The 7th Annual Future Teacher Conference: A Success!

The 7th Annual Future Teacher Conference was successfully held on Friday, April 19th at the SCC Science Center. 160 participants were in attendance; representing students from SCC, Trabuco Hills High School, Orange High School and El Modena High School.

The day included a variety of information relating to the teaching profession as well as networking opportunities. Our conference presenters represented different organizations, school districts and joined us from as far as Oakland, California. The conference began with a presentation from David Goldenberg, a 2013 California Teacher of the Year from Beckman High (Social Science teacher). He spoke to the attendees about the reality of the teaching profession and demystified common misconceptions that the media/Hollywood portray. Afterwards, students were able to choose two workshops from three options. University representatives from Biola and UCI joined us during lunch to answer questions about their institutions. After lunch, students gathered once more to listen to Elena Aguilar, the closing keynote from Oakland, CA. Elena is an author, transformational coach and teacher. Her presentation titled, “Why teach, Why NOT teach” gave the audience a personal view into her experiences and cherished memories she continues to build with her previous students.

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The 7th Annual Future Teacher Conference Photos

Keynote Presenters

Opening Session Keynote: David Goldenberg, 2013 California Teacher of the Year- Beckman HS

Closing Session Keynote: Elena Aguilar, Author, Teacher and Transformational Coach

Workshop Presenters

Ms. Nancy Wilson-- Irvine Unified School District

Ms. Reena Doyle-- California Teachers Association

Ms. Sarah Marcotte-- NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

CSUF-SCC Teacher Pathway Partnership Program: 4 Students to Transfer!

The CSUF Teacher Pathway Partnership Program was a partnership between CSUF, Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College, as well as social services organizations and state-funded Workforce Investment Boards. The program ran for one year and recruited SCC students and High School seniors entering college. The program trained and supported disadvantaged youth and adults to become after-school leaders and eventually fully credentialed teachers in their home communities. Four students from our cohort of 17 will be graduating and transferring– they will be beginning a new educational journey this fall 2013! We’re happy to introduce you to them. (Biographies continued on page 4)

Belinda Atuataisi

I'm transferring to Cal State Fullerton. My major will be Child Adolescent Development. SCC was a good experience for me. I had a rocky beginning in college while I was unsure of what path I wanted to follow. Many low grades and shrugging off responsibilities was part of the trouble. It wasn't until I joined the Teacher Pathway Partnership program that I was able to focus on my goals. It was one of the factors that helped me discover I was capable of overcoming obstacles and meeting my goals.
May is Teacher Appreciation Month!

Showing appreciation and gratitude should always be something we do. Fortunately, we’ll have an extra opportunity this month to show some extra appreciation for the hard work that teachers put forth. There are many ways to show our appreciation; a verbal “thank you”, a gift (whether homemade of store bought), or the long-lost art of writing a thank you note. Here are some tips to penning a heartfelt note from Matthew Davis who is an editorial assistant at Edutopia.org

“THE MOST SPECIAL GIFTS, the ones that really make me glow, are letters of appreciation,” wrote Julia Beers, a third-grade teacher at Malcolm X Elementary School in Berkeley, California.

Middle school teacher Kaleroy Zervos wrote that, above all, a simple thank-you note not only recognizes teachers’ day-to-day efforts but also underscores the idea that teachers are making the world a better by helping kids learn.

Although writing a note of thanks isn’t hugely time consuming, it’s not as easy as it looks. Here are a few tips and resources on what to write and how to write the perfect note that lets your teacher know how grateful you are.

1 TURN OFF THE COMPUTER. It feels good to know someone is making a special effort to show their gratitude — former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy was famous for her handwritten thank-you notes.

2 BE SPECIFIC. As Dr. Robyn Silverman, a parenting expert, writes in a blog post on her website, “Refrain from saying things like, ‘Thank you for teaching my child. He learned a lot.’” Instead she says you should be specific and highlight the lessons and ways your teacher has had an impact on your child. Students who are writing should remember to touch on specific ways they appreciate their teacher’s patience and hard work.

3 BE YOURSELF. Sending a thank-you note is a formal gesture, but the note itself should reflect your relationship with your teacher. So write the way you normally talk to your teacher. If your teacher is a formal person, match that tone. If your teacher has a good sense of humor, then an inside joke is more than appropriate.

4 LOOK FORWARD. Silverman also notes it’s great to “talk about the past and the future.” For students and parents, you can accomplish this by mentioning your favorite lessons so far and how they will help you or your student in future learning. Again, be specific.
Hello my name is Guadalupe A. Vega and this year will be my last semester here at SCC. I am transferring to Cal State Fullerton in the Fall of 2013 and very excited! I also plan on walking at the graduation ceremony on May 23. I will be receiving two Liberal Arts Associate degrees in Arts, Humanities and Communication and Social & Behavioral Sciences. I am very honored to be receiving these degrees because I know they represent all of my hard work I have been working on to move toward my future career. I’m very proud and grateful for everything.

My journey at SCC began in the Fall of 2010 fresh out of high school. Being the first generation in my family to go to college I wasn’t sure what to expect. My first semester I enrolled in Math, English and in Counseling 118. I knew why I enrolled in English and Math but I kept asking myself why I was enrolled in a Counseling class dedicated to teaching and education. Little did I know that the class would open many doors for me. Because of this course I got to be part of an amazing program called Teacher Pathway Partnership. I met the most incredible and supportive staff a student can ask for. I was accepted to Concordia University to study Behavioral Science this Fall and I’ll be leaving with a Liberal Arts degree in Social & Behavioral Sciences!

Karen Morales
My name is Karen Morales I will be transferring from Santiago Canyon College to CSU Fullerton. I am a Child and Adolescent Development major and want to be an elementary teacher. During my stay at SCC, I was involved with the Associated Student Government for three years and the Teacher Pathway Partnership for two years. My involvement with TPP has provided many opportunities. I was employed with the Anaheim YMCA since last summer, I was part of a work-study program, the Summer STEM Institute, at CSU Fullerton. In my journey at Santiago, I have had the pleasure of meeting truly amazing staff and students. I will always carry the memories and lessons learned here with me. I whole heartily believe that I could not have had a better college experience than I did at SCC and cannot wait for what the future has in store.

Elaine Sanchez
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