Male summit students will also have an opportunity to move from the Summer Bridge 2016 into the Fall 2017 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.
In our efforts to ensure student success, access, completion, transfer and/or graduation, San Jose City College will sponsor the 5th Annual African American/Latino/Pacific Islander/Native American Male Leadership Summit, Part I, on Friday, October 16, 2015. Part II will be held in Spring 2016. We invite you and your African American, Latino, Pacific Islander, and Native American male 9th through 12th grade students to participate in this event. Although the summit title focuses on males of color, this is an all-inclusive event open to all junior and senior high school students and community college students.

The Summit is designed to address the ever increasing problem of declining college enrollment of minority males. The program will offer 220 young men of color encouragement and inspiration to focus on the importance of education to their lives.

"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr

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:

A day of motivational activities and workshops with a range of topics such as, what does it mean to be a man, 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.

Students will be provided breakfast, lunch, a t-shirt, and a goody bag.

Priority enrollment in 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 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 Fall 2016 knowing anyone or how to navigate the system.