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Mission of Legacy

The mission of the Legacy Program is to provide students with a strong academic program, instructional resources, and motivational support that will facilitate their progression toward transfer to four-year institutions. The program focuses on basic skills, transfer level holistic curriculum, and interactive activities that emphasize the African American experience in the United States. The Legacy Program is geared specifically toward student populations who are underrepresented in higher academia.

NOCCCD Chancellor Encourages Legacy Scholars to Dream Big *An Inspirational Speech by an Inspirational Leader*

Chancellor Cheryl Marshall inspired Legacy Scholars to Dream Big. Her candor created a safe environment in which scholars shared challenges and asked life questions. She inspired scholars to achieve success by developing their leadership skills. The first lesson: Vision. Chancellor Marshall advised every leader to go into an organization with a vision of where s/he wants to take the organization. The second lesson: Authenticity. She stated, leadership not only means dreaming big, communicating, but valuing your authenticity. We all offer something unique and add value when we honor our authenticity. The third Lesson: Planning. She encouraged scholars to create plans, but allow for flexibility. She also reminded students that change is the only constant in the world. An inspirational speech by an inspirational leader - Dr. Cheryl Marshall.





Legacy Dinner

Administrators, Faculty, Staff, and Family Support Legacy Scholars

The Legacy Dinner kicked off a promising semester. Faculty, staff, administrators, and family gathered together to support the Legacy Mentor/Mentee Dinner. Parents contributed to the success of the dinner by not only attending but serving in functionary roles. In addition, family members met mentors, networked, and participated in the evening festivities with Legacy Scholars and mentors.

Legacy peer mentor Angel Rodriguez gave an inspirational speech and Professor Adams facilitated a team building activity. The event ended with pledges: Legacy Scholars pledged to participate, communicate, and complete activities and classes in the program; Parents pledged to support students to achieve excellence; Mentors recited and pledged to Legacy Scholars.



California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) Tour
Working the Goal of Transferring to a Four Year Institution

The goal of Legacy is to prepare students to transfer to four year institutions. Besides enrolling in a rigorous academic program, scholars visit a number of four year institutions. In addition to a general college tour, scholars also visit multicultural centers. Legacy Scholars were welcomed by Joy Hoffman, Director of Diversity Initiatives & Resource Centers. The specialized excursion included visits to three cultural centers: Chicano Resource Center, Dreamers Resource Center, and African American Resource Center. Professor **Daniel Lind** and **Cypress College Alumni, CSUF BSU President Berlin Edmond** organized a highly spirited joint meeting with Legacy Scholars and BSU Student Executives.



Legacy Scholars of the Month
Highlighting Scholars/Leaders

Each month students are highlighted for achieving excellence as leaders and scholars. The following scholars were unanimously selected by Legacy professors and staff for embodying excellence and integrity in academics and leadership. (L to R) Row 1: **Lynda Terry** and **Trey Rentie**; Row 2: **Noa Farrish** and **AustinThompson**. Congratulations!



Mentor/Mentee of the Month
Guiding Scholars to Greatness

Jolena Grande and **Shadonna Tyson** were selected as the mentor/mentee of the month for September. Professor Grande, the trailblazer in establishing a BA in Mortuary Science at Cypress College is matched to Legacy Scholar Shadonna Tyson. Both have similar interests. Shadonna's goal is to work in the funeral service profession. After learning about the many options in the field, she now sees herself as having a viable career in Mortuary Science.



Mentors Training

Faculty Giving Back

Co-chairs **Professor Stephanie Eaves** and **Professor Virgil Adams** co-facilitated the Legacy mentor training. Representatives from the following disciplines and departments volunteered to be mentors: President's office,



Bookstore, Ethnic Studies, Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, English, ESL, Communication, Reading, Fine Arts, Chemistry, Mathematics, Nursing, and Mortuary Science.



Peer Mentors

Developing Leadership through Opportunities

2016-2017 Peer Mentors are Karla Cobar, Chanelle Crocker, Mickayla Prewitt, William Omenwu, Angel Rodriguez, and Trey Rentie.



Legacy Team

Meet the Faculty and Staff of Legacy

Legacy Team: **Dean: Eldon Young, Coordinator Regina Rhymes, and Counselor Armando Garcia.**

Legacy Professors: **Justin Campbell, Armando Garcia, Regina Rhymes, and Daniel Young.**

Legacy Team Members: **Rhonda Kraft, Virgil Adams, Cynthia Saul Hernandez, Stephanie Eaves, Steven Estrada, Dr. Annette Letcher, and Abraham Hardaway.**



Legacy Awarded Cultural Diversity Award for Commitment to Ongoing Commitment to Diversity Inclusiveness, and Multiculturalism 2015-2016 Achievements

- Collaborated with over 25 programs to increase students' awareness of student services
- Collaborated with adjunct and full time faculty members to organize Black History

Weekly Speaker Series

- Collaborated with Social Sciences, Language Arts, Library and Supportive Services and Campus Information Office for Black History Month
- Collaborated with Fullerton College (UMOJA Conference Trip)
- Collaborated with over 20 faculty/staff members for mentoring
- Collaborated with Office of Public Affairs to formalize Recruitment and Outreach
- Collaborated with Umoja representative to improve the quality of students experiences
- Collaborated and coordinated with Transfer Center for college tours
- Collaborated and coordinated with tutors and instructors for students' success.
- Coordinated and collaborated with Legacy team to organize mentor orientation, and mentor luncheon
- Collaborated with campus and community leaders in a strategic conversation for recruitment, resulting in a full cohort and first waiting list for Legacy
- Collaborated with IT Department (George Isaac) and rebuilt Legacy Website from 1 page to 6 Pages. The site now includes: Program History, Special Dates, Photo Gallery, Newsletters, Newsletters, Meet the Legacy Team, and Black History Month.
- Through collaboration with faculty and staff increased social media presence: Instagram, twitter, and YouTube, and Facebook.
- Coordinated with Social Sciences Division, Language Arts and Library and Resources Center for Cultural Events.
- Increased recognition of faculty and students by establishing mentor/mentee of the Month Award
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- Expanded Legacy team by collaborating with more departments: Math Professor/Tutor Ethnic Studies Tutor Legacy Support Staff

