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What's up with the AVID Juniors? By Gabriela Rodriguez

What are the Juniors up to just before Christmas Break? They are hard at work preparing and perfecting their future personal statements. An early start never hurts anyone, right? Ms. Bailey wants the best and expects the best from her AVID students; therefore we will continue to revise so we have as few errors as possible when we are done with our personal statements.

The personal statement consists of two prompts that must be answered in 1,000 words. This is a vital aspect of the application process for the UC system. The personal statement can be just as important as SAT/ACT scores. So, preparation is exactly what every Junior needs to get comfortable in perfecting

their writing.

Juniors are also looking into their dream colleges and sending inquiry letters to them. These letters allow Juniors a chance to get information about the colleges, directly from the college. Meggan Leonguerrero, President of the AVID Junior class, had a couple of words to share, "It's a good idea because once we get the information from the selected colleges, we will have a better understanding of what our goal for college will be."

AVID Helps Students at Moore

On October 28, many AVID Juniors and Seniors went to Moore's AVID classes to encourage and inspire the middle school students to work hard and stay focused on attending college.

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Chaunte' and Ian work on their personal statements in the library

AVID Seniors and Checklists BY Jessica Alcaraz

Starting in October and every month thereafter, AVID Seniors have been occupied with their monthly checklists provided by Ms. Bailey. Doing each assignment on these checklists is very important and will benefit all of the AVID Seniors. On the October checklist, we had to make finishing touches to our personal statements, complete a SAT and/or ACT test, and submit the Elks



Amber Gebhart and Jessica Alcaraz are all smiles for the checklists.

Lodge Scholarship application. In November, we had to apply to at least 2 four-year colleges and this month, we are working on the Gates Millennium and Dell Scholarships.

On January 4th, during Christmas break, the seniors will voluntarily come to school to work on these scholarships which could essentially pay for our entire college career if we win.

AVID Helps Students at Moore By Anaiza Moreno



Juniors Breanna Plumb and Karina Gomez wrapping gifts for the Adopt-a-Family Program

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The AVID crew informed them of important key points from speaking up to reaching for your goals to working your hardest from the moment you step into high school.

Personal backgrounds of AVID students were shared and they also talked about how AVID had helped them.

Our crew didn't want to scare these kids away, so they also talked about all the fun activities we have. With all the field trips, working on community service together, having weekend hangout sessions and in-class activities, people in

AVID will become some of your closest friends and you will be a part of the AVID family.

The crew also talked about all the benefits these activities would bring when applying for college. Hoping that all the information given wasn't a waste, and that the kids join AVID in high school, the AVID crew left with applause from every class they were in. Let's hope they join next year!

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 13-15– AVID Study-a-thon
- Dec. 15– FAFSA Workshop for parents of seniors
- Mid Jan.– Scholarships due

AVID Adopts a Family

The REV AVID program is participating in the Adopt-a-Family Program this year. We were given a family consisting of a mother, her 3 sons and one daughter. Within two weeks of collecting gifts and money from our AVID students, we were able to offer our family \$80 in gift cards to Stater Bros., \$185 worth of other gift cards to Best Buy, Kohl's, Jamba Juice, JC Penny as well as a variety of clothes and other items. We are so happy that we could do this for a family in need.

“Mrs. Bailey wants the best and expects the best from her AVID students.”

- Gabriela Rodriguez

Cal Poly and Cal Baptist Fieldtrip By Byanka Barrio and Navarre Abramson

On November 12, 2009, the AVID classes went on a field trip to Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Baptist University.

Cal Poly Pomona offers a variety of majors. It has a very diverse student population and is known for its “learn-by-doing” philosophy. The campus community offers 280 clubs and organizations reflecting a wide range of interests. It is alive with academic and community opportunities.

Cal Baptist University is a private Christian university located in Riverside. The minimum GPA required is a 2.75. The cafeteria is filled with a variety of food choices. CBU's athletic program has numerous teams in a variety of sports. It also supports a

wide range of highly active international programs. Ultimately, this was a great experience for all of the AVID students who attended.

It's so Hard to Say Good-bye

This Friday, December 11, we had to say good-bye to two of our superior tutors, Ashley Stark and Lauren Holcombe. We were privileged to have them for as long as we did. They are both student-teaching next semester and it is without question that they are going to be amazing teachers in the future. We wish them well!



AVID 9th grades saying goodbye to tutors Ashley and Lauren