

# NativityMiguel 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2010 Graduates!

Begin your journey to college this summer at

**Saint Mary's University of Minnesota**



## Countdown to College 2010

From July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota will offer a two-week, collegiate preparation experience for 25 rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, with preference to graduates of our partner NativityMiguel middle schools in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. Transportation and lodging are provided without cost to student participants, their parents, and home school teachers who attend.

**Students who are nominated by their teachers and chosen to attend will receive without cost:**

- two weeks of college prep academic, recreational, spiritual, and social experiences on our Winona, Minnesota campus
- the opportunity to return each summer for four years to prepare for a successful college experience
- preferential enrollment in Saint Mary's University after high school graduation

**Parents will be invited to accompany their children to campus for the first two days to:**

- learn about the Countdown to College preparation program
- participate in social events with college staff, home school teachers, and student participants
- learn about college opportunities for their children

**One teacher from each partner school will be invited to participate in the Countdown to College camp. Each teacher will receive:**

- \$1,000 stipend for co-teaching academic sessions with Saint Mary's University instructors, assisting with field trips and academic contests, and supervising study halls and dorm hours
- 140 hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEU) certificate from the SMU School of Education
- the opportunity to learn research-based college preparation strategies for first generation students from linguistically and culturally diverse communities
- the opportunity to teach SMU instructors about student participants from their home schools

## Countdown to College FAQs

- Daily schedule will be mix of academic classes, sports, recreation, supervised study halls, academic contests, movies, game room and celebrations: 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.
- Academic classes will include:
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Math
  - Grammar/Vocabulary
- 8 teachers from partner schools will accompany students and will co-teach with SMU instructors
- Class size: 5-7 students with two teachers (one from SMU, one from partner school)
- Some evening academic competitions and celebrations
- Weekends will feature field trips as well as academic and social/recreational activities

### Schedule for first two days



#### Saturday, July 24

- 3:30 Arrival and check-in: students, parents, and partner school teachers
- 4:30 Welcome and tours of campus
- 5:30 Dinner and welcome party
- 8:15 Meet the Faculty and Staff
- 8:45 Teambuilding with students, faculty, and staff

#### Sunday, July 25

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Students: Gr 1: Testing; Gr. 2: juggling or game room  
Parents: Info session with Admissions
- 10:30 Mass
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Students: Geocaching Treasure Hunt  
Parents: Buses leave for home
- 3:30 Gr. 2: Testing; Gr. 1: juggling or game room
- 5:30 Dinner and free time
- 6:30 Teambuilding (students and staff)
- 7:30 Movie (Stand and Deliver) and discussion
- 9:30 Dorm



**Monday, July 26**

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Session 1

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Math
4. Grammar/Vocabulary

10:00 Break

10:15 Session 2

1. Writing
2. Math
3. Grammar/Vocabulary
4. Reading

11:15 Sports/Recreation

12:15 Lunch

1:15 Session 3

1. Math
2. Grammar/Vocabulary
3. Reading
4. Writing

2:15 Break

2:30 Session 4

1. Grammar study/Vocabulary
2. Reading
3. Writing
4. Math

3:30 Sports/Recreation/Free time

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Supervised Study hall

7:30 Planned social activities, academic team contests, etc.

9:30 Dorm

