

MOSAIC 2010

San José Urban Journalism Workshop for High School Students

Sunday, June 20 – Friday, July 2

If you've ever wondered what professional journalism is really like, this two-week workshop may be just for you.

The Mosaic is held at San Jose State, where students will work in the university's newsroom and stay overnight in a supervised dormitory. They will learn reporting, writing and photography from professional journalists. They will hit the streets to gather real-life news stories about people who make the news and people whose lives are affected by the news. Guest speakers will share their stories about the wonderful world of journalism. On the final day, Mosaic students will see their workshop newspaper run off the presses at the San Jose Mercury News.

The multicultural program is limited to 16 to 20 students and requires full-time participation, including living on campus. There is NO COST to students. Housing, meals, cameras and other equipment and transportation for assignments are included.

- The application process includes completion of the form on the reverse side of this page and submission of required materials.
- Applicants must be current sophomores, juniors or seniors.
- Application deadline is (postmarked no later than) April 20, 2009.

Selected students will be notified in early May. For more information and downloadable applications please contact:

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The Mosaic was established in 1993 and has trained over 320 high school students, many of whom are now working in journalism. Primary sponsors of the Mosaic are the San Jose Mercury News, Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Latino Journalists of California, San Jose State University School of Journalism and the Castellano Family Foundation.

See reverse side for application

MOSAIC APPLICATION

Deadline: Postmarked by April 19, 2010

Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Ethnicity _____ Foreign languages _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

High School: _____ City _____

Current Grade Level: _____ GPA (Indicate if weighted): _____

Have you applied for Mosaic in the past? No _____ Yes _____ What year? _____

Please circle the activities in which you have participated:

School newspaper Journalism Classes Photography Speech/debate

Drama Yearbook TV/Radio Blog Magazine

Other _____

Which do you prefer to study in Mosaic: Reporting/writing _____ Photography _____

Please also include the following:

- Official copy of your latest grade transcripts.
- Reporter/writer applicants should send at least three writing samples. We prefer news articles, opinion columns or essays on current events. However, you may submit up to one sample of poetry, fiction or a book review if you like.
- Photography applicants should send at least six samples of work.
- All applicants -- on a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of 75-100 words on why you would like to participate in this program and about your interest in journalism.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers or others who know your work well. Do not include letters from relatives or personal friends.
- Please give us two ideas for stories or photo essays that you would pursue for the Mosaic. Who would you find and interview for the stories? Why are the topics important to you? Is your project do-able in two weeks?

Mail this application and other materials, postmarked no later than April 19, to:

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