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Dear Colleague:

Occidental College will hold its **Fall 2012 Multicultural Visit Program (MVP)** for outstanding high school seniors of underrepresented backgrounds this **October 21- 23**. We invite you to nominate competitive African American, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, and first-generation-to-college Asian American students to visit campus and discover what makes Oxy unique. Fall 2012 MVP gives students the opportunity to travel to our campus in Los Angeles, stay overnight in a residence hall, participate in classes, and interact with faculty and students.

Please visit the following link to complete the **Counselor Nomination Form**:

<https://oxyadmission.wufoo.com/forms/fall-2012-mvp-counselor-nomination-form/>

Have your student nominee complete the **Student Application** at the following link:

<https://oxyadmission.wufoo.com/forms/fall-2012-mvp-student-application/>

Once submitted, the Student Application will automatically redirect the student to the required **Parent/Guardian Authorization Form**.

All three parts of the MVP application (Counselor Nomination Form, Student Application, and Parent/Guardian Authorization Form) are required for a student to be considered. Please be aware that because of our financial commitment, we seek only students who are serious about exploring Oxy as a college option. **Students who are selected for this program will be required to submit a \$60 program fee (check or money order) one week before coming to campus. This fee will be used as the student's Common Application fee when he or she applies to Oxy.**

The application deadline is **Friday, September 14, 2012**, and applications received by this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis. You should fax, email, or mail student transcripts and test scores together so that we can make a decision as quickly as possible. We will make every attempt to accommodate a student's schedule if he or she is invited to campus. Selected students will arrive on campus Sunday, October 21, and return home Tuesday, October 23.

We only have space for up to 40 students, so the competition will be keen and not all qualified applicants will be selected to attend. Please note, not being selected for Fall 2012 MVP is not necessarily an indicator of a student's admissibility. Further, an invitation to MVP does not guarantee admission to Oxy—we evaluate our applicants for the first-year class in a more holistic way than what is required for this program. We trust that you will nominate students who are both academically and personally well-prepared for Occidental College.

Please also know that many underrepresented students who are admitted to Oxy will be offered a visit to campus in April 2013 if they have not previously had an opportunity to visit on their own.

Thank you for encouraging your students to explore Oxy. Please feel free to call or email me should you have questions or comments about this program.

Sincerely,



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