GETTING PREPARED FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

The GPP began its first online class in early October to help former foster youth apply for graduate school. Fourteen students from across the state of California registered for the class which is one in a series of three. The first class is focused on assisting students with a discovery process to determine what kind of graduate program would be a good fit for their career goals. The second class (continued on page 2)

Fall activities for GPP Cohort

The first official meeting of the UC Davis Guardian Professions Program 2014 cohort took place the evening of October 17th at Bernardo’s in downtown Davis. It was a good time to get acquainted and decide what we might do together as a group. One important idea was outreach and making sure that undergraduates who are interested in pursuing an advanced degree know about the UC Davis GPP and the assistance and opportunities the program provides. Everyone agreed that, time permitting, they would like to be involved in upcoming outreach projects. Cohort meetings will continue to be held once a month during the evening this fall quarter.

Upcoming Events

GPP presentation for CSU Sacramento GSP on Friday, November 7th.

A GPP student will be available to answer questions at the College Summit to be held November 15th at Los Angeles City College.

GPP presentation for GSP at City College of San Francisco, TBD.

Catch up with cohort members to Learn about what they are Learning
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GOOD NEWS!
The GPP is assisting over 25 students with their graduate school applications this Fall 2014.
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Stephen Ching (UC Davis Post Bac, 2014) travels to Connecticut in November for his first Medical School interview.
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Hen Werner, UC Davis School of Ed Masters degree student, now teaching at Laguna Creek High School in Sacramento.

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will focus on determining what kind of tests are a prerequisite for any given program and what other kinds of internships, work experience or research a student should undertake before applying for a program. Students will also be involved in making a schedule of activities they need to complete in order to create a competitive application.

The third class will have students concentrate on essays that are a part of the graduate school application. Students will draft and revise statements of purpose, personal statements and diversity statements.

Taught by Dr. Sylvia Sensiper, the GPP Director, the series was developed based on her experience of mentoring many students through the graduate school application process. The entire series is recommended but each class can be taken separately. The series will soon be available for college credit through UC Online.

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