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Hello from San Jose City College,

In collaboration with our high school partners, San Jose City College would like to strengthen our efforts to ensure student success - access, completion, transfer and/or graduation, through sponsorship of the new Annual African American/Latino/Pacific/Native American Male Summit Part I on Friday, October 16, 2015. We invite you and your African American, Latino, Pacific Islander, and Native American male high school students to participate in this event. Although the summit title focuses on males of color, this is an all-inclusive event open to all 9th through 12th grade high school students.

The Summit is designed to address some of the daily barriers, concerns, issues and pressures many 9th through 12th grade males of color experience which can lead to the ever increasing problem of declining college enrollment of minority males. The Male Summit should not be considered a reward for good behavior or a fieldtrip of fun and games. It is a necessary opportunity for young men who are not certain about where they will be by their senior year or after they finish high school, if they finish. It will be engaging, rewarding, a learning experience, and fun.

The program will offer 220 high school men of color some insights, realizations, encouragement and inspiration to focus on the importance of education to their lives. Each school may bring 20 students. If a school would like to bring more than 20, please contact me. The Summit goal is to empower, educate, and support African American, Latino, Pacific Islander, and Native American young men in the pursuit of their professional and personal endeavors through the following:

- Two days (one in Fall 2015 and another as follow-up in Spring 2016) of motivational activities and workshops with a range of topics such as, respect for self and others, pride in who you are, building self-confidence and esteem, time management, financial literacy, planning and preparing for college, applying for Financial Aid, improving basic and study skills, overcoming barriers and obstacles, and more;

- Priority enrollment in the Spring 2016 Male Summit Part II - to occur in late March or early April 2016.

- Priority enrollment in the San Jose City College Summer Bridge 2016 - for seniors who will attend San Jose City College. Based on each student’s assessment/placement scores, the students will be enrolled in English, Reading, or Math. This format reduces the number of basic skills courses the students will take in college. All students will take a course designed as a blueprint for success that will include orientation to college, career exploration, and study skills. Summer Bridge also allows students to develop a sense of belonging and “connectedness” to the college rather than starting in college not knowing anyone or how to navigate the system.
Opportunity to move from the Summer Bridge 2016 into the Fall 2016 **First Year Experience (FYE) program** that will provide students with a first year educational plan designed for successful completion of general education courses or a certificate in approximately two years rather than four or more.

The Summit’s program for Friday, October 16th is as follows:

- 8:15am – 9:00am – Breakfast & Registration
- 8:45am – 9:00am – Introductions & Welcome –
- 9:00am - 9:45am Success Panel of Students and Staff – Overcoming Obstacles & Barriers
- 10:00am-10:45am Breakout Sessions I
  - **Be A Man – Define Yourself**
  - **College/Career Exploration** - grade appropriate sessions for 9th & 10th graders as well as for 11th & 12th graders
- 11:00am - 11:45am, Breakout Sessions II – students attend the workshop they did not attend at 10:00am
  - **Be A Man – Define Yourself**
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- Lunch – 11:45am-12:30pm
- Closure – Courageous Conversations, Evaluation, Adjourn – 12:30 – 1:15pm

_Campus location details to follow_

NOTE: The student chaperones will be expected to take an active role in the workshops as well as ensuring that student behavior is representative of the vision of success we have for our students.

**IMPORTANT!!** _Will you be able to provide transportation for your students? If not, please inform us immediately so that we might assist you in obtaining transportation for your students to San Jose City College._

Thank you from the African American/Latino/Pacific Islander/Native American Male Summit Team.

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