



ST. HOPE

Pipeline

November 8, 2007 Vol. VI No. 1

www.sthope.org

FINAL EDITION

SHPS Opens New Preschool and Completes Educational Model

By Lisa Serna-Mayorga

On September 4, 2007, St. HOPE Public Schools and UC Davis launched an innovative preschool in Oak Park that combines quality education with assessment and interventions based on the latest knowledge about learning and early childhood development. With the opening of the Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education, St. HOPE Public Schools fulfills its mission, set nearly 18 years ago, of providing Oak Park children from preschool through high school with an education that is among the very best in the country. Triumph, a collaboration of St. HOPE Public Schools, the School of Education at UC Davis and the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute, is located in a newly renovated, state-of-the-art building located at 4104 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., which was once home to the original St. HOPE Academy.



A Triumph student enjoys her play time on the big slide.



SHS students listen in as their charter petition is presented to the SCUSD board.

Sac High Submits Charter Renewal Petition

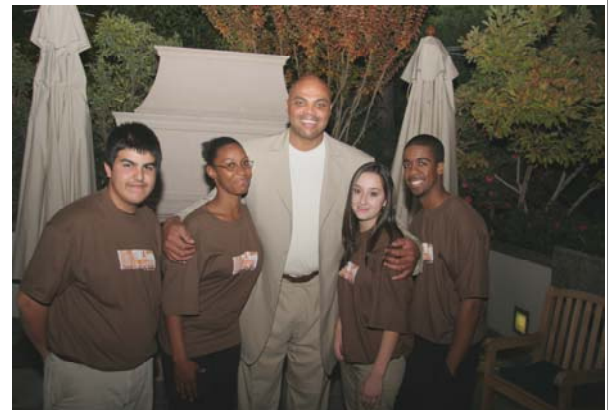
By Lisa Serna-Mayorga

On October 18, 2007, during a SCUSD board meeting at The Serna Center, Sac High Student Body President Shenise McKnight submitted the school's charter renewal petition on behalf of all students, teachers and parents. Up for renewal in June of 2008, Sac High seeks to renew its charter for another five years. Over the last four years Sac High has seen tremendous changes including the enforcement of a uniform policy, a dramatic rise in college going rates and increased personalization achieved through a structured advisory program. The SCUSD Board of Education is expected to vote on Sac High's renewal petition on December 20th.

Student Diarists Steal the Show at Annual St. HOPE Dinner

By Adrienne Hall

The 13th Annual St. HOPE Fundraising Dinner was held on October 23rd in Sacramento at the Hyatt in Downtown Sacramento. The theme for this year's dinner honored St. HOPE's commitment to the arts by providing educational, cultural, visual and performing arts to students and the surrounding community. This year's event raised more than \$450,000 for St. HOPE. The keynote speaker for the event was none other than one of basketball's greatest, Sir Charles Barkley. But even Sir Charles couldn't take the spotlight away from the Student Diarists who shared their personal and moving stories with the audience who gave them a standing ovation. Next year's dinner will take place on Tuesday, October 9, 2008. Contact Adrienne Hall at ahall@sthope.org to reserve your sponsorship early.



Students are all smiles with Charles Barkley at the St. HOPE Dinner.

St. HOPE Harlem Update

On September 4, 2007, St. HOPE made history by submitting a charter petition for its first expansion site. Named St. HOPE Leadership Academy, the school is scheduled to open in New York City in August of 2008. The school will serve students in grades k-12 beginning with 5th and 6th grade. St. HOPE expects to receive a final decision from the NYDOE on or around January 15, 2008.

Students visit our Nation's Capitol

For twelve hard working Sac High students and two chaperones, a trip to Washington D.C. last month provided a lifetime full of memories. The six-day trip during the October school break gave students the opportunity to visit East Coast colleges. Students visited universities such as Georgetown, George Washington and Howard. They also had the unique opportunity to meet Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Sac High College Field Lessons

During the month of September, every student at Sac High was scheduled to attend a college field lesson. With visits ranging from Sac State to St. Mary's to the University of Nevada in Reno, our students saw a wide spectrum of schools. As always, we were proud of our students and the way that they represented themselves and the school.

St. HOPE Student of the Year

Congratulations to Shenise McKnight, Sac High Business & Communications senior who was named St. HOPE Student of the Year at the St. HOPE Dinner on October 23rd. We are proud of Shenise and we look forward to watching her grow.

3 More Years with Nike

In 2003 when St. HOPE was first awarded its charter for Sac High, Kevin Johnson sought out a number of corporate sponsors to bolster the educational program. One of those was Nike, which committed to providing Sacramento High School with \$125,000 dollars per year in merchandise for three years. We are excited to announce that Nike has recommitted for another three years. Thank you Nike!

Bell Game moves to Sac High

Join Sac High as the Dragons meet head-on with the McClatchy Lions in the annual Bell Game. Once held at Hughes Stadium, this year's game will take place at Sac High's newly renovated football field. The game will be played this Saturday, November 10th. The JV team plays at 11AM Varsity at 1PM. General Admission is \$6. Please come out and support the Dragons!

40 Acres Art Gallery Update

This Saturday, November 10th, the 40 Acres Art Gallery will be open late, until 8pm, as a part of Sacramento's Second Saturday Art Walk. Bring your friends to view the moving and provocative exhibition, Claudia Bernardi: *Silence Was Hostile and Almost Perfect*. Visit our website to learn more about this and upcoming exhibits: www.40acresartgallery.org

Get Involved with St. HOPE

Interested in volunteering with St. HOPE? Visit us at www.sthope.org to find out you can impact a student's life today!

In the News

November 7, 2007: High School Notes: Game shifts to Sac
<http://www.sacbee.com/prepsplus/story/476124.html>

November 4, 2007: Debate on Sac High charter grows
<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/470680.html>

October 19, 2007: Kids, educators benefit at new Oak Park school
<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/440971.html>

September 4, 2007: Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education Opens its Doors to Oak Park
<http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/newsroom/releases/archives/mind/2007/TriumphPreschool9-2007.html>