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College to Career Program - AISS

The mission of the Achievement Institute of Scientific Studies (AISS) is to guide high achieving, economically disadvantaged high school students interested in pursuing a career in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields.

Debbie Wells (in the photo above) the director of the AISS program, shared the numbers: the H.S. Graduation rate for California is 80% and 100% for AISS students. Their college graduation rate is 100% compared to 64% for CSU.

AISS is a college readiness STEM program that spans over two years, the junior and senior years of high school, aiming to bridge the learning gap between high school and college. It focuses on teaching the scholars Cultural Capital & Life Skills, College Readiness, and STEM Career Awareness.

To shape the students' personal, professional, and educational development, they host STEM guest speakers, teach networking and communication skills, create student excursions to college campuses and STEM career facilities, hands on STEM projects, and much more.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum grade point average of 3.5
- Letters of recommendation (math & science teachers)
- Student and parent agreement to attend up to 50 seminars a year
- Eligible for federal free lunch program
- Willing to commit to a 2-yr program beginning in the 11th grade.

March 16th Meeting at Antonellos

Daniel Uriba, one of our newest members, will present his craft talk this week! We will have our **Board Meeting** immediately afterwards.

March 12th or March 26th Grants Management Seminar

Our club must send two members to this important seminar on how to prepare and submit a grant. The location is the Boy Scouts building at 1211 East Dyer Road Santa Ana, CA and it goes from 8am-12 noon. Let me know if you'd like to go and I'll sign you up! There are two dates available; we need only to attend one.

March 16th Mentor Program

We have an opportunity to mentor 'at-risk' high school students on this date. The final meeting with the kids will be on Wednesday March 16 from 5:30 to 7:00. We meet at El Modena High School (3920 E Spring St) in Orange. If you can stop by, park in front of the school, then head to the building behind the Admin building - this will be the library.

Other Business Sign up!

We have a website, www.rotary.org where you can sign up for My Rotary. This site has everything you want – ideas, support, reference materials and it is designed especially for our members. We need a minimum of 50% of our members to sign up and we're not there yet – so do it!

We meet Wednesdays at noon at Antonello Ristorante 3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana