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Future Scholars Program Announces Academic Competition CSUN to Host "University Day" on June 6

WHO: Future Scholars Pre-Collegiate Academic Program.

WHAT: Middle School students from the nine schools participating in the program will contend in academic competitions.

- Competitions will be in five categories: Knowledge Bowl, Math, Spelling Bee, Essay Writing and Public Speaking.
- Prizes will be awarded, including plaques, trophies, medals, dictionaries as well as CSUN caps and t-shirts.
- Parents are more than welcome to attend this student event.

WHEN: Friday, June 6

WHERE: Performing Art Center at California State University, Northridge. For more information call

BACKGROUND: The Future Scholars Pre-Collegiate Academic Program is designed to assist middle school students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades to prepare for college preparatory courses. It also provides clear and practical information about opportunities available to the students regarding financial aid and scholarships though a series of workshops, seminars and special events. These varied efforts are carried out to result in the successful academic preparation of the students for admission into the California State University system.

In 1987, Ludim Seja de Manzano, the current Director of Student Outreach and Recruitment Services founded the Future Scholars Program. With the participation of only five schools including; Pacoima Middle School, San Fernando Middle School, MaClay Middle School, Olive Vista Middle School and Byrd Middle School, the program quickly grew into the organization it is today.

WHY: To inspire middle school students to attend colleges and universities and to enhance their education by stimulating their minds.

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Attention Editors and Assignment Desks: This event will be filled with photo opportunities as well as interview possibilities with children from Future Scholars Program.