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# **Student Directors' Report** November 14, 2012

## Carmen Jimenez and Pierre Salmeri, Student Directors'

On Friday, October 19th, 2012 at San Francisco State University, All City Council (ACC) hosted the 11th Annual Ethnic Studies Conference for high school students in Oakland and beyond. Over 300 students from nine different OUSD high schools were in attendance. High schools that did attend include Skyline, Dewey, Arise, Castlemont, Fremont, Metwest, Street Academy, CCPA, and McClymonds. There were also five programs and organizations throughout Oakland that also attended which were Youth Together, L.I.B.R.E., METS and other after school programs. The goals for the Ethnic Studies Conference were: 1) To continue the collaboration between OUSD student leadership (Meaningful Student Engagement) and community based leadership organizations to strengthen student engagement in OUSD; 2) Empower Oakland youth and provide them with leadership skills they'll need to bring about positive change on their campuses; 3) Provide networking opportunities for students, community partners, and staff to strengthen relationships necessary to expand peer programs. The conference was a success, students were engaged in the activities that were provided and enjoyed the event. The conference has also inspired a group of Fremont High School students to organize their own Ethnic Studies Assembly at their school.

## Our Upcoming Events Are:

- ACC Middle School General Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 10am to noon, at Westlake Middle School where we will be helping students understand the process for resolving student concerns (such as those we heard from delegates at our first two meetings).
- ACC High School General Meeting Thursday, November 15, 1pm to 3pm, at Oakland High School
- MSE Student Fishbowl on student academic, social and emotional support, Thursday, November 29th, 7pm to 8:30pm, at Chabot Space and Science Center Rotunda
- California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference and Trade Show to be held at the Moscone Center, San Francisco, November 29th through December 1, 2012.

If you have any questions about any of these events or how to get involved with All City Council, please call our office at 510-273-1566.