

School's IN for summer

Academic enrichment programs provide college experience for high school students

Students who excel in the most challenging high school courses are the best prepared for college.

EAOP provides students with the opportunity to master advanced subjects and engage in the intellectual life of higher education through an array of summer residential and day programs. EAOP's summer programs simultaneously enhance skills and provide exposure to college life. Exposure to campus life is especially

important for students whose parents did not attend college and where neighborhood professionals are the exception instead of the norm.

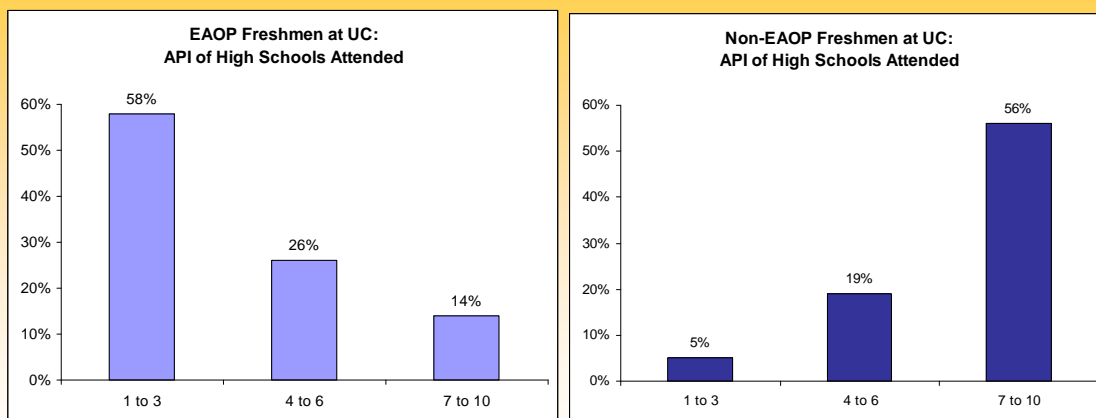
EAOP alumna Yesenia Casillas participated in the Magic School Bus trip in the summer of 2001, which took students to several campuses on a learning adventure. "I will never forget those wonderful two weeks," she recalls. "That experience gave me the opportunity to learn firsthand the meaning of the college life. I was able to take classes like real college students, eat in a cafeteria, meet new people, go to the library, live in a dorm, and (much) more. At first I was scared, but the supervisors and mentors made me feel welcome. My experience was a trip of a lifetime." Yesenia chose to attend UC Riverside and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 2006.

In addition to college tours,

through EAOP students who will be entering 12th grade in the fall can take UC summer courses offered on the campuses. These rigorous courses compress a full semester of college work into 6 or 8 weeks and require dedication on the part of participants. Classes are taught by UC professors, attended by UC undergraduates, earn college credit, and increase competitive eligibility. Course offerings range from statistics to ethnic studies to planetary sciences. Also located on UC campuses, pre-college academies (PCA) provide high expectations for 9th and 10th graders while building a community of young scholars. PCA students may enroll in courses such as geometry, calculus and college writing.

During the summer, EAOP also partners with local community colleges to offer students college-level

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courses through concurrent enrollment. Located on community college campuses, concurrent enrollment courses are UC and CSU transferable and enhance competitive eligibility to selective colleges and universities. Course offerings in the past have included Psychology, Sociology, and Speech.

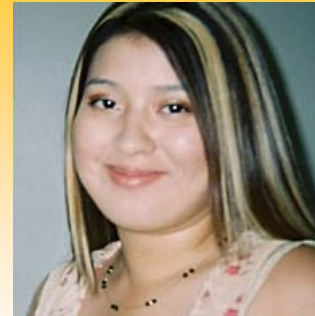
EAOP's summer enrichment opportunities are an integral part of the program's four standards: Academic Advising, Academic Enrichment, Entrance Exams, and College Knowledge. Through this proven combination of services, EAOP provides a core foundation of academic preparation for students attending underserved schools.

During the school year, EAOP mentors advise students on which courses to take to obtain UC and CSU eligibility. Enrichment programs—in the summer and throughout the year—enable students to improve basic skills, such as algebra and writing; master advanced course work, such as calculus and science; and engage in the intellectual life of a college campus. SAT and ACT preparation

workshops familiarize students with test formats, study strategies, and test-taking tips. In-depth test preparation classes provide test-taking strategies and extensive practice with verbal and mathematics questions. Finally, information about college options, financial aid, and hands-on experience in a college environment give students and families the knowledge that they can succeed in higher education.

This synergistic combination of core services works effectively to prepare students from underperforming schools for higher education. More than half of EAOP students enrolled at UC as freshmen attended high schools with an API of 1-3, compared to 5% of all other freshmen at UC. In contrast, a majority of non-EAOP freshmen at UC attended high schools with an API of 7-10. EAOP is successful at preparing educationally disadvantaged students for college because it provides a foundation of academic preparation in the four key areas of academic advising, academic enrichment, entrance

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EAOP's Magic School Bus gave Yesenia Casillas the opportunity to experience college life first hand. She recently graduated from UC Riverside.

exams, and college knowledge. For more information about summer enrichment programs, please contact your local EAOP campus office, which you can find at www.eaop.org.

1. Comparison of first-time California freshmen at UC, enrolled in academic year 1999-2000. Data is preliminary as of February 2007.