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Dominique Donette (far left) gives a tour of Cal Berkeley to a group of Sac High seniors who plan to apply this fall.

Sac High Alumna hosts students at Cal Berkeley

Several Sac High seniors made trips to Cal Berkeley where they were hosted by a special Alumna who is currently in her 4th year. Dominique Donette, Sac High Class of 2004 invited groups of students to visit the campus on three occasions to sit-in on classes and meet with fellow students. As a resident assistant in the dorms, Dominique was able to have groups of students stay overnight for a true college experience. The Sac High seniors were selected for the trip based on grades and leadership ability. Each are planning to attend college upon graduation.

After traveling down to the Bay Area by Amtrak, Dominique met the students to tour the campus and introduce them to other Cal Bear students who shared personal stories about their experience, and gave them good advice about how to prepare for college during their senior year. The students were chaperoned by two of the Hood Corps Fellows Heather Barnes and Marcus Atkins who spoke very highly of how the students presented themselves as mature students who appeared ready for the college experience. Although a bit tired, each of the students came home with a different outlook on college and a great sense of excitement, not to mention that each of them now plans to apply to Cal Berkeley in hopes of one day becoming a Cal Bear.

PS7 Students Make the Most of their Break

by Macalya Duncan (8th grade student)

Have you ever wanted to know how it was to work at St. HOPE? During this intersession at PS7 Middle School, Alana Byrd and I, Macalya Duncan, have the opportunity to work at the St. HOPE Business Office. It has been a great opportunity to work in a professional environment and feel like a real businessperson. It has also shown me how it feels to work all day like a regular businessperson.

There were a lot of other internships to choose from, but I decided to intern at the business office because I wanted to learn more about our schools background now that I'm an 8th grader at PS7 middle school. We as PS7 students didn't really know how the systems worked, but now working at the office I have many tasks like answering phones, greeting people, setting up for meetings and lots of other things. To earn this position we had to fill out an application as if we were applying for an actual job. It was a little tough for us because we had to put down information that was appealing but true on the application. We tried our hardest, and put all of our effort into getting this internship.

Sitting at the front desk with a computer is very tempting to look at Myspace or other websites all day, but we have too many other things to do and also have a responsibility not to do that while we are working. We have learned that working is not easy and that you can be anything we want to someday.

I am very grateful to have had this experience because it taught me how to be professional in business environments. It has also taught me what I should do and how I should act when I get my first job. Overall this experience has been great for me. Everyone at the business office is very welcoming and really interested in who we actually are. I hope that I can intern here again during our next intersession.



PS7 8th Grader Macalya Duncan works on a project while manning the St. HOPE front desk



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In the News

Anita Creamer: Left with nothing, Somali refugee manages to give

Sac Bee – September 21, 2008

<http://www.sacbee.com/107/story/1253046.html>

Another View: Sac High's success can apply to all students

Sac Bee - October 19, 2008

<http://www.sacbee.com/1190/story/1323640.html>

St. Hope among those to share in \$600,000

Sac Bee – October 14, 2008

Capturing the praise

Sac Bee – October 10, 2008

<http://www.sacbee.com/entertainment/story/1299696.html>

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 Sac High Homecoming @ 11am

Nov. 1 A Day in the Life of Oak Park exhibit @ 5pm

Nov. 9 Soul Sanctuary Gospel Afternoon @ 2pm

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Nov.15 Sac High Open House @ 1pm

Nov.15 Children's Storytime at ug books @ 12pm

Nov. 15 underground books book club @ 12pm

Nov. 15 underground books poetry series @ 7pm

Nov. 29 Children's Storytime at ug books @ 12pm

Local store supports Sac High

Wouldn't it be great if you could donate to your favorite organization while eating frozen yogurt? Well... now you can! Thanks to Big Spoon Yogurt at 3644 J Street, a percentage of the profit from your yogurt sale is going to Sac High if you purchase on Monday, November 3 from 5-10pm. Please come out to show your support and maybe add a few more toppings!

Solomon's Storefront at Guild

The Guild Theater is pleased to have another Images Theater Company production this month as "Solomon's Storefront" opened October 17 and runs through November 9. The play is a human story about life, loss, the aging process, youth and what it means to be a black man growing or grown in America during the 1960's. For show and ticket information, visit www.imagestheater.org or www.guildtheater.com.

More results at Sac High

In early September, students took their first benchmark exam for Algebra 1. Benchmark exams are given throughout the year to assess how well each student is understanding the course content. Of the 258 mostly freshman students who took the exam, 71% were proficient or advanced, with only two students testing far below basic. Even more remarkably, the class averages on the exam for each teacher were within 5% of each other. The incredible team of math teachers including Rich Haley, Nick Freathy and Hien Nguyen has worked together to produce impressive grade and subject level area results across the school. Congratulations to the dedicated teachers and of course the students themselves.

Schools Now Enrolling

Triumph preschool currently has spaces available for kids ages 2yr 9 months to five years old. If you have a child who is ready for preschool, you owe it to yourself to come tour this state of the art preschool. Tuition fees do apply. For more information contact (916) 731-8200 or visit www.thetriumphcenter.org

Sac High has already begun receiving applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Two open houses have been scheduled for November 15 from 1-3pm and January 10 from 12-2pm. For more information, please call (916) 649-7910. Check back to www.sachigh.org for online registration of shadow days and tours in the near future.

Bay Area Field Lesson

On Friday, October 17th PS7 Middle School students took advantage of the last day of the trimester to extend their learning beyond the classroom. 6th grade students traveled to San Jose to visit the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum as a final activity in their study of Ancient Egypt. About 40 7th and 8th graders traveled to the San Francisco to view an exhibit titled "A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City." The exhibit was sponsored by Doctors without Borders, a nonprofit group that sends doctors and free medical services to regions plagued by war, famine, epidemics, or natural disasters. Students also participated in "A Day in the Life of Oak Park," which was an event involving photographing people and places throughout Oak Park. Select photos will be displayed in a traveling exhibit.