Hello UCLA MESA Advisors,

This weekly brief will inform you about:

1. MESA PD Follow-Up Google Suite
2. MESA Day Prelims Sign Up
3. UCLA Fall Stipend Update
4. Saturday Academy – Balsawood Gliders/Planes

Past Weekly Briefs
To view past weekly briefs click the following link: 2014-2015 Past Weekly Briefs. (The weekly briefs are located at the bottom of the page)

Weekly Brief: Jan 31, 2015
MESA PD Follow-Up – Google Suite
I have scheduled virtual follow-up PD on the Google Suite for Wednesday Feb 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. All of you should have received and invite through Anymeeting.com. Here are the logistics for the meeting

To log in, go to: https://www.anymeeting.com/790-833-081
You can use Computer Audio or the Conference Call: Dial-in Number: 213-416-1560
PIN: 301 5148#

After clicking the link please follow these instructions:
   1. Enter your name
   2. Enter e-mail cathyd@seas.ucla.edu
   3. Click Join the Meeting.

MESA Day Prelims Sign Up
Sign up for the MESA Prelims will begin on Feb 1, 2015. Please direct all students to the following form to have them sign up for the MESA Day Prelims.
2015 MESA Day Prelims Sign-Up Form: [http://goo.gl/NpsnLh](http://goo.gl/NpsnLh). The form can also be accessed on the UCLA MESA Website.

Every student participating in the MESA Day Prelims **must** complete a MESA Day Prelim Sign-Up Form. The deadline to submit the MESA Day Prelim sign-up form is Feb 21, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Fall 2014 Stipend Update**

I have received the Fall 2014 stipends. They were mailed to your home address on Thursday Jan 29, 2015.

Stipends for the following advisors were submitted in Jan. 2015.
- Khalia Sailor
- Troy Tieuel

I will email you to let you know when I have received them and mailed them out to you.

**Saturday Academy – Balsawood Glider/Plane**

The next Saturday Academy - Balsawood Glider/Plane will be held on Feb 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in 6270 Boelter Hall

Please announce this to your students and direct them to the following website to sign up for the workshop.

Saturday Academy Sign Up: [http://goo.gl/forms/Qj5nn5WZB0](http://goo.gl/forms/Qj5nn5WZB0)

**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)
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

**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 grows 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