

Southern California Region
SMYSP College Cluster Alumni Event at UC Los Angeles (1/21/06)

In Attendance: Lisa Hoang, Richard Bowen, Seng Peng, Judith Ned, and Destinee Cooper

Notes:

- Everyone introduced selves with what year they were in the program, University attended or attending, and future plans.
- Judith explained the different initiatives that SMYSP is undertaking. This includes implementing Minority K-12 Initiative for Teachers and Students (MKITS), raising funds for the new nonprofit foundation, updating the website, and building a foundation for the alumni association.
- Destinee explained that the current alumni association functions with an operations council made up of alums (like Seng) that volunteer to assist organizing events with Destinee as the leader since she is the coordinator and staff person in the SMYSP office. Over the past year, Destinee has been working on completing the counselor directory with it coming out in the student and counselor mailings. She has also been working on organizing the college cluster events, doing leg-work for the Leadership Summit and Colloquium (20-year reunion), and formulating ideas of how to help the alums that are out of high school.
- After Destinee explained that one purpose of the event was to designate two of the alums as regional representatives, the group began to brainstorm about what the alums would like to see and have changed. Here are the ideas they came up with:
 - Promoting alumni to use directory more
 - Workshops held in regions for activities instead of them traveling
 - Create "hint sheet" for directory to make connections – how to use directories
 - SMYSP needs to be specific with needs
 - Send calendar ahead of time
 - Possible format of additional index (user friendly to find people)

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- It was decided that Seng and Lisa will be the Southern regions representatives.

Action Items:

- A different counselor directory cover sheet needs to be made.
- 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. This way, alums can contact each other quickly and easily.
- The alums were told that information regarding who is in the region will be sent out to Seng (specifically who is at UCLA).