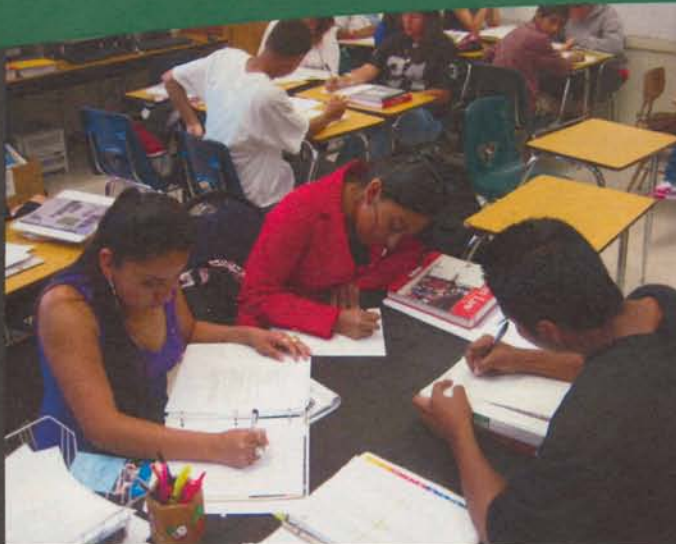


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Students Prepare for Trial

The Mandela Law and Public Service Academy (MLPSA) students have been meeting in groups during lunch, fifth period and after school to prepare questions and statements for the lawsuit, Aguindo vs Chevron.

Friday, May 29th 2009 the MLPSA students go to present Aguindo vs Chevron at Judge Wilkins Federal court house in Oakland. Several students are prepared to be the attorneys in the trial, others are prepared to be witnesses and, of course, your press team will be there to get your story.

Kimberly Guzman
Danny Lopez

“About the Real law suit”

This is the case of Aguindo vs Chevron: More than 30,000 Ecuadorians are holding Chevron responsible for up to \$27 Billion in environmental damage. Chevron took roughly 1.7 million barrels of crude oil then in 1972 when they left they left behind 1,000 open waste pits which leaked into the water table or overflowed in heavy rains polluting rivers and streams and lakes.

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Academy students complete their Sophomore Academy project, a trial for the environment.

Other MLPSA News

- Kimberly Guzman and Danny Lopez have taken on the responsibility of this newsletter and are the lead investigative reporter and photographer for the Mandela Law and Public Service Academy.
- Ms. Salazar, Ms. Arabia and Ms. Glover met with Kitty Kelly Epstein, Education Director, Office of the Mayor to set up internships for our students at the Mayor's office and other city offices. The Mayor is very excited about Mandela Law & Public Service Academy.
- Several MLPSA Advisory Board Members collaborated with us to evaluate our Senior Presentations May 19 and 20. Their feed back and reflections were a huge help.



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