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Mt. SAC Early College Academy Summer School **Classes Offer College, High School Credit**

WEST COVINA, CA – Students at West Covina Unified's Mt. SAC Early College Academy will explore the mysteries of marine biology, express their creativity through art and master math and expository writing during the Academy's first-ever summer school courses.

The classes, which will begin June 24 and be taught by Mt. SAC professors, are provided free of charge on-campus at the dual enrollment public high school.

"We are thrilled to provide our students the opportunity to jumpstart their college education, in high school, and amongst their peers," Principal Candace Leuthold said. "Through these courses, students gain financial and academic advantages that are unique to this school."

The 2019-20 summer school courses are the first college classes Academy students will take. After freshman year – during which students adapt to the Academy's rigor and develop their study skills – they will be able to earn up to 11 units of college credit per semester.

Mt. SAC Early College Academy challenges students to complete more college courses – earning fully transferrable, general education credits – in a four-year period than offered in a traditional dual enrollment program. Students can earn up to two years of college credit by the time they graduate high school.

Academy students are also provided Mt. SAC student ID cards, giving them access to college resources including libraries, computer labs and free tutoring.

The Academy is accepting 2019-20 applications for sophomores and freshmen. High schoolers from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties are eligible to apply.

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