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Pioneer High School Opens Enrollment for Escalante Summer Math Academy

WHITTIER – Pioneer High School is accepting applications for its 27th annual Escalante Summer Math Academy, which enables Whittier’s middle- and high-school students to get ahead on their math classes and prepare to take on advanced college-level courses.

Named after famous educator Jaime Escalante, the six-week program, held at Pioneer High in June, offers students the opportunity to take classes in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Math Analysis or Calculus. Students who receive A’s or B’s earn 10 credits that will be transferred to their transcripts, enabling them to advance one course level.

The academy will begin June 12 and conclude July 20 with an end-of-summer assembly. Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with tutorials running until 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

The program compresses a math class that is normally taught over an entire school year into 150 hours. Classes will be taught by college professor, as well as college- and high school-level tutors to ensure student success.

Renowned mathematics teacher Angelo Villavicencio will come out of retirement to teach calculus at this year’s academy. Angelo Villavicencio worked with Escalante in Garfield High School’s AP Calculus program, made famous by the 1988 film “Stand and Deliver.”

A \$40 program fee will cover student workbooks.

Applications have been distributed to all Whittier Union’s comprehensive high schools, as well as middle schools from throughout the Whittier area. They are due by 3 p.m. **Friday, March 10** at Pioneer High School, 10800 Benavon St., Whittier.

For more information, contact Javier Gonzalez, director of the summer academy, at javier.gonzalez@wuhsd.org, or (562) 698-8121, ext. 5200.

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