Access Youth Academy

Back to School Time!

Helping low-income students navigate the virtual world by providing the support & guidance they need to succeed.

All support is provided to Access Youth Academy students at no cost to them or their families. Thanks to donors like you!!
Activities

Phase 1 (Grades 7-12)

- Daily tutoring sessions.
- Study time with peers in breakout rooms.
- Daily well-being check-ins.
- Creating space for social interaction.
- Breaking a sweat together doing exercises to maintain strong bodies for when students are able get back on the squash courts.
- Laughter - as often as possible!

We are learning that an upside to working remotely is it allows staff to have more one-on-one interaction time with the students, and to provide extra support to our seniors during the college application process. Next month our juniors will begin their preparation for the SAT/ACT tests.

Phase 2 (4 years - college/ post high-school)

- Regular check-ins with students via phone, text, and email.
- Providing support as students return to college. Many Access youth are returning to campus but will participate in school virtually.
- Providing social and emotional support addressing the many concerns students have surrounding returning to campus during the pandemic.
- Making sure students have the tools they need to have a successful virtual learning experience. This includes making sure their technology and workspace needs are up to par.
- Extra support for freshman starting college remotely.
Preparing to help out-of-state students return back to San Diego in the event their campuses close down this fall.

Phase 3: (2 years - post undergraduate education)

- Providing interview guidance and tech support for a successful entry into the virtual workforce.
- Providing connections within the Access network for job opportunities for recent graduates.
- Editing of grad school applications and essays.

## Summer Recap

### Virtual College Tour

Since our students were unable to travel this summer, they collectively strapped on their seat-belts at home and took a whirlwind virtual tour of 15 colleges and universities over the course of 3 days!

**Colleges visited**

Columbia University - Yale University - Princeton University - UC Berkeley - UC Los Angeles - University of Pennsylvania - Duke University - New York University - Brown University - Cornell University - Vassar College - University of North Carolina Wesleyan University - Northern Arizona University - Colorado State University
The students came away from the experience feeling inspired, informed, and ready to begin next steps. And to help them on their way, following the tour, Access Juniors and Seniors attended a college essay writing workshop.

SEA Virtual Citizenship Tour

Every year SEA selects 22 civically-minded and academically-accomplished high school and college students each summer to participate in the Citizenship Tour, an 8-day academic and athletic trip from New York City to Washington, D.C.

The Citizenship Tour seeks to inspire students across the country to be civically engaged, to become better informed citizens, and to highlight the importance of public service within the country’s 20 SEA member programs. This year, due to Covid-19 the tour was held virtually.

Two Access Youth Academy students, Abigail and Vivian, were in attendance.

By shifting the program online this year, the tour was no longer restricted by geography and students had the opportunity to hear from leaders and thinkers in cities across the U.S.

Notable individuals included former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Nisha Agarwal of the International Refugee Assistance Project, and
Director of Education at the Obama Foundation, Jennifer Wynn, just to name a few.

New Facility Update

Access Youth Academy
Potential made powerful

Coming Soon - Summer 2021

Coming Soon - New Southeastern San Diego Academic and Athletic Community Center!

Construction is on schedule and the building is starting to take shape. It is super exciting to watch! Check our website for regular updates and images documenting the process.
Click Here for Construction Updates

With Gratitude
Many thanks to the Kipp Adelante Preparatory Academy on Euclid Ave. for their generous donation of classroom furniture and benches! These items are perfect for the new facility!

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