

KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE

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Welcome back to the KIPP Through College (KTC) alumni newsletter. My name is David Ling and I am the new Director of our KTC program here in the Bay Area. The newsletter will be distributed to KIPP alumni three times during the course of this academic year in an effort to keep the alumni of KIPP Bay Area Schools informed about the college application process, scholarships, alumni events, and summer opportunities.

The Newsletter is a service of the KIPP Bay Area Schools KTC program. I am sure that many of you noticed our slight name change. Last year our program was known as KIPP To College. Our new name, KIPP Through College, does a much better job of explaining what our program's mission is about - supporting our KIPP Bay Area alumni to and through college. In addition to this newsletter, KTC hosts a Facebook page that will help foster relationships between KIPP alumni and staff members, and keep all alumni informed of upcoming events.

As the new Director of KTC I look forward to working with you as you climb the mountain to college and beyond. Many of you know me from my former role as principal of KIPP Bridge Charter School. For those of you who do not know me yet, I look forward to meeting you! I am truly excited to serve you in this role and I can be reached at: dling@kipppayarea.org; 510-465-5477, ext. 21. If you have recently moved, please write to me with your updated contact information so I can update the KTC Alumni database.



Join us on Facebook!

Visit www.facebook.com and join the KIPP Bay Area Alumni Group today. Find information about upcoming college fairs, SAT and ACT deadlines, colleges, scholarships, and other useful topics. This group is open to alumni, parents and staff.

Email Caro Jauregui, KTC Program Assistant, at cjauregui@kipppayarea.org with questions.

ARE YOU COLLEGE READY? A-G REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for admission to any University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus, you must complete specific coursework, college admissions tests, and earn the required GPA and test scores. To satisfy the subject requirement (also known as the "A-G" subject requirements), you must complete the 15 year-long high school courses listed here. **Take as many A-G courses as possible.** Challenge yourself (and colleges like students who take rigorous courses)! Please see your high school advisor/counselor if you have any questions regarding A-G requirements.

A: History/Soc. Science (2 years required)

Two years of history/social science, including one year of world history, cultures and geography; and one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.

B: English (4 years required)

Four years of college-preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement.

C: Mathematics (3 years required, 4 years recommended)

Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.

D: Laboratory Science (2 years required, 3 years recommended)

Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three foundational subjects: biology, chemistry and physics. Advanced laboratory science classes that have biology, chemistry or physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement, as may the final two years of an approved three-year integrated science program that provides rigorous coverage of at least two of the three foundational subjects.

E. Language Other than English (2 years required, 3 years recommended)

Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. Courses in languages other than English taken in the seventh and eighth grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

F. Visual & Perf. Arts (VPA) (1 year required)

A single yearlong approved arts course from a single VPA discipline: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.

G. College-Preparatory Electives (1 year required):

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in "a-f" above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language).

FINAL SAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS!

The November 7th administration is the last opportunity for the Class of 2010 to take college entrance exams for college applications for the fall of 2010. To sign-up for the November 7th SAT or the SAT Subject Test, go to www.collegeboard.com IMMEDIATELY.

TUTOR KIPPSTERS AT YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hey alumni, interested in giving back to your KIPP middle school by tutoring a KIPPster? Tutoring is a fantastic way to support younger KIPPsters climb the mountain to college. Providing this service also gives you valuable experience that will look great on your college application and resume. If you are interested, please contact:

- KIPP Bayview Academy:
Ms. Flores, Assistant Principal (vf27@hotmail.com)
- KIPP Bridge Charter School:
Ms. Sutton (msutton@kippbridge.org)
- KIPP Heartwood Academy:
Ms. Jackson (ljackson@kippheartwood.org)
- KIPP San Francisco Bay Academy:
Ms. Glassie (lglassie@sfbayacademy.org)
- KIPP Summit Academy:
Mr. Zappa (rzappa@kippsummit.org)

KIPP ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



"(Since I started high school) I have taken every opportunity to become a leader. I am in multiple clubs, yearbook, mock trial, and student government. After I graduate from KIPP King, I plan to attend Pitzer College. I want to become a history teacher and teach my students where we all came from. But right now, my biggest accomplishment is standing in front of you."

ABRAHAM GONZALEZ, Alumnus, KIPP Summit Academy; KIPP King Collegiate, Class of 2011. Abraham was the Master of Ceremonies at the recent KIPP Bay Area Schools Student Showcase and Spelling Bee Luncheon in San Francisco.



LILLIAN CHOU
Alumna, KIPP San Francisco Bay Academy
The Urban School
Class of 2013



AYJAI WATTS
Alumnus,
KIPP Bridge Charter School
St. Joseph Notre Dame High School,
Class of 2013

COMING UP: KIPP SF BAY ALUMNI REUNION

KIPP SF Bay will be holding an alumni reunion tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 12th. Please check the KTC Facebook page in the coming weeks for the confirmed date and time. We hope to see all SF Bay alumni there!

KIPP BAY AREA SCHOOLS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



MADELINE GUTIERREZ

Alumna, KIPP Bayview Academy
Oregon Episcopal School, Class of 2013

What are some of the big lessons you learned at KIPP Bayview that you have taken with you?

Everything! I always ask for help when I need it. I'm not shy anymore. I learned to take responsibility for my own actions. If I make a mistake I can't blame others because it was my choice. I also learned to always be positive by smiling and saying "hi."

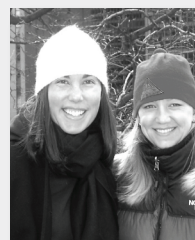
So far, what do you like best about Oregon Episcopal School?

I like that it is Episcopal because I'm a Christian. The teachers and dorm parents are really nice. I was a bit homesick at first and they were really kind and supportive to me.

Where do you want to go to college?

The schools I'm thinking about right now are the University of Washington, Stanford, UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, and UCLA.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Although this is Ms. Mannix's fourth year as the Director of High School Preparation and Placement at San Francisco Bay Academy, it is her seventh with KIPP schools. Previously, she was the Dean of Students at KIPP Summit

Academy and the fifth grade math teacher at KIPP Bridge College Prep. As Director of High School Preparation and Placement, Ms. Mannix has placed several classes of eighth graders into quality high schools and has helped to prepare them for the transition into their first year of high school. Now, her role in the KIPP Through College program will allow her to work even more closely with KIPPsters after they leave middle school.

A Bay Area native who grew up in Fremont, Ms. Mannix holds a BA in Psychology and Child Development from UC Davis and an MA in Psychology and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She taught high school Spanish with Teach For America in Louisiana and was a third grade teacher at East Palo Alto Charter School.

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