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SHPS, CCSA to Hold First Charter School Enrollment Fair

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The California Charter Schools Association (Sacramento Area), in conjunction with St. HOPE Public Schools, is hosting the first Sacramento-area Charter School Enrollment Fair on the Sacramento High School campus May 14 (6-8 pm) and May 17 (12-2 pm). The fair is open to the public – no registration is required to attend. Charter schools face many enrollment obstacles due to the misconceptions that surround them. Many parents don't know that charter schools are: 1. Open to the public (regardless of district and school boundaries) 2. Tuition-free; and 3. Able to make quick and effective changes to respond to students' needs. Charter schools from Sacramento and surrounding cities

(such as Elk Grove and Carmichael) will be available to answer parents' questions and help enroll students for next fall. Schools for all ages (preschool through high school) will be represented – including all of the St. HOPE schools; Triumph, PS7 and Sac High.



CCSA & SHPS host this year's Charter Schools Enrollment Fair

40 Acres Celebrates 5-Year Anniversary

By Kim Curry-Evans



Grand Opening of 40 Acres May 2, 2003.

On May 3, 2003, the 40 Acres Art Gallery and Cultural Center celebrated its grand opening with special guests Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, St. HOPE founder Kevin Johnson, the Sacramento Philharmonic, and city dignitaries. Hundreds visited that day, touring the new facility and giving thanks that an urban community can indeed become a destination place for Sacramento. Since then, so many accomplishments have occurred in Oak Park as a result – including the attraction of additional businesses to the community, the establishment of Oak Park as an arts and cultural destination place, and the transformation of its public education from a failing example to one that is now recognized nationally for its program of high standards, college-going environment and leadership development. On May 3, 2008, the 40 Acres Art Gallery and Cultural Center celebrated its fifth anniversary, with birthday cake and a barbecue to reflect positively on how far we have come. We are truly fortunate and grateful, and look forward to another five years of economic growth, educational advancement and cultural revitalization. Happy Anniversary, 40 Acres!

Sac High Students Visit McGeorge School of Law

By Sheila Coleman

There are economic and social benefits of attending college, such as increased salary, more employment options, and the increased capacity to make more informed decisions. Through our college preparatory emphasis at Sacramento High, we are changing the life outcomes of many of our students who come from low income families. Sacramento High works to prepare its students for college in a variety of ways. In addition to taking college preparatory classes and applying to universities through advisory, Sacramento High students have the opportunity to visit a variety of colleges. In this school year, students visited over sixteen colleges. One of those college trips was to McGeorge Law School. On Thursday, April 3, approximately thirty Sac High students, who expressed interest in law and criminal justice, walked to McGeorge Law School to receive firsthand experience on what it would be like as a law student. Typical college visits include a tour and an admissions presentation, but the trip to McGeorge was special. A variety of meaningful activities were offered. In addition to a tour and admission presentation, Sac High students dined in the cafeteria, talked to a panel of law students and observed a class. The highlight was the once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and hear a Supreme Court Justice speak. Providing a wonderful college experience is a reflection of the commitment that many individuals have for our Sac High students. One of those individuals is McGeorge's professor, Mr. Galvas. St. HOPE thanks him for creating the trip agenda and genuinely welcoming our students to high education. Sac High students left McGeorge inspired to do well in school and pursue their dreams of being a servant leader.



Sac High students listening to a McGeorge Representative

Enroll Now at Triumph!

Looking for an excellent preschool education for your child? Look no further. Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education is a new standard in early childhood education. We are a first-rate, year-round, affordable preschool designed for all children. Triumph is now accepting applications for pre-schoolers age 3 and 4. To learn more about Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education, visit www.thetriumphcenter.org or call (916) 731-8200. Don't wait, enroll now!

Calling all 7th & 8th Grade Students!

Sac High is accepting student applications for enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year. You can pick up an application at Sac High or download the application from the website. For additional information, call (916) 649-7910 or visit us on the web at www.sthopepublicschools.org.

Sac High Student Highlight

My name is Marc Romo and I am a senior attending Sacramento High School. Sac High has not only changed me academically but also personally. Before I transferred schools I received a C- average, now graduating from Sac High I average an A. When I arrived at the school I did not have any speaking skills or leadership qualities that stood out. Now I give presentations in front of large groups and lead work groups with the preparation I received. With all the guidance and help I received from Sac High I will be attending UC Riverside in the fall and be the first in my family to go to college

Guild Theater

Images Theater Company will present a stage play, Wings of Freedom, on May 30th at 8:00pm. Check www.imagestheater.org for details.

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.

40 Acres Art Gallery Update

The Best of Sac High 2008: The 40 Acres Art Gallery will be open until 8pm this 2nd Saturday; there will be artwork available for purchase, and 100% of sales proceeds benefit the students of Sac High. On view in the gallery is the student-created video, "Agents of Change" a call-to-action recognizing the dreams of students in Oak Park and made in response to the Claudia Bernardi artist residency last fall. So far the video has been gaining national exposure as far as Chicago and in Canada. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Claudia in spreading the good news of what's happening at Sac High.

underground bookstore

J.L King, author of *On The Down Low*, **Sunday, May, 25, 4 - 6 pm** at the Guild Theater. *No More Secrets, No More Lies: Saving Our Daughters.....*a conversation to save our sisters. Book signing immediately to follow at underground books! Sponsored by Nehemiah Corporation of America & The Birthing Project Clinic. Sacramento's own Cornel West, Professor at Princeton University will speak at *Sacramento High School on Saturday, May 31 from 4 - 6 pm*. Event is free. Book signing to follow immediately at underground books. Stay tuned!

In the News

April 16, 2008: Bank of America art exhibit coming to 40 Acres Art Gallery
<http://www.sacbee.com/entertainment/story/867250.html>

April 14, 2008: Letter to the Editor: Sacramento is alive and well
<http://www.sacbee.com/326>

April 7, 2008: Former player bids for Chicago school
http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2008/04/07/former_player_bids_for_chicago_school/5972/