

March 24, 2022, 2022

To: Jason Marquez

Subject: Request to attend the HOPE Youth Leadership Program in Sacramento (Session III), May, 2 & 3 22

From: Sandra Ruiz, Counseling Department. .

PURPOSE:

Norte Vista has selected four, 11th grade, Latina students to participate in the program, according to the HOPE qualification guidelines. Students will be chaperoned by Counselor Sandra Ruiz and are expected to follow the HOPE outline/guidelines of the program. The third session will take place in Sacramento, at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center which will require chaperone, and students stay at a nearby hotel (to be determined) for two days and one night. We are seeking permission from the School Board to attend the final HOPE Youth Leadership Program events. (Session III)

The first day of the final session of the HOPE Youth Leadership Program (Session III) will require the HYLIP participants present before a panel of legislative experts their findings in their regions/high schools based on their survey findings. They will present sound recommendations that can be addressed at the State level. This session provides them with presentation skills, public speaking and build their confidence as subject matter experts. In addition, on day one, the HYLIP participants will attend the Latina Action Day Conference Luncheon and the Art & Activism: A Youth Town Hall workshop.

Day two of the HYLIP will consist of participants having breakfast with the HOPE Leadership Institute participants. This will be their opportunity to develop a strategy and rehearse their talking points before their scheduled meetings with their state representatives at the States Capitol. Participants will then have the opportunity to share their research and recommendations with their elected representatives. They will participate in a scavenger hunt of the state Capitol, debrief with other participants and end the program with a graduation ceremony.

This exclusive opportunity offered to Norte Vista High School by the HOPE organization as they have seen promising outcomes from past participants. This is experience can be life changing, the beginning of a more successful future for our students, their families and the Alvord community.

- Attached is sample overview of the program.

DATES OF EVENT:

May 2-3, 2022

CHAPERONES:

Counselor Sandra Ruiz

TRANSPORTATION:

Students will be taking a flight to Sacramento with chaperone. Students may not transport themselves nor may they make alternative transportation plans with parents or other students.

ACCOMODATIONS: All students staying overnight at the designated HOPE location, yet to be determined; two students per room and the chaperone will have a room nearby. .

STUDENT COSTS: All major cost will be covered by the HOPE organization as stated in the MOU.

BUDGET:

HOTEL STAY – COVERED BY HOPE

MEALS/SNACKS – COVERED BY HOPE

MILEAGE & PARKING = Airport parking fees, yet to be determined.

COVID-19 Precautions: Partner will ensure that selected participants are vaccinated for Covid-19.

Partner will collect vaccination records and ensure participants fill out the pre-event check-in survey attesting to being symptom free. Partner will ensure participants agree to follow HOPE's COVID-19 protocol, which are aligned with local guidelines.

PARTICIPATION:

Students participating will have all required paperwork on file with instructors and administration prior to the event and a list of participants will be on file with administration prior to the event.

SESSION III: LATINA ACTION DAY (Sacramento)

Day #1

Estimated start time 10 am

Breakfast

A networking game will be introduced in which participants will compete for the most contacts they make over the conference. We understand the importance of having a professional headshot and the difficulty students may have in having one taken, for this reason, HOPE provides the opportunity for each of the participants and their advisor to take a headshot which is later made available in digital form via an online link.

Survey Presentations

Participants in the HYLIP will present before a panel of legislative experts their findings in their regions/high schools based on their survey findings. They will present sound recommendations that can be addressed at the State level. This session provides them with presentation skills, public speaking and build their confidence as subject matter experts.

Latina Action Day Conference Luncheon

Once a year, HOPE convenes 400 Latina leaders from all regions of California in Sacramento for an annual public policy issues conference, Latina Action Day Sacramento. This one day conference is designed to facilitate dialogue between corporate and community Latina leaders and elected officials on public policies affecting Latinas in California. Through town halls, public hearings, and workshops, HOPE presents up to date information, analysis, and access to decision makers on critical issues such as access to healthcare, higher education, and the California State budget. Participants will not only have the opportunity to visit their state representatives at the capitol but also have the opportunity to attend the evening's reception where elected officials greet their constituents and participants get to interact with an array of professionals.

Art & Activism: A Youth Town Hall

This session brings together 100 high school students from across California to explore their political voices through art. They will discover how art has been and can be used as medium for advocacy. Students will work as a collective to develop banners that will be used during the march to the Capitol.

Class photo at the state capitol

Light Dinner

Day #2

Breakfast**Advocacy 101**

Participants will enjoy a breakfast with the HOPE Leadership Institute participants. This will be their opportunity to develop a strategy and rehearse their talking points before their scheduled meetings with their state representatives at the States Capitol.

Legislative Meetings

HOPE will schedule constituent visits for regional groups. Participants will have the opportunity to share their research and recommendations with their elected representatives.

Amazing Race

A scavenger hunt of the state Capitol, teach participants facts about the legislative process and the history of the state capitol as well as past and present leaders.

Legislative Meeting Debrief

Debrief session at a reserved space at the Capitol with testimonials from HYLIP and HLI. Participants will reflect back on the four-month program and complete a comprehensive program evaluation and electronic post-assessment evaluation.

Graduation

The graduation ceremony will be an opportunity for participants and their families to close out the program. Testimonials will be given from participants and their advisors. A prominent key note speaker will give words of encouragement to participants. Sponsors will have an opportunity to address the group and take photo with participants. Volunteers will be thanked. Elected officials will be invited to participate as well.

Return home approximately 4 pm-no dinner provided