

Southbay / Peninsula Region
SMYSP College Cluster Alumni Event at Stanford University (1/27/06)

In Attendance: Destinee Cooper, Judith Ned, Nell Curran, Alana Koehler, Praveen Panguluri, Sung-Woo Cho, Violeta Gutierrez, Alicia James, and Tiffany Chioma Anaebere

Notes:

- The staff introduced themselves with each explaining some about their role and position. These explanations occurred dispersed among the brainstorming. Nell explained the curriculum of Minority K-12 Initiative for Teachers and Students (MKITS). Alana explained her role with the directories and what it was that she was currently working on. Judith explained about raising funds for the new nonprofit foundation, updating the website, and building a foundation for the alumni association. Destinee explained the history of the alumni association, the 20-year reunion and purpose of the meeting.
- Alums were asked to brainstorm about suggestions for SMYSP and the alumni association. Their suggestions were:
 - On-line version of directories
 - Ability to change contact information
 - Check into my space
 - Get permission/ checking for liability
 - SMYSP Web (get passwords)
 - List sources for graduate level
 - Available opportunities
 - Welcoming email for incoming students
 - Example is Long for Stanford
 - Write personnel letters
 - First invitation (first wave of responses come back)
 - Second letter with list of folks in their class of who's attending
 - Things to do during summer (directories: how to use)
 - Have students send an email to network
 - Counselors
 - Challenges of Involvement
 - Your removed from time spent
 - Time constraints
 - Uncertainty
 - Leaving home
 - Send out goals for cluster alumni events ahead of time
 - Quarterly news letter from SMYSP in one detailed instead of short emails
 - Grants obtained
 - Students selected
 - Updates during the summer
 - Quotes
 - Profiles
 - What SMYSP staff is excited about
 - Inside scholarships (foundation only)
 - Tutoring for MKITS (SMYSP alumni)
 - Constant tutoring
 - MKITS students staying as tutors for other MKITS students
 - Adopt an MKITS school/class
 - Alumni Association officers
 - Timeline of association and officers elect on website
- Alums Violeta and Sung-Woo were chosen to be the South Bay regional representatives.

Action Items:

- The annual surveys and tracking will need to be done faster.
- Alums were told that they will receive the information of who is in the region and of who is at Stanford within a week.