

Family of Schools



'Start on Success' Comes to a Successful Culmination

Announcements

Save our Summer

As you may know, LAUSD has canceled many summer school offerings for K-8 students because of budget constraints. To address this, students at USC have been working on a project to collect Internet resources for children in grades K-8 in language arts and math. We are proud to report that this project has also been spearheaded by some parents within the LMU Family of Schools who work at USC. While the Internet can't replace teachers, please help us spread the word about this project by reaching out to parents, teachers, and, especially, students. For more information please visit: <http://sosclassroom.org> or by e-mail at sosclassroom@gmail.com.

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With the support of the Sherry Lansing Foundation and the office of former Los Angeles Unified School District board member Marlene Canter, Loyola Marymount University and Westchester High School partnered to create a work-preparatory program, Start on Success, for eight Westchester seniors this past spring semester. The goal of the partnership is to provide a positive learning and work environment for students with disabilities as they gain job-related skills.

All the students were enthusiastic about the skills they acquired in the SOS program and are eagerly seeking to apply these skills in jobs or community college this summer. Attendees at the culmination ceremony included: Marlene Canter, former LAUSD board member; Doug Collins of the Sherry Lansing Foundation; Shane P. Martin, dean of the School of Education; Drew Furedi, executive director of the LMU Family of Schools; Joseph Harbouk, associate dean for business operations of the School of Education; Vicki Graf, professor and special education program director of the School of Education; Bruce Mims, Westchester High School principal; Jilene Dachtler, SOS instructor; LMU supervisors from the School of Education and the departments of Public Safety, Psychology, Distribution, Facilities Management, Events Scheduling, and Information Technology Services; students, parents and supporters of the initiative.



From left to right: Shane P. Martin, dean of the School of Education; Marlene Canter, former LAUSD Board Member; Doug Collins, director of the Sherry Lansing Foundation; Drew Furedi, executive director of the LMU Family of Schools; Bruce Mims, principal of Westchester High School.



Dean Shane Martin and SOS Student Arthur Robinson presenting a certificate of participation and appreciation to LMU ITS supervisors (Adrienne Harris, Jeff Tchui, Anthony Eisenhower).



The SOS family celebrating the culmination of a great semester.

FOS Leadership Team-Building Training Is a Success

The LMU Family of Schools joins in celebrating the successful training of elected representatives from Westchester High, Orville Wright Middle, Cowan Elementary, Kentwood Elementary, Westport Heights Elementary, Paseo del Rey Elementary and Loyola Village. The leadership teams – comprised of teachers, administrators, community members, parents, and certificated and classified staff – participated in five sessions in May and June.

The Leadership Team Building program was led by Franca Dell’Olio, Ed.D., director of the Institute of School Leadership and Administration. Individual training sessions were co-facilitated by Leslie Lockhart and Amy Anderson. The goal of the sessions, three at Westchester High School and two at LMU, was to actively engage team members in creating visions for their schools. As a result of the dialogue, interaction and training, each team is now ready to address problems and formulate solutions. "We were elated to work alongside such dedicated individuals and school teams," Dell’Olio said at the end of the sessions "Their collective ability to take risks, to build trust, to ask difficult questions, to create shared meaning and to promote needed change was truly inspiring. They have embarked on a most challenging journey, but one well worth taking!"

LMU Facilitates FOS Grant Resource Team Training

A team of representatives from the Family of Schools began July 7 to hold weekly meetings to learn how to write successful grant applications. Meetings are held Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at LMU, through Aug. 18. Please contact Maggie Bove-LaMonica at mbovelam@lmu.edu if you would like more information.

9th Grade Academy Academic Awards Ceremony

On June 11, the LMU Family of Schools hosted Westchester High School’s 9th Grade Academy Awards Ceremony in the Burns Back Court on the LMU campus. WHS Principal Bruce Mims, Assistant Principal Leonard Choi and teachers of the

academy presented awards for scholarship, citizenship and other special achievements. In addition, many parents and Westchester community members attended the reception to congratulate these outstanding students.

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