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SD Mesa SEEDS Scholars Program

SEEDS in the Community

SDSU Greenbag Event By: Savanna Anzalone Feb 20, 2015



The SEEDS program Greenbag event at SDSU was such a great experience! What better way to spark the imagination and ignite the curiosity of young students than to give them access to the facilities and people working at the university level? Getting to talk with professors and doctorate students in the labs at SDSU definitely offered insight into the

possibilities available through higher education and it was great to see the visiting students engaging in ways they might not have had the opportunity to otherwise (and as someone interested in cell biology, getting to see the inner workings of the electron microscope lab was absolutely exciting). The luncheon discussion's focus on sustainability, recycling, and ways of reducing our impact on the environment was casual but informative and I think everyone benefited from learning ways to better navigate our consumption and lessen waste. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to partake in this activity and am excited to see what lays ahead for the SEEDS program!

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UCSD Greenbad Event By: Michael Elgincolin Feb 27,2015



As one of the SEEDS Mesa Ambassador, I am pleased to say that partaking in the SEEDS program Greenbag event at UCSD was exciting and intriguing! Listening to some of the professors and university mentors insights about higher education and experiences was absolutely amazing. I am particularly impressed with some of the students I interacted. We had interesting discussions about their education plan, types of careers they want to fulfill and getting to know them as well. I was able to share some of my community college experiences I had so far and gave helpful advice about prior going to going there as well. It made me proud when I heard that most of them have already laid out their education goals. I think this is one of the crucial things high school students need, being able to connect and engage with this program along with the university mentors that work with our SEEDS themes. Students will be able to not only learn interactively one on one with the mentor but also build a great foundation of acquiring the appropriate amount of knowledge and skills. Ultimately, getting involved with this activity was such a great opportunity for me to experience and it's definitely one of the most unforgettable moments I will remember.

The "SEEDS" Scholars Program (STEM Engagement for the Enrichment of Diverse Students) is designed to increase the number of Hispanic students pursuing future graduate degrees by providing a firm foundation of advanced knowledge and skills in STEM-related fields (science, technology, engineering, math), beginning in the first two years of college.