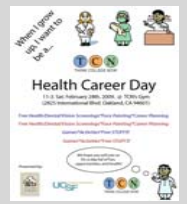




# HEALTH CAREER FAIR

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The second annual Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Health Career Fair was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Think College Now Elementary School in Oakland, CA. The day was developed in collaboration with the Think College Now Family Resource Center, UCSF's Children's Health Hut and five Fellows from the 2008-09 class. The goal was to provide a full day of health-related activities and health career information to a low-income urban community. Think College Now provided us with the perfect site and access to our target demographic. Located in the heart of West Oakland, the student demographics are: 255 students K-5, 73% Latino, 20% African American and 7% Asian-American 68% English-language learners 91% living at or near the poverty line. Think College Now was a perfect partner for this event: a community of individuals dedicated to promoting college access for low income students. The first Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Health Career Fair (2008-09 Fellows) was put together by all 11 Fellows in the program. This year's event was organized by only 5 Fellows. Thanks to the work of 114 hard working volunteers and the participation of more than 300 children and parents who attended and enjoyed all the day had to offer, this event was a huge success.



To help balance the staffing and activities needs of the day, Shirin Mullen recruited and coordinated the 40+ members of UCSF Children's Health Hut to provide free health, vision, and dental screenings for the children. Children's Health Hut also provided games and small prizes for the children. Shirin also coordinated a donation of 150+ fluoride varnish applications to administer to the children on the big day

Jamila Harris helped jump-start our fundraising efforts by applying and receiving a grant of \$1000.00 from UCSF PRIME-US. Jamila helped coordinate with TCN the arrival of various groups including the UCSF Medical Students (who, incidentally, showed kids where the real brains were kept on the big day!).

Analiza (Liza) Mitchell helped Bright with the salad bar and our raffle. She also was our main roving photographer on the big day! She met with TCN frequently to help hash out the details of putting together our event. When she wasn't snapping photos, she was busy serving up foot-shaped cookies to hungry fair participants (note: they didn't taste at all like feet!).

Bright Chen helped plan and organized the full-service, all-healthy, all-free salad bar that we operated on the big day. He also created a full-scale lunch buffet for our 114 volunteers. He worked with all of our 16 organizations to create an activities checklist to help the kids navigate on our busy day! As one of our two Schweitzer podiatrists, he also contributed a fair amount of his time at the Samuel Merritt Podiatry station!

Arielle Simmons helped facilitate fundraising efforts and the overall planning and layout of the 16 organizations that attended our event. She also created the (bi-lingual) flyers, posters, and publicity materials used for the event (including the comic-book themed "Superheroes" posters which detailed the inspiring college journey of all 5 of our Fellows)



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