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St. HOPE Leadership Academy: From Dream to Reality

By Ventura Rodriguez

The planning for St. HOPE Leadership Academy (SHLA) began over two years ago, when parents in Harlem urged St. HOPE to bring its educational model to New York City. Incredibly, in 118 days, the dream becomes reality, as SHLA opens its doors to the first class of 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students! Student recruitment dominated the month of March. SHLA staff spent countless hours spreading the word about the school throughout the Harlem community. In addition to hosting several information sessions, staff visited several local churches, community centers, elementary schools, residential buildings, and businesses. In the end, the hard work paid off. The school received close to 500 applications for the 150 spots available for the 2008/2009 school year!

The highlight of the recruitment period was the visit of Sac High students to New York City. The Junior Task Force (JTF), as the group is called, participated in numerous recruitment events, including the Harlem Education Fair, several information sessions, and SHLA's facility hearing. JTF students also volunteered with. The work of the Junior Task Force was invaluable to SHLA's recruitment efforts.

The culmination of the recruitment process was the student lottery, which was held on April 7th, 2008. The event, which attracted over 100 families, featured the participation of Michael Duffy, the Executive Director for the New York City Department of Education's Office of Charter Schools. In typical St. HOPE fashion, the lottery was very well organized and drew praises from Mr. Duffy and the families in attendance. For more information about St. HOPE Leadership Academy, please visit our website at www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org.



Principal Rodriguez with members of the JTF



One of the many pieces from the "Best of Sac High"

Best of Sac High

By Wendi Everett

Last Saturday 40 Acres was the happening spot in Oak Park. More than 400 people attended the opening of "Best of Sac High" student exhibition. This year was a successful reception with students bringing their loved ones, Sac High student alumni, and community members turning out to support the arts. The "Best of Show" award was presented to Rosita Favela for her ceramic piece titled, *Catrina*. Other awards were given for photography, painting, drawing, ceramics and digital media. Kudos to Sac High teachers, Barbara Hansen, Annie Robinson, Antonia Sarabia, Dann Hagstrom, and Dale Means for their efforts in teaching our students. This year was the first year students designed the catalog. Tazuz Hall and Nicole Mann worked with Dale Means in producing a great catalog that represents our students. We also had the assistance of Mr. Sarabia's third period class in installing the exhibit. The students learned all aspects of preparing an art

show in a gallery space. Also showing, *Agents of Change*, a documentary by Mr. Sarabia's Visual Communications class, about the fall artist residency with Claudia Bernardi. The Best of Sac High 2008 exhibit is open until May 31st. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 12-6pm and Saturdays 10am-5pm.

Sac High Students Visit Southern California Colleges

By Alexis Shedrick

The Southern California trip was amazing. Our group toured seven colleges: UC Stanislaus, Fresno, UCLA, Long Beach, UC San Diego, CSU San Diego and UC Irvine. Each and every student on the trip had an opportunity to get to know each other better, including our chaperones: Mr. Orr, Ms. Hall, Ms. Wong and Ms. Beinum. The campuses were beautiful, each providing us an opportunity to discuss the similarities and differences between the colleges. We got a better understanding of what we were looking for individually, whether we were looking for a big college, small college or one that fit our expectations perfectly. The colleges were so astonishing that it made it hard for everyone to decide which one to attend. Learning so much

helped make our standards that much higher so we are looking for the best college that offers the best education we can possibly get. We were able to meet alumni from Sacramento High School. They showed us what college life was like and gave us pointers on what to do to get the best education. Overall, I can say it was a privilege to attend this trip.



Sac High students visiting Long Beach State

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Calling all 7th & 8th Grade Students!

You're invited to attend Sac High's Open House. The open house will take place on **Saturday, May 10th from 12:00-2:00pm** at Sac High. During the event, students and their families will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet principals and teachers, and hear testimonies from current Sac High students. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (916) 649-7910 or visit us on the web at www.sthopepublicschools.org.

Oak Park Prep Middle School

In February, 2008, SHPS began the process of opening a new middle school in Oak Park. Oak Park Prep will serve students in grades 5-8, and complement the K-8 PS7 program. On Thursday, May 1 (time TBD), the Sacramento City Unified School District's Board of Education will meet at the Serna Center to vote on the approval of the petition. Please be sure to attend this meeting and show your support.

Support St. HOPE

Are you looking for a way to financially support St. HOPE? Log on to <http://www.active.com/donate/sthope> and make a 100% tax-deductible contribution with your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Offline donations can be sent to 3400 3rd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817. Your generosity will enable us to further our goal of ensuring that all children have a better future. Questions about donations? Call (916) 649-7900.

Dance 2008

In "Tribute Past, Present, Future," Sacramento High School's 34th Street Dance Company will focus on what is highly appreciated in their lives. Expressing praise through movement, senior dancers thank their faith, friends and caring mothers. In an effort to bring the community together, 34th Street Dance Company has invited guest performers from Sacramento High School and the community. Indeed, audience members will be entertained and hopefully moved by the intense and lively pieces that express personal gratitude. Last year, 34th Street Dance Company performed for sold out audiences for all three shows, so try to get your tickets early. For more information, contact Sheila Coleman at 275-9567 or scoleman@sachigh.org.

Book the Guild

The Guild Theater is the only remaining theater of the numerous early 20th century motion picture houses for which Oak Park was once known. Designed and financed by Joseph Lewis and completed in 1915, it was the largest of three theaters on 35th Street in Oak Park at that time. Fully renovated, Guild amenities include 200 seating capacity, film projection equipment, 20'x40' stage, dressing rooms and lobby and concession area. Visit us at www.guildtheater.com for more information on rates and availability.

underground bookstore

Discussion and book signing at underground books

Meet and greet Sacramento's newest dynamic author Zakiyyah Hill, author of *Descendants of Tamar.....From Desolation to Deliverance*. She will discuss and sign her book on **Saturday, May 3 from 2-4 pm**. Mark your calendar now!

In the News

April 16, 2008: Bank of America art exhibit coming to 40 Acres Art Gallery
<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/826351.html>

April 11, 2008: It's crunch time for Sac City's 'e21' school program
<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/853891.html>

April 7, 2008: Service with a smile on Del Oro courts
<http://www.auburnjournal.com/detail/81164.html>