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CSU Channel Islands

Jennifer Mota, Admissions Counselor, presented a PowerPoint that overviewed CSU Channel Islands. It opened in 2002 and is the newest CSU. There are 5,950 students with an average class size of 24. The mascot is Ekho the Dolphin with school colors red and silver. CI is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the Department of Education. The campus promotes going green and got the "Tree Campus U.S.A." award from National Arbor Day Foundation. There are 24 majors including Biology and Liberal Studies which directly correlates to the HS Academy for students going into the health or elementary education occupational fields. The center of the educational experience is through integrated approaches that emphasizes service learning. Andrew took the juniors on a tour of the campus whose architecture is similar to SPHS.

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

After lunch, Miss Page met the juniors at California Lutheran University. Students were interested in the bulletin board display on the Student Abroad Program offering 79 countries as a senior one year, one semester, or 3 week travel seminar. They were impressed with the stadium and the Aquatic Center where Olympic training takes place. There are twenty NCAA Division teams on this campus. They were introduced to the Upward Bound program last year and the building was pointed out. Ms. Ayesha King, Admission Counselor, met the interns in the Undergraduate Office for a short PowerPoint. There are 2,888 undergraduates with an average class size of 17. There are thirty-five majors to explore with an assigned faculty advisor. There is a "Four Year to Finish" guarantee which involves an internship and research opportunities. Sixty-five percent of the students reside on campus in apartment or suite style housing. Merit-based academic scholarships were discussed with an emphasis on GPA and college entrance exam test scores. There is an average 3.7 GPA for incoming frosh student enrollment. She encouraged Early Action Application deadline for seniors on November 1 if they want priority. The earlier they complete their FAFSA in January, the better chances they have for scholarship monies to be awarded. Generally, CLU will match monies offered by other four year institutions.



Seniors Apply to College

Thirty-three seniors applied to colleges first semester. 10 students completed 34 applications to the University of California. 26 college bound seniors completed 70 applications to University of California. Private or out-of-state colleges only had 44 applications by 27 twelfth graders. 28 out of 33 seniors applied to four year colleges last semester. They will be sending updated transcripts to the colleges they plan to attend. Ms. Martinez has arranged several dates to meet with them after school to assist with completing their FAFSA applications. The sooner these are submitted, the more scholarship monies they are likely to be offered. Ms. Estrada, CSUCI, was available all day Tuesday, January



Briggs Visits SPHS

On Tuesday, January 20th, Briggs Elementary School brought over seventy eighth graders to SPHS. Emami Carranco, Jennifer Galindo, and Aileen Orozco assisted with campus tours to the cafeteria, Career Center, Attendance Office, past the new Science and Technology building, and the Library. A pamphlet was reviewed by the upper classmen that listed the key educational components of the vocational classes in the Human Services Academy. Mrs. Gregory did a quick review of the frosh courses that freshmen take if they enroll in the Pre-Academy classes. A PowerPoint overviewed semester one activities. Human Services Pre-Academy contracts were distributed.



UC SANTA BARBARA



On Tuesday, January 27th, forty freshmen from the Introduction to Human Services class went to UC Santa Barbara. Currently enrolled college students took them on tours of the huge campus at 10:00. The Admissions Counselor met them to present information important to those wanting to

enroll directly into a University of California. GPA, prerequisite coursework, along with ACT & SAT college entrance exams were reviewed.

WHAT GOES AROUND



Employees from Kaiser Permanente did a presentation in the SPHS auditorium on Friday, January 9th. The music pulled the students in before the play even started. The actors were perfect for their high school characters. The students were empathetic with the characters that caught sexually transmitted diseases, were drawn into the story, and did not realize how much they were learning about issues of friendship and honesty. It brought up questions about relationships

and choices that teens make on an everyday basis. The multi-media performance gave statistics throughout, with side video screens giving a written presentation of information. There was time for small group question and answer sessions at the end of the performance. The audience walked away knowing that abstinence is the only risk-free option for prevention of STDs.

Cal-SAFE



Lisa McCarty, from VCOE Special Populations, spoke to the freshmen. She is the director of the Cal-SAFE Teen Parent Program. It is a School Age Family Education Program. A resource list was provided for the students. If you call "211" someone will put you in touch with human services. Lifeline

provides free cell phones to 18 years or older that are on Medical, Cal Fresh, housing, and WIC. It allows for 250 minutes and 250 text messages. Children's Home Society assists with adoptions. Several students are already volunteering for BB/BS. Cal-Fresh is the new food assistance program that uses a card not stamps! VC Child Protective Services is an emergency reporting system.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS STATE



Several students went through the interview process at SPHS. Only five proceeded on to meet with the Girl State Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary in Ventura on Saturday, February 1, 2015.

Camille Martinez got the news that she will be the delegate from our school and spend a week at Claremont McKenna College from June 23-28 learning about government.