



Talent Search News

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Talent Search Alumni Spotlight

Erick Ruiz is a former Saddleback high school student that graduated in 2010. He is currently studying Computer Science and Engineering at UCLA. After he graduates he is planning to work for a software or engineering firm, and is in the process of interviewing with prospective companies.

In high school Erick was involved in different programs such as COSMOS, MESA, Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation, Academic Talent Search, and he also participated in sports.

“While I was in the ATS program, I was able to visit college campuses and received help on college applications.” Erick also mentions that without any of these programs he does not think he would be where he is today.

When he entered UCLA he was connected with the Center for Excellence in Engineering and Diversity, which is a summer program that helps prepare students for their first quarter at UCLA. His first year in college was great and he has had the opportunity to meet people from diverse backgrounds and has made friends from all over the world. Although it took him some time to get

use to late night studying, he now has the hang of things and is able to take some time to enjoy LA.

Some advice that Erick would like to share with high school students is the following, “Don’t give in to pressure of quitting school. There will be a lot of opportunities for you, especially as an underprivileged student, make every decision you make count! Get interested in something you like and pursue it. When in college, start school strong and don’t get distracted by all the fun in your first quarter/semester; after you have settled in and have a firm grasp on school, then maybe you can have a bit more fun.”

Join us on our next field trip to USC



Are you interested in attending a field trip to the University of Southern California? If so, please pick up a permission slip from your Talent Search Rep. The field trip will consist of a campus tour, a presentation on the admissions process, cost of attendance, housing information and much more. Field trip is scheduled for

Friday, November 11 from 9:00-4:30.

Space is limited so pick up your permission forms today!



Academic Talent Search is looking for 9th and 10th grade students to join the program. We are searching for students that have a 2.0 or above, that are motivated and are interested in attending college in the future. If you know of any student that might be interested, please refer them to the Talent Search representative at your school.

If you refer a friend your name will be entered in a raffle to win 2 movie tickets. Raffle will be at the end of the first semester.

Start your college applications early!

Don’t wait until the last minute to start your college applications. This year it is especially important for students not to miss any deadlines. Missing important dates can be the cause of you not getting into the college of your choice, so manage your time wisely.

For students interested in applying to a Cal State the online application is available starting October 1st. The minimum requirements to attend a CSU is a 2.0 gpa, completion of the A-G classes with C or bet-

ter, and the SAT or ACT Plus Writing test. To start your Cal State application go to: csumentor.edu

Students interested in applying to the UC system the online application is available starting November 1st. The requirements to apply to a UC is to have at least a 3.0 gpa, completion of the A-G classes with C or better, SAT or ACT Plus Writing test and a Personal Statement. To start your UC application go to: universityof-california.edu/admissions

If you are interested in applying to a private school make sure to contact the university for specific entrance requirements and deadlines. Most private universities use the common application. commonapp.org

The online application for community college is available starting April 1st. Some colleges offer early/priority registration. Check with the HEC for registration and testing dates. To start your application go to: cccapply.org

*****DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR CSU AND UC IS NOVEMBER 30TH*****