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The Hazy Days of summer

More than 50 students spent the hazy days of summer in IHAD's 5-week summer program. During June and July students took part in algebra, language arts, and life skills each morning and participated in structured activities such as Capoeira, African Dance, Drama, Photography, Football, Cooking, and Basketball each afternoon. Students also attended field trips to places such as MOCHA, the Tech Museum in San Jose, Waterworld and a camping trip. All students who participated received a total of 7.5 hours worth of extra credit time towards graduation and a great head start toward the upcoming school year.



IHAD WELCOMES NEW FACES AND NEW CHANGES!

In the summer of 2001, several new staff joined Dannette McCain, Lois McKinney, Etta Cain, and the rest of the returning IHAD team. These include a first ever Program Director (Tony Thurmond) two Project Coordinators (Sylvia Gillies and Pablo Whaley), an Administrative Assistant (Sandra Laughlin), and several AmeriCorps members (See AmeriCorps corner page 3)

Tony Thurmond has more than 10 years of experience in the field of youth development and community organizing and comes to us after working as a director of programs at UC Berkeley.

Sylvia Gillies is an Oakland native and a veteran manager who has worked with UC Berkeley

students, in the health field, and in numerous customer service capacities. Sylvia manages the program at Lowell Middle School.

Pablo Whaley is a teacher, mathematician, and scientist who has taught Life Skills in the IHAD summer program. Pablo, who is also a locally renowned musician, manages IHAD's efforts at St. Martin de Pores, the West Oakland Community School, and a number of other outlying Oakland area schools that IHAD students attend.

Sandra Laughlin comes to IHAD after running her own small yacht refinishing business. She has over 10 years in the field of service and hospitality. All of the new IHAD staff look forward to working with you this year!



Evening Magazine Host Malou Nubla Wins \$26,000 on Hollywood Squares for IHAD Oakland

On November 13, 2001, Malou Nubla, host of Evening Magazine, presented a check for \$26,000 to the "I Have A Dream" Foundation-Oakland. Ms. Nubla won the money as a participant in a celebrity edition of Hollywood Squares. On November 16, 2001, IHAD Oakland was prominently featured on Evening Magazine and in the



actual celebrity Hollywood squares episode. As part of the check awarding celebration, Ms. Nubla engaged more than 40 students, family members, and staff in interactive discussions on careers in television, media, and journalism. *Thank you Ms. Nubla!*

New Life Skills Program

We have embarked on a new Dreamer course of life skills to help our young people make good choices as they continue their journey into young adulthood. Our life skills sessions will cover topics like self esteem, test taking skills, budget management, and career exploration, just to name a few. Dannette McCain, who recently transitioned into the role of Life Skills instructor, has been involved in the development of the life skills curriculum and teaches the sessions to students on a weekly basis.

High School Meeting

Our students, now in the eighth grade, are looking forward to high school. In October we had a hugely successful high school fair to introduce our families to the choices available. Representatives from more than 15 schools (public, private, parochial, independent) attended and spoke with the more than 60 students and family members assembled. At the fair students learned about special programs offered by the school as well as application deadlines and financial aid requirements.

After School Program

St. Martin

Mon, Tue, Th, Fri
2:30-4:00 pm
Wed, 2:00-3:30 pm
Father Howard
Center

Lowell

Mon, Tue, Th, Fri
3:15-4:30 pm
Wed, 1:30-3:00 pm
Room 5



AmeriCorps Corner

As we embark on providing greater service to our nearly 300 students IHAD has increased its AmeriCorps team. IHAD currently has 9 AmeriCorps members and plans to bring up to 14 members on board. AmeriCorps members serve as in class tutors and run after school programs. IHAD has also partnered with a national AmeriCorps program (National School and Community Corps) to assist in managing its larger tutor staff. The new AmeriCorps members are listed below:

West Oakland Community School:

Kavitha Dulai – Kavitha hails from New York City. She has worked as a teacher and in numerous youth programs.

Pauline Pearson Hathorn – Pauline has been a teacher, principal, and school administrator, who brings a wealth of experience in school issues.

St Martin de Pores and Outlying Schools:

Laura Donnelly-McCole – Laura is a Bay Area native who is serving in her third AmeriCorps term of service.

Sousan Yahaghi - Simin attended university in Italy. Her special interests are in yoga and theater arts.

Lowell:

Kawana Johnson – Kawana is an Oakland native who is an alumnus of the Upward Bound program and has strong interest in the teaching and helping professions.



Jesse Mangan – Jesse comes to us from Massachusetts. Jesse has a great deal of experience in youth program and has a strong interest in the arts.

Laura Pittman – Laura hails from New Orleans where she attended Loyola University. Laura has an

educational background in Psychology and is interested in a career in social work or counseling.

Steve Summers – Steve hails from the Sacramento area. Steve has a strong interest in teaching and is pursuing a career in education at Laney College.

John Walsh – John recently moved to the bay area from San Diego. John has been a teacher at San Francisco City College and has a strong interest in writing and ceramics.

Parents' Corner

Parent meetings and Family Literacy Nights are typically held twice a month at St. Martin de Porres School from 5:30-7:00 pm. On December 3rd from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, there will be a catered parent reception to introduce the parents and guardians to their child's mentors.

Our Parent Coordinators Etta Cain and Lois McKinney, along with the students and their families, are heading a community service event for the upcoming holiday season. They are organizing a canned food drive and are asking all who can donate to please contact Lois McKinney at (510) 832-0664.



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Special thanks to some of our Volunteers!

Nolan Highbaugh
Kit Floyed
Linda Scott
and
William Sippola

You have done so much for us
THANK YOU!

Farewell Ms. Stewart!

After more than 15 years of service to "I Have A Dream", Wanda Stewart retired at the end of the summer program. Ms. Stewart served as the Project Coordinator for Dreamers in Oakland and in Richmond. In her service, Ms. Stewart touched the lives of hundreds of students and has helped moved them forward on a path of success.

A special program was held at the end of the summer to honor Ms. Stewart for her non-wavering commitment to the program. Ms. Stewart continues to connect with IHAD students and staff and we wish her well in her continued endeavors. Thank you Ms. Stewart for all your hard work and commitment!

Spread the Word!

Even if you are unable to volunteer as a tutor or Chaperone, I urge you to spread the word about our program to your friends, family, religious organizations, clubs, or businesses. Most of our volunteers come by word of mouth, so you can become a powerful spokesperson for "I Have a Dream" - Oakland. An endorsement from you could be the push someone needs to become an active volunteer in our program.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like to learn more about our program, or to be placed on the Volunteer Newsletter mailing list for current information on volunteering opportunities, please contact the main office by e-mail: Info@ihad-oakland.com or call (510) 663-3331.