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Academy students visit
Hastings School of Law

Students visit Hastings Law School

The Mandela Law and Public Service Academy (MLPSA) launched with the beginning of the spring semester. Thirty-six 10th graders are in Academy core classes and a Street Law class taught by Hillary Baker, a law student at Hastings in conjunction with MLPSA teacher Patricia Arabia, also a Hastings grad.

Fifteen students joined Ms. Baker and Ms. Arabia on Sat., Feb. 21 to visit Hastings Law School in San Francisco.

Project Citizen

Ms. Batten-Bowman, MLPSA English teacher, invited Nate Ivy, an MLPSA Board Member from the Alameda County Office to speak to staff about Project Citizen. Staff met with Nate to discuss ways to incorporate public service projects into curriculum. A training for staff is scheduled for April.

Other MLPSA News

- Ms. Arabia and Ms. Salazar visited Berkeley High to better understand how to adapt their program to MLPSA's needs. The Community Partnership Academy at Berkeley High serves as mentors for newly formed MLPSA.
- Larry Austin, MLPSA Board Member from the Eastlake YMCA, Ms. Arabia, and Mr. Zimmerman, Mandela's chief tech, visited Sacramento to observe the *Youth in Government* program. Plans are underway to recruit MLPSA students for next school year.
- MLPSA Advisory Board Members are working with staff to develop summer and fall internships and other opportunities for students.



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