OCBF was proud to hold the 12th Annual Graduation ceremony for our seniors of the Higher Education Mentoring program on Thursday, May 30, 2013. The event took place at the RSCCD Boardroom, hosted by Senator Lou Correa.

Carolyn McKitterick, HEM Chairwoman and Karen Ruan—Executive Director, welcomed the many families, friends and OCBF supporters in attendance to celebrate the grand occasion. The class of 2013 was by far the largest graduating group to date; 22 students—13 young women and 9 young men. All will be attending college in the fall and the majority received scholarships to assist them reach their goal of attaining a higher education for a brighter future!

Keynote Speaker - The Honorable Francisco F. Firmat, gave words of wisdom to the graduates pursue education beyond a high school diploma.

Judge Firmat provided an informative glimpse of his own background and educational journey to get to where he is today. He made it clear that attaining an education is something that no one can take away from you.

OCBF was delighted to be able to provide over $35,000 in scholarship monies to this years graduating class. The awardees were as follows:

Carolyn McKitterick Scholarship: Vanessa Lopez, UCLA
Maria Solis-Martinez Scholarship: Katelynn Santoyo, OCC.

The majority of our 22 graduating seniors were able to receive a 4-year-renewable scholarship thanks to the College Access Foundation of California.

Congratulations Class of 2013!
Mentor Recognition

Mentors were invited to T.G.I. Fridays on Friday, June 28, 2013 to thank them for their hard work and contribution to the HEM program.

Below is a picture of some of the mentors who were able to attend. Thank you HEM Mentors!

Movie Night

On Thursday, June 26, 2013 the Higher Education Mentoring Program hosted Movie Night at OCBF. Senior students had the opportunity to network, share their senior year concerns and enjoy pizza.

Students watched the movie College Road Trip with Martin Lawrence and Raven Symore. It was a comic eye opener for students to see how difficult it can be for a parent to see their child go away to college. The movie gave students the chance to think about sharing their colleges of interest early with their parents.

Attention: Mentors

Mentor Orientation

Wednesday, August 28, 2013
6:00pm-8:00pm
At
Orange County Bar Foundation

Please confirm your attendance!

Now Accepting:

- Junior Mentee Applications
- Male and Female Mentors Needed Now!
  - Join the best team in the OC
  - Refer a friend
- Workshop Facilitators
  - Time Management
  - Stress Management
  - Etc.
- College Campus Tour Guides
  - Want to showcase your campus? Then, let us know so that we can have you as a tour guide to your college.