

Empowering Immigrant Youth

Summer Success

The 2014 Enlighten Initiative (EI) summer camp was a success! We hosted 11 youth that came from California, New Jersey, and the DC Metro area. We also had four staff in training from Puerto Rico and two chaperons from California. This years camp brought youth from different areas of our country together to grow in leadership skills and cultural awareness. As the youth were brought together over similarities, they bonded over challenging each others assumptions of society. Thank you for everyone that donated towards the 2014 camp, EI couldn't have been successful without you.

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Yohana Guerrero Interview

Age: 17

Grade: 12

Favorite Subject: My favorite subject is Economics because I get to learn how to save wisely and how to spend wisely.

Favorite Activity: I LOVE Reading Books & Running for fun.

How was your EI experience in the summer of 2014? In all honesty, it was a life changing experience. At first, I was extremely shy, but eventually I was able to overcome it. I was able to open up and make many friends. My favorite part of this experience was being able to explore Washington D.C., see the monuments, and

meeting many new friends.

After coming back from Washington D.C., I was able to continue being confident and not shy; I was able to make a lot of new friends this school year. I also became more involved in school by joining a program called IMPACT. It is a leadership program that mentors freshmen and being good role models.

What college do you want to attend and why? I want to attend University of Portland in Oregon because they have an amazing Medicine program and I always wanted to live in Oregon.

What do you want to study in college? I would like to study

medicine because I want to become a doctor in the psychology field.

How did EI help you? EI helped me overcome my shyness and break down my walls and let people in. Also, I learned the characteristics a leader must obtain and master.

What would you like to see EI improve on? Make it longer!



Coming Soon:

- More EI interviews
- News for 2015 camp
- How to sponsor EI youth for 2015 camp
- For more information visit <http://www.enlightenedinitiative.org/>