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Subject: ACT prep class - UA Think Tank
Attachments: TUSD ACT PREP FLYER.pdf; Scholarship Commitment Form.docx

Beth – Could you please send out the attached flyer today to all high school counselors with the following message:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MARTHA TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

High School Counselors: Attached is a flyer for the next test-prep opportunity with the UA Think Tank – an ACT prep course. Please print out to post and share with students and teachers. This session begins October 25 and at least ten full scholarships are again available. For the SAT prep class, we only had three students participate, all from Tucson High (congrats to THMS). As you know, this is a fantastic FREE opportunity for our students so I am hoping we can increase those numbers for the this session. Please do your best to recruit eligible students, especially qualified African American and Hispanic students. Below are the steps you need to follow; they are identical to what we sent for the SAP prep class.

Counselors: The second test-prep opportunity from the UA Think Tank is now available. This course is an ACT Prep class. As before with the SAT prep class, here are the steps you should follow:

1. Go to this link for the general information about dates, times, locations, etc., and for the required application.
<http://thinktank.arizona.edu/act-prep> .
2. Go to middle of page and look for “TUSD Scholarships” in red. Read paragraph and click on word “form” to download the Think Tank application for students.
3. Select Students (see #8 for eligibility criteria).
4. Fill out the Think Tank application form with student; fax, email or scan completed form to UA as indicated. All applications must be received by Friday, October 3, 2014. Currently, there are ten spots available for TUSD students; these will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. UA will respond with an email informing you if student has been accepted for the program. Once you are notified, you should work with student and parents to make sure they have all necessary information to be able to begin classes on Saturday, October 4. This will include them filling out the Scholarship Commitment form (attached).
6. No fees have to be paid by the student.

7. If you have any questions, please contact Mayela Noriega at mayelan@email.arizona.edu (520) 626-3653 or Sonia Gissart at Sonia.gissart@tusd1.org, (520) 225-3200.

8. Student eligibility: These \$300 scholarships (\$200 from UA; \$100 from ALE Dept.) are for low-income students, as verified by a school counselor. In addition, students should have college ambitions and demonstrate that they are hard-working, ambitious, and willing to persevere. Once a student has been offered this scholarship, it is important that you receive a commitment from both students and parents that the student will attend all five Saturday classes. I am attaching a Scholarship Commitment form that each student should fill out when accepting this scholarship offer. Students will not have to pay anything for this \$300 course, so it is important to select committed, hard-working students to take advantage of this offer. Please also do a targeted outreach to any qualified African American and/or Hispanic student.

Thank you for your dedication to our students.

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ACT PREP

OCT 25-DEC 6

THINK TANK offers ACT and SAT prep courses to help you explore test content and break down questions to their core. Taught in a real college environment at UA Main Campus, our instructors will challenge you to take your thinking to the next level. We'll teach you problem-solving skills and strategies you need to tackle all types of questions.

- ▶ **\$300 COURSE FEE**
- ▶ **FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: PARTNERSHIP WITH TUSD OFFERS FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS; SEE YOUR COUNSELOR IMMEDIATELY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**
- ▶ **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ON FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS**
- ▶ **SMALL CLASS SIZES**
- ▶ **9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (SATURDAYS)**
- ▶ **FOCUS ON CONTENT, STRATEGIES AND TIME MANAGEMENT**
- ▶ **SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- ▶ **TEXTBOOK, PRE- AND POST- PRACTICE TESTS INCLUDED**
- ▶ **PRE- AND POST- PRACTICE TESTS TAKE PLACE ON FIRST/LAST SATURDAY FROM 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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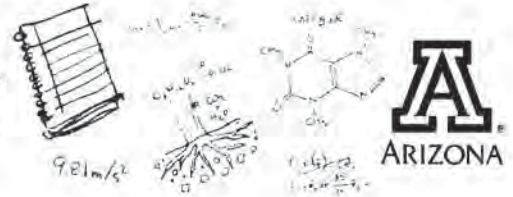
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PARK STUDENT UNION | REC CENTER



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Bear Down Gym
Campus Rec Center
Manzanita-Mohave
Park Student Union



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Department of Advanced Learning Experiences

THINK TANK SAT Preparation Course Scholarship Commitment

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive a \$300 scholarship to enable to you participate in the UA THINK TANK SAT Preparation Program. This program will be offered on five consecutive Saturdays at the UA. **In accepting this scholarship, you are committing to attending all five of these sessions.**

Session 1:

- **Dates:** October 4, 2014 - November 1, 2014 (Saturdays)
- **Instruction:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Post- Practice Tests (last day of class): 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Fall Location:** UA Campus - Park Student Union Bldg., Diamondback Room
- **Course Materials Provided:** *The Official SAT Study Guide, Second Edition*, published by the College Board, and 2 full-length practice exams.

Yes, I will attend all five SAT Think Tank sessions on five consecutive Saturdays, beginning on October 4 and ending on November 1, 2014.

Student Name (printed) _____

TUSD High School _____

Counselor _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

* Counselors: please scan the completed form above to Sonia.gissart@tusd1.org