

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

Announcements:

College is for ME (not to be confused with College 4 ME) has an upcoming FREE conference scheduled for March 16, 2019 from 9 to 1 pm. Program information attached in email

This conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm. The conference is for middle/high school students and their families. The conference will be held in the USU Ballroom at CSUSM and our three breakout sessions will be in nearby classrooms. We will have various breakout sessions. The College Is For Me conference is designed to demystify the inaccessibility of higher education for members of marginalized populations in our society. This conference is an opportunity for people who have never considered college to learn how higher education can be a means for self-empowerment.

It is highly encouraged that guests register for the event, so we have a headcount for breakfast, lunch, and t-shirts. You can even register a group of 50 people or individually. You can register for the event by visiting:  
<https://collegeisforme2019.brownpapertickets.co>

A Bridge for Kids 7th Annual Essay Contest

Students may enter the 2019 A Bridge for Kids Essay Contest by submitting an original essay of 750 words or fewer describing their thoughts on the following:

*What is the greatest adversity you have had to overcome and how did it help make you into the person you are today?*

A panel of volunteers will judge the essays and the winners will be picked based on the creativity, originality, clarity and overall impact of the essay.

2019 Contest Prizes:

1st Place-\$2,500 Sponsorship

2nd Place-\$1,000 Sponsorship

3rd-5th Place-\$250 Amazon Gift Card

6th-10th Place-\$100 Amazon Gift Card

NOTE: Deadline for entry is midnight on March 10, 2019. Winners will be announced the week of April 8th, 2019.

Past Winners: 2017 Essay Contest Winner-Jonathan Bojorquez-Helix High School.

### Activity:

Helix First has been working tirelessly on the College Fair. Let's help them prep with some questions that they might be asked while at their tables. Practice a few of the questions below.

1. What do students like most about your school? What is the biggest complaint from students?
2. What kinds of students are happiest at your school?
3. Where do students hang out on campus? Do students mostly live on or off campus?
4. What financial aid programs does your college offer?
5. What academic programs are the most popular at your college?
6. Do admission officers make decisions solely on numbers and stats, or do extracurricular activities truly matter at your school?
7. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
8. How does your career planning department compare to other colleges/universities?
9. What are the faculty like and how accessible are they outside of class?
10. Are there internships available specific to my major?
11. Is there job placement help for graduates?
12. Are you able to give me the names of a few students that I can talk to about their experience at your school?