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Wells Fargo Partnership in Action

By Carson Lambeth

Four years ago Wells Fargo launched its Mentorship Partnership program at Sac High's School of Business and Communications. The program started with twenty-four mentors and mentees and in a few years has grown to sixty-two mentors and mentees. Wells Fargo team members help their student partners reach their academic and career goals by offering an understanding ear and thoughtful guidance that comes from years of business and life experience. The mentors and students meet once every three to four weeks after school for an hour, totaling nine meetings a year. At each meeting, Wells Fargo provides pizza and games for the students and mentors. For many of the students, the meetings give them an opportunity to talk to another adult besides a parent or teacher about life. As one student said, "I really just have learned how to talk to people."



Sac High student meets with Wells Fargo mentor.



Sac High's Kei'Vaughn Barrett signs with Sac State.

Dragon Signs Football Scholarship

By Adrienne Hall

Before an audience of more than 100 students, family and friends, Sac High senior Kei'Vaughn Barrett ceremonially signed his letter of intent for California State University Sacramento where he will attend next fall on a full football scholarship. Scouted by several colleges, Barrett, a 6-4, 289-pound DL/OL, has been a mainstay on both lines of scrimmage during the last several years and helped the Dragons make their first playoff appearance in more than a decade during the 2007-08 season. Although the Dragons fell short of the playoffs this year, Barrett proved to be a leader on the field with 38 tackles for loss and 9 QB sacks. While maintaining a strong GPA, Barrett's leadership was also evident off the

field as he assisted his team through the tragic loss of a fellow teammate early in the season. Although school records are not accessible, it is confirmed that Barrett is the first Sac High Dragon to attend a Division I school on a football scholarship in more than five years.

PS7 Student Art at Mondavi Center

By Wendi Everett

40 Acres Art Gallery and the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts collaborated to bring a special youth art project to UC Davis. Fifth grade PS7 students spent a day with artist Milton Bowens learning about the Civil Rights movement and creating beautiful projects that integrate history and art. The students looked at images from the Civil Rights era and also discussed icons that have played significant roles in American history. The art component of the project provided students with lessons on color theory, abstraction, composition, and the layering of images and text. Students created their artwork while listening to the music of Mavis Staples, which inspired the connection between the Civil Rights movement and the songs. The true excitement came when students and their families attended the Mavis Staples concert at the Mondavi Center on January 14th where they saw their artwork on display. Students even delighted in a special visit from Mayor Kevin Johnson. They gave him a tour of the exhibit and shared their artwork and ideas with the Mayor. The student artwork will remain on display at the Mondavi Center with Milton Bowens own artwork throughout February.



PS7 students work with Milton Bowens.

In the News

[Sac High girls knock off Grant](#)

Sac Bee – January 9, 2009

[Tapley, Abraham help lead Sacramento past Skyline](#)

Sac Bee – January 11, 2009

[Area boys nominated for McDonald's game](#)

Sac Bee – January 15, 2009

[Inaugural celebration at 40 Acres Art Gallery](#)

Sac Bee – January 20, 2009

[Sacramento neighborhood gathers to watch history being made](#)

Examiner.com - January 20, 2009

[Dragons, Huskies put on entertaining Hoops Classic finale](#)

Sac Bee Blog – January 20, 2009

[Serendipity, history on 'stellar' display at 40 Acres](#)

Sac Bee – January 23, 2009

Serendipity, history on 'stellar' display at 40 Acres

Upcoming Events

The 40 Acres Art Gallery and Cultural Center is pleased to present various events and activities celebrating Black History month. For more information about all of the events, click [here](#) or visit www.40acresartgallery.com.

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| Feb 1 – 15 | Legacy Play (Guild Theater) |
| Feb. 6 – Mar. 7 | Exhibit Art Tour from 1-2pm (40 Acres Art Gallery) |
| Feb. 7 | Adilah Barnes “On My Own Terms” book signing from 3-5pm (underground books) |
| Feb. 7 | Children’s Story time from 12-1pm (underground books) |
| Feb. 20-21 | Dangerous Lorraines Dance Theater at 8pm (Guild Theater) |
| Feb. 21 | Frank Withrow & Friends Poetry and discussion from 2-4pm (underground books) |
| Feb. 21 | Black History film and discussion at 1pm (Guild Theater) |
| Feb. 22 | Black History film and discussion at 1pm (Guild Theater) |
| Feb. 27 | Gospel Concert at 8pm (Guild Theater) |
| Feb. 28 | Charles Cobb, Jr. “On the Road to Freedom” book signing from 2-4pm (underground books) |

News 10 Journalist Program

Dale Means’ Visual Communications class at Sac High was recently awarded a grant by the SECC (Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium) and KXTV News 10 for their Digital Journalist program. Through this grant, students can check out video equipment and produce content that may be submitted to the 2009 SEVA Contest (Sacramento Educational Video Awards) in May. This brings an additional voice to the community while empowering students express through media their individuality.

BofA and AT&T Sponsor Play

Bank of America and AT&T sponsored Sac High and PS7 students to attend a private viewing on the August Wilson’s “Gem of the Ocean” on February 3 at the Sacramento Theatre Company. The play chronicled the African-American experience through each decade of the 1900’s. Several of the PS7 middle school students who attended the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon last year were able to make strong connections between “Gem of the Ocean” and the production they saw in Ashland, which was also written by August Wilson.

Use of School Campus Meeting at Sac High

Sac High is expecting a full house for the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) meeting being held on campus to determine facility usage and school closures throughout the District. With the newly renovated West Wing at Sac High that has yet to be opened, the decisions made by SCUSD could have a major impact on Sac High. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 6pm in the East Wing Commons at Sac High to voice their opinions. Please contact Principal PK Diffenbaugh with any questions (916) 649-7809.

Sacramento Kings Challenge

Students from Sac High are participating in an engineering competition to develop a device that will enhance the “fan experience” at Sacramento Kings games. Sac High is one of seven schools participating in the event sponsored by Intel. Each team has created a device using their engineering and mathematical skills, which can be used by the Kings mascot Slamson. After many hours of brainstorming, researching, and putting together this project with the help of engineers Randy Harris (from UC Davis) and Guy Gearing (from Rancho Cordova) students from Sac High produced an electronically controlled drum for the competition. Click [here](#) to see their project and video of the students explaining how it works. Be sure to cast your vote!