



# BRIDGE BEGINS A WHOLE NEW WORLD



Each week in the Bridge Program the peer mentors select a top performing student of the week. These students receive a certificate as the Top Gun student of the week. At the end of each month a Top Gun for the Month is selected and they receive a certificate and a t-shirt. Top Gun's are the best of the best!



**Week One: Savannah Keilman**



**Week Two: Nathaniel Coleman**



**Week Three: Selina Lara**

For eight years The Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) Bridge Program has been one of the marquee programs for Modesto Junior College.

Classes in the Bridge learning community have constantly produced high pass rates. One obstacle the program has faced that has remained a challenge over the years is the ability to provide long term change for an at risk youth or foster youth.

This year Bridge is shaking things up in hopes

of making better long term progress for Bridge students.

The line up classes in the Bridge Learning Community has changed. Math 10 and Reading 40 are returning, but are now joined by Health 110, and Social Science 58.

Almost instantly Bridge has seen an increase in interested students and enrollment in the program. Bridge began the Fall semester with 32 students, a good increase from previous semesters.

The hope is that

students will have the opportunity to bond more and develop more through the new course offerings. This will allow for better long term success.

So far the change seems to be working. Only one student has been removed and students are advancing at a much better rate this semester.

It is the hope of the program to begin to expand more services to Bridge students over a full year.



**Dr. James Curl**  
Math 10  
Instructor



**Demitrius Snaer**  
Health 110  
Instructor



**Christopher Briggs**  
Reading 40  
Instructor



**Bryan Justin Marks**  
Social Science 58  
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## A day in the life of Bridge.....

### Monday-Thursday:

7:00am Tutoring  
8:10am Math 10  
9:15am Break  
9:35am Health 110  
11:00am Lunch  
11:40pm Tutoring  
12:45pm Social Science 58  
(Mondays & Wednesdays)

12:45pm Reading 40  
(Tuesdays & Thursdays)

2:00pm Break  
2:30pm Tutoring

### Fridays:

8:00am Tutoring  
9:00am Math Tutorial  
10:30am Field Trip

# BRIDGE PEER MENTORS/TUTORS



**Letty Blanco**  
4th Semester  
Best In Class Math  
Fall 2012



**Sarah Brockway**  
6th Semester  
Best All Around  
Spring 2011



**Alexis Cerrillos**  
2nd Semester  
Best All Around  
Fall 2013



**Sharon Chandra**  
2nd Semester  
Best All Around  
Fall 2013



**Jackie Franco**  
Third Semester



**Vanessa Garcis**  
4th Semester



**Alicia Godinez**  
4th Semester  
Best All Around  
Fall 2012



**Terilyn Peralta**  
4th Semester  
Best In Class English  
Fall 2012



**Anna Quiales**  
4th Semester



**Whitney Vona**  
4th Semester  
Best In Class Reading  
Fall 2012

# BRIDGE STUDENTS VISIT UC MERCED



# BRIDGE STUDENTS ENJOY RETREAT



To start each semester off on the right foot the program likes to take the incoming students of Bridge away for a day to allow for bonding and team building.

Prior to the start of this semester the students of Bridge traveled to Columbia College.

Before arriving at Columbia College for a full day of activities students stopped at historic Columbia State Park for a scavenger

hunt.

In Bridge students are divided into groups of 4-6 students. Each group is assigned to peer mentors who also serve as program tutors.

At the retreat each of these groups get the opportunity to bond and grow prior to the start of the semester. By the time a Bridge student walking into the classroom for the first day of school they have

already met their classmates, tutors, and teachers.

At the Bridge retreat activities include such things as a trust walk, the airplane game, and positive affirmations.

“I had so much fun and feel so much closer to the people in Bridge. This was an amazing feeling.” said a Bridge student.

Bridge will continue to host this positive activity each semester.

# BRIDGE STUDENTS BATTLE CARE



New to the CARE Program and Bridge Program this year is the inaugural CARE vs. Bridge Volleyball game.

This past August the students of the EOP&S CARE Program faced off against the students of the EOP&S Bridge Program in a battle of bragging rights between the two programs.

Bridge jumped out to an early lead beating CARE 21-6 in game one.

Game two saw the single mom's of CARE fire back with a convincing 21-10 victory.

The deciding game three was a battle to the end with Bridge edging CARE 21-18 and becoming the first volleyball champions of EOP&S.

"I felt this was so much fun and exciting. I loved the energy and how everyone was working together." said a Bridge stu-

dent.

The games were followed by a barbecue and a lot of bonding between the two EOP&S Programs.

"I have never played volleyball before and thought it would be boring. I was wrong, I had so much fun I did not want to stop. It was also so much fun to comeback and win." said a Bridge student.

# BRIDGE STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT MJC HOMECOMING

