

Colleges host "College Awareness" talks for student and parents at UCSD

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COLLEGES HOST "COLLEGE AWARENESS" TALKS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

A free college preparation program designed for students in sixth through ninth grades and their parents will be hosted by San Diego universities and colleges in February to mark College Awareness Month.

Participating colleges are University of California, San Diego; San Diego State University; California State University- San Marcos, University of San Diego, and all of San Diego County's community colleges.

Each of the programs will be held from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The schedule includes:

Feb. 6 - Montgomery Middle School, 1051 Picador Blvd, San Diego

Feb. 19 - Horace Mann Middle School, 4345 54th St, San Diego

Feb. 20 - Rincon Indian Reservation Education Center, 1 W. Tribal Rd., Valley Center Feb. 27 - San Marcos Middle School, 650 W. Mission, San Marcos

March 4 - O'Farrell Community School, 6130 Skyline Dr, San Diego

Mar. 18 - Chula Vista Jr. High School, 415 5th Ave., Chula Vista

These college awareness presentations will provide practical and easy-to-understand information on how to prepare in advance, academically and financially, for college. Each will open with a video, "College: Making It Happen," a production that represents the first time that all of California's education systems -- from kindergarten to college -- have collaborated to develop a video.

The joint production underscores the importance that California's educators place on advance planning for college. In addition to screening statewide during February, the video will also be seen on cable and satellite channels.

Following the video, representatives from local colleges will answer questions and provide written materials with practical tips on how to prepare for college. The video and talks will be given in English and Spanish, and signed for the benefit of the hearing-impaired.

"College: Making It Happen" will be presented in 50 locations throughout California during College Awareness Month. Its purpose is to reaffirm the message that college preparation begins many years before the final year in high school, and that college planning is a family affair.

The program is sponsored by the California Education Round Table, comprised of the University of California, California State University, Cal-SOAP, California Department of Education, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, California Community Colleges, California Postsecondary Education Commission, and Intersegmental Coordinating Committee.

For further information call Cal-SOAP at 569-1866.

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