Hello UCLA MESA Advisors,

This weekly brief will inform you about:

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Weekly Brief: Jan 23, 2015
Winter Advisor Meeting
Thank you to all of you who attended the Winter MESA Advisor Meeting. I have uploaded the PowerPoint presentation and copies of the forms to be submitted on the UCLA MESA Website. Look out for an email from me in the next few days with information on your form submission status and the judging status for the MESA Day Prelims.

Fall 2014 Stipend Update
I have not yet received the stipends from Account Payable. I have been told there is a backlog. A soon as I receive them I will mail them to you.

Online PD - Google Suite (PD)
Based on your feedback I would like to schedule a follow-up PD session online for Google Suite. The best date for me is Feb 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. I arrange an online
meeting through Anymeeting.com and send the meeting invite to you in the next few days

**Gates Millennium Scholars Bridge Builder Program (MS and HS)**
Please help me spread the word about an exciting event for 8th-12th grade males. UCLA is hosting the Gates Millennium Scholars' Bridge Builders Program, on our campus. This is a great opportunity for the young scholars to learn about the college process, being competitive for UCLA and also learn about Financial Aid including the Gates Millennium Scholarship. The program is FREE! Please encourage students to read the flyer and register on-line. Parents/Caregivers are welcome. More information is available on the flyer, including contact information for additional questions.

**Please pass this information on to all students who qualify**
Attachment: GMS Bridge Builders Flyer

**Experience Berkeley (HS School)**
EBHS is a *free* program that provides low-income Black, Latino & Native American rising juniors (class of 2016) with a 3.5 or higher GPA with mentors, tools, and resources to complete a competitive UC college application and the opportunity to get a close, personal look at UC Berkeley.

Students are introduced to college life, given admissions feedback on personal statements, financial aid information, and mentoring throughout the application process during the summer and school year.

Statistically, the program doubles the normal admissions rate for freshman students. In fact, many current UC Berkeley students have credited EBHS as being a defining experience in their college application and ultimate selection process.

The Experience Berkeley program is committed to promoting the University of California’s goal of having a student body that is representative of the State of California via more personal college application assistance.

**Please pass this information on to students who qualify for the program.**

The application for the Experience Berkeley High School program is **now available**: [http://goo.gl/82V5f4](http://goo.gl/82V5f4)
PBS Learning Media Digital Innovators (PD)

If you are creatively integrating digital media and technology in your classroom, we encourage you to apply to the 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators Program. This yearlong professional development program is designed to reward, foster and grow a community of 100 tech-savvy educators making an impact in their classrooms.

Acceptance into this program offers access to exclusive virtual trainings and resources; exposure to innovative instructional strategies, best practices, and tools that can be immediately applied to the classroom; national recognition in press and marketing communications; and membership into a robust professional learning community.

30 of the top applicants will be designated as Lead PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators and will also receive a three day, all-expense paid trip to Philadelphia to participate in the PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators Summit and the prestigious ISTE Conference from June 26-28, 2015. Plus, each Lead PBS Digital Innovator will receive a Samsung Galaxy® tablet.

To apply go to: http://goo.gl/6PQswL


Youth Motivation Day (MS)
The UCLA AISES Chapter is hosting Youth Motivation Day (YMD) on Feb. 20, 2015. The purpose of Youth Motivation Day was to increase student interest in the fields of science, technology, math and engineering through participation in fun, kid-friendly activities.

The following schools have verified their participation in with AISES

Cochran MS
Parent MS
AISES is still looking for 2 – 3 more schools to attend the event. If you are interested in participating in this event, AISES is still looking for 2 – 3 more schools to attend the event. If you are interested, please email Fernando Pacheco at fpacheco0707@ucla.edu by Jan 31, 2015

2015 Winter MESA Advisor Meeting
The Winter MESA Advisor Meeting is scheduled for Jan 14, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in 8500 Boelter Hall. The tentative agenda for the meeting

MESA Day Prelims
- Student Sign-Up
- Judging
Saturday Academies
Summer Programs
Winter Quarter - Student Org Outreach Event
Teacher Training- Google Docs & Online Educational Program

Please bring your laptops with you to the meeting. I will be doing a training on the Google Suite and Tracey Allen will be doing a demo of online educational programs to use in the classroom.

The directions to the meeting are attached. If you had problems getting to the room for the last meeting, you can meet me in my office at 4:30 p.m. and walk up to the office with me.

As of Jan 2, 2015, the following people have RSVP’d for the meeting.

Andre Akins
Claire Ilo
Dante Madali
Khalia Sailor
Eleanor Wallace

If your name does not appear on the list, RSVP for the meeting using the following linked form Winter MESA Advisors Meeting RSVP

Fall 2014 MESA Advisor Stipend
The stipends for the teachers being paid by UCLA MESA and who submitted their Fall 2014 have been were processed. I hope to have the stipend for you at the Winter Meeting.
For the IUSD teachers, I submitted the activity logs with stipend amount due to each teacher to Jim Garza before the break. I have a meeting with him on Jan 8, 2014 and will have more info at the Winter meeting.

**Freshman Application Information**
The UCLA CEED Office would like obtain information from students who have participated in the various pre-college programs supported by the office. We would like to know who has applied to UCLA or the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science. If you have any students who have applied to UCLA, please have them complete the form linked below to provide us with the needed information. [Freshman Application Information](#)
The deadline to complete the form is Jan 19, 2015.

**MESA Saturday Academy**
Remind your students that the Saturday Academies start on Jan 17, 2015. Attached is the flyer for the academies.

Students can sign up to attend the academies using the following link: [Saturday Academy Sign-Up](#)

**2015 SMASH Academy**
The SMASH UCLA Academy will not be recruiting any new students for the summer of 2015.

**2015 SMARTS Program**
The application for the SMARTS Program is will be available to download on Feb. 1, 2015 on the CEED website. Flyers and program details will be provide at the end of the month.