



**Fall 2006
Newsletter**

The Community Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) of Oberlin College, formerly the Community-Based Writing Program, assists all students at Oberlin High School with their writing and with the college admissions process. CAPP offers individualized instruction to any willing learner, workshops on the college search and application process and a free, Oberlin College summer writing course for eligible OHS students. CAPP also runs the Ninde Scholars Program.

*******NINDE SCHOLARS PROGRAM UPDATES*******

“Ninde is a program that provides youth with the details about college that no one else even wants to think about. They give us the opportunity to get everything we need to prepare us for college . . . I am so passionate about this program because the help I receive from Ninde I could never get somewhere else. I am only a junior . . . but I want this to continue way after I leave high school.”
--Current Ninde Scholar Junior

After a strong inaugural year, the Ninde Scholars Program is ready to enter a second year of academic service to the Oberlin Community.

The first class of the Ninde Scholars Program has enrolled in college! The five students will be setting forth to college with laptop computers and a stipend courtesy of the Ninde Challenge Collaborative, Oberlin College, and individual donors.

The 2006 class will be attending colleges and universities near and far. Sherie Spencer is attending Kent State University; Marie Champe is attending Ohio Dominican College; Glenna Redd is attending Gardner Webb College in North Carolina; Michael Smith is attending Lorain County Community College, and Antuania McFarland is attending the

College of Wooster. We wish the Ninde Scholars class of 2006 the best of luck and will be looking forward to hear about their first college experiences!

We have seven returning Ninde Scholars, and five new Ninde Scholars will be added this fall. We look forward to helping another group of highly motivated students.

In exciting news, Will Torres will be joining CAPP as the Assistant Director. He will also be returning to Oberlin City Schools for his second year as College Counselor. Building on the rapport with students and parents developed last year, Mr. Torres will be able to assist more families on their journeys to college.

Ninde Scholars work closely with trained, experienced Oberlin College tutors throughout the year. While we are glad to see our tutors achieve their educational goals, we are sad to lose three of our tutors to graduation. Fortunately, we were able to retain one for another year and have added three new wonderful tutors to our roster! This year's Ninde Scholar tutors are Sean Nagamatsu, Molly Joplin, Jessica Hicks and Amanda Van Allen.

Our tutors are a crucial component of our program. In the words of two current Ninde Scholars...

The mentors do way more than just providing college information; they help with school work and they are our friends too. I would even consider being a mentor for a scholar when I'm in college even if it's not Ninde."

"The meetings we have every Monday night are very beneficial, and the SAT practice has helped me so much. Personally, I feel that if I hadn't received so much help that my chances of doing really well were slim. I'm so glad that I was given this opportunity to be in such a wonderful program."

ABOUT THE NINDE SCHOLARS PROGRAM: The Ninde Scholars Program of the Community Academic Partnership Program helps students with all aspects of the college search and application process. The Ninde Scholars positions are open by application to Oberlin High School students in grades 10 through 12 who demonstrate a drive for learning and desire to continue their education post-graduation, but who lack the support and resources to apply to college. The Ninde Scholars Program offers rigorous programming.

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*** COMMUNITY ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES ***

In conjunction with the Oberlin City Schools College Counselor, Will Torres, the Community Academic Partnership Program (formerly the Community-Based Writing Program) held a series of workshops that provided students substantial information and resources on major aspects of the college application process. The workshops were run by experts, such as Financial Aid and Admissions staff from Oberlin College and specialists on test taking. This year, we will offer these and other workshops, including “Selling” Yourself to Colleges and Interview Tips. We also offered a drop-in writing lab and one-on-one tutoring for any interested student.

This summer, the Community Academic Partnership Program offered an Oberlin College writing course for Oberlin High School students. Instructor of Rhetoric and Composition, Nancy Boutilier, had this to say about the summer course:

The students were able to learn techniques and theories that they may not be able to get to with a full course load during the school year. Most importantly, the students were able to shape and challenge their own ideas to become stronger writers. These kids came in very thoughtful about the world and had great ideas. The students worked to do more than present their knowledge and opinions to their teachers. They learned to structure their arguments to sway an audience.

Ten students completed the course—and each earned three college credits along the way! We are pleased to announce that we will offer this course again the next two summers.

*******GET INVOLVED!*******

Would you like to become involved with our efforts to aid Oberlin High School students with their writing and their quest for higher education? We would love to speak with you! There are many ways to become involved. Perhaps you have expertise in some aspect of the college search process you could share with us? Or perhaps you would like to be one of the generous individual donors who support us? Contact Director Anne Trubek if you are interested in supporting the program in any way or simply would like to learn more about us. 440 775 8615. anne.trubek@oberlin.edu

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