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YLC Launches Its Fifth Year of the College Admissions Project
Volunteers and Students Will Take In Tulane Football Game to Kick It Off

The Young Leadership Council (YLC) is launching the fifth year of its College Admissions Project (CAP), and this year it will partner with Warren Easton High School and the International High School.

59 students have signed up for the project in 2012, and will be paired one-on-one with 59 YLC member-volunteers, referred to as “guides,” to help them through the arduous process of applying to college.

“The students we work with are high school seniors that are college-eligible, but not necessarily college-ready,” says Lindsey Jakiel, CAP project leader. “Our guides get them ready. They make sure they prep for the ACT and take it. They help them with college essays. They work with them on the financial aid forms, and a multitude of other things.”

Students will be matched with their guides in September, and the pairs will have an opportunity to take in a Tulane University football game against University of Louisiana-Monroe September 29 at 2:30 pm.

“Once the students are matched, we wanted them to have a chance to do something fun with their guide to break the ice a bit,” added Jakiel. “After that we get down to the business of ACT prep for the October testing date and keep them on a pretty regular schedule throughout the school year.”

Capital One provides the major funding for the YLC’s College Admissions Project.

"Capital One Bank is pleased to support the YLC as it helps local high school seniors gain acceptance to college," said Steve Hemperley, Southeast Louisiana Market President for Capital One Bank. "Education is the most important determinant of success, and we are committed to working with partners like the YLC to invest in the future leaders of our community."

PricewaterhouseCoopers also supports CAP with funding. And some of PricewaterhouseCoopers' employees will act as CAP volunteers this year at Warren Easton High School.

The College Admissions Project began in 2007 with a goal to lessen the gap in college admissions between high and low income students. Since its inception, the program has helped more than 400 students complete the college admissions process.

The Young Leadership Council (YLC) is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans and has a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent young professionals' organization (YPO) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.

The YLC has more than 1,300 member-volunteers, and is led by a 25-member board of directors and four staff members. Each community initiative is led by one or more volunteer project leaders.

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