

REV AVID UPDATES

March Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- April 7-9: Junior Overnighter
- Sat. April 2nd and Sat. April 16th: EPT and ELM CSU Entrance Exams
- (Moore) Thurs. April 14th; (Clement) Wed. April 20th: AVID Interviews:
- April 29th: Senior Recognition @ CSUSB

Interview with Walter Wallace

Walter Wallace, a 2003 REV AVID graduate was a part of the AVID program for five years. He decided to join the AVID program because he was informed that the program helps first generation college students get to college. This connects to him because his parents did not attend college, so they were unable to provide him with the information that he needed. He recalls, "AVID kept me on track to getting to college and gave me the tools to be successful". During high school, he was a three sport varsity athlete (basketball, football, and track & field) so he occasionally had difficulty managing his time. AVID was an amazing tool when he needed tutoring and organizing his school work.

Walter had the opportunity to attend Sacramento State University on a partial scholarship for football. He credits AVID methodologies such as Cornell Notes to help with his organization, which in

turn lead to his success in college. At Sacramento State he was in organizations such as being a DJ for the school's radio station, Environmental Student Organization, Black Student Union, Vice- President of University Affairs, Black Student Union, etc. Through all of these organizations, Walter decided to major in Digital Communications.

Walter's astounding success within his career has allowed him to offer four, \$1,000 scholarships in honor of people who had a great influence on his life. He is hoping that the scholarships will relieve students and their parents from the



financial stress that he had to endure during college.

One of Ms. Bailey's & Coach O's first AVID students

2015 Junior Overnighter Field Trip Recap

On April 7-9th, the junior classes will be going on an overnight field trip in which they will be touring ten colleges throughout northern California. They will be touring UC's, CSU's, and private universities, such as UC Santa Barbara, San Jose State University, and St. Mary's of California. When Delilah Salsberry was a junior, she thought the 2015 Junior Overnighter was very beneficial because she says, "I was able to experience what it felt like to be a college student, especially being away from home". For many of us who are now seniors, the field trip introduced us to universities that became schools we applied to and see ourselves attending in the Fall. Approximately every junior that attended the

overnighter last year applied to colleges that we toured on the overnigher. Not only did we tour college campuses, but we also got the chance to experience California landmarks such as Fisherman's Wharf, The Golden Gate Bridge, and The State Capitol. This field trip brought us to many experiences that we will never forget and will value forever. The Junior Overnighter is highly recommended and is a great opportunity to expand a students college search.



Juniors from the class of 2016 pose in front of The Golden Gate Bridge while attending the annual Junior Overnighter.

Field Trip Recap- CSU San Marcos and San Diego State

On March 11th, REV AVID visited two colleges. First we went to California State University San Marcos where each grade level got their own tour guide. While on the tour, we had to complete a scavenger hunt. Senior Sandra McCullom has applied to CSU San Marcos, and after visiting the campus, she is heavily considering attending the university because it contains many of the things she looks for in a college. After

visiting San Marcos, we headed to San Diego State University where one of our AVID tutors, Ely Johnson, who previously attended the college, gave us a tour. The juniors and seniors went with Ely and had the opportunity to see the more interesting parts of the campus such as the football and soccer fields, and recreational center. While on the tour, we also had to complete a scavenger hunt. Next, we went to Fashion Valley Mall for dinner. We were given two hours to shop and eat before having to head back home. Overall, the field trip was a success.