

North / East Bay Region
SMYSP College Cluster Alumni Event at UC Berkeley (1/19/06)

In Attendance: Destinee Cooper, Judith Ned, Dr. Marilyn Winkleby, Nell Curran, Dale Lemmerick, Steven Wu, Devyn Taylor, Dawn Hall, Angel Yan, Angel Fabian, and Lien Le

Notes:

- SMYSP office staff introduced selves with Dr. Winkleby explaining that SMYSP as an organization is in great need of support from the summer programs alumni. The alumni can help in organizing the Leadership Summit and Colloquium, having a voice for the assistance that is offered to SMYSP alumni beyond high school, and building the foundation for the National Alumni Association that will begin during the summer 2007.
- SMYSP Alumni and Guests introduced themselves and told the group about their year in SMYSP summer program, high school attended, college attended and/or attending, and future plans.
- Judith set the evening's goal for 2 representatives to be chosen by the Alumni group that will help in organizing future North/East Bay SMYSP Alumni Events and brainstorming what they would like to do and see done for and with the Alumni Association.
- Judith spoke about the purpose of the college clusters being a source of support for college students and professionals within the organization and region.
- Destinee spoke of the opportunities for leadership within the Alumni Association now and in the future, as well as activities that are currently available for alumni that aren't high school students.
- All in attendance began to socialize and network over hors d'oeuvre and drinks.
- Destinee, Steven, Devyn, Dawn, Angel, Angela, and Lien discussed the importance of Alumni involvement in SMYSP organization. It was cited that:
 - In August 2007, the National Alumni Association officers will be elected during the Leadership Summit and Colloquium.
 - Destinee Cooper will not be running for any of the positions. Although she is the current staff coordinator and will always be a part of SMYSP, it will be time to pass the leadership baton of the Alumni Association at the Leadership Summit.
 - As a first step to laying the foundation for the Association, alumni need opportunities to meet, interact and network. Furthermore, the opportunity for brainstorming what the structure of the National Alumni Association will be needed to set the foundation for the SMYSP National Alumni Association. These two objectives can be accomplished by setting regions and having alumni volunteer to be representatives to pursue these two goals.
- Brainstorming of current issues with SMYSP occurred. The following is what was brought up:
 - Alumni beyond high school would like information about scholarships that are available to them sent out over email.
 - Having a web site location for job announcements or activities that other SMYSPers can apply or volunteer for.
 - When the regional representatives are chosen, a brainstorming session for all regions could be organized so that the regions can feed off of each other.

Action Items:

- By making the regional alumni clusters, the annual surveys and tracking will be all the more imperative as far as annual timing of survey and timeline for getting surveys back.
- The alums were told that the information for who is at UCB will be sent out.