This is a new high and represents a 10%+ increase over 11-12 and a 7% increase over the previous high of 315 in 08-09)
- Total **UC Transfers = 76** (Highest in LMC history)
- Total **CSU Transfers = 261** (2<sup>nd</sup> highest in LMC history)
- **UC Davis Transfers = 34** (Highest in LMC history)
- **UC Berkeley Transfers = 20** (For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row)
- **SF State Transfers = 67** (Highest in LMC history and a 25%+ increase over the previous two years)

One of the primary goals of the ÉXITO Grant is to build a robust transfer culture at LMC. All members of the campus community are participants in developing and supporting this culture, and this accomplishment is something that all of us can be proud of.

Here's to further strengthening our **LMC Transfer Culture!**

Note: The information in this article does not represent all of LMC's transfers. Historically, LMC transfers 200-250 students to In-State Private universities and Out-of-State universities each year. However, the Chancellor's Office has a 3+ year lag time with publishing this data, which is why it has not been included in this article.



*"Going on this trip taught me that I need to look at other universities and see what they have to offer."*

Shelby Broadnax, Student

## LMC STUDENTS – TOURING CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITIES

By: Tara Sanders

Five universities, five days, forty students, three chaperones and one bus! This might sound like quite an expedition and it was! The Transfer Center and the HSI ÉXITO Grant proudly hosted the Southern California Campus Tour for the second year in a row during LMC's 2013 Spring Break. Led by the Transfer Center Coordinator, Tara Dale Sanders, Transfer Center Graduate Intern, Elisa Castro, and Media Design Specialist, John Schall, this trip was an experience that students and staff won't forget.

Starting on Monday morning at 5:00 am, the group departed LMC bound for their first stop – UC Riverside. Over the course of the next five days, students toured CSU Northridge, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Attendees toured campuses and received in-depth admissions presentations at each school, including learning about other university services, such as Financial Aid and EOP. Each stop exposed students not only to a new school but also to a new town and a new culture.

While the weeklong outing allows students to see and learn more about prospective campuses in person, it also exposes participants, particularly first-generation students, to new environments and options. Transferring isn't only about choosing a college campus; it's about relocating one's entire life. This trip offers an opportunity for students to get a snapshot of that new life.

Students and staff bonded over the course of the trip and returned with excitement to enter the new school year. Students walked away knowing that there is a whole world out there for them to explore and that LMC is there to help them make it happen.

The next Southern California Campus Tour will take place in Spring 2014 during the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

To view the 2013 So Cal Trip Video use the following URL - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdpLEb7Du6A&feature=youtu.be> or click on the link below:

[So Cal Trip](#)