



M.E.Ch.A de UW in conjunction with the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMA/D) presents the 16th annual:

*Adelante Con Educación
(A.C.E)
Conference*

When: May 18th and 19th, 2012
Where: The University of Washington-
Seattle Campus

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To: Interested High School Students

From: El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A) of University of Washington

Subject: 16th Annual Adelante Con Educación (A.C.E) Conference

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A) at the University of Washington (UW) will host the 16th Annual Adelante Con Educacion (A.C.E) Conference in collaboration with the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMA/D) on May 18th and May 19th, 2012. The A.C.E Conference is a major event organized every year for the students, to engage high school students with college students and Chicana/o, Latina/o community issues. The goal of the conference is to help participants acquire an enhanced appreciation for their identity, culture, and for the opportunities available through higher education. The A.C.E Conference is \$10.00 which will be paid upon arrival (accommodation is available to reduce or waive this fee, please contact us) and includes overnight accommodations*, transportation*, and food. No student will be denied entry to the conference due to financial hardships.

(*Accepted Seattle area applicants will be contacted by the conference coordinators regarding overnight accommodations and transportation; Counselors please contact coordinators if you are planning to attend.)

The agenda for the conference will include educational workshops and speakers, classroom and dorm room visitations, campus exposure, cultural entertainment, and a social barbeque. Some of the core workshops include: Financial Aid, Personal Statements, and Admissions. In addition UW students, professors, and community members will facilitate workshops that include cultural empowerment, Chicana/o poetry, and the history of M.E.Ch.A. By covering various aspects of college life, we hope that you will discover the value of higher education.

M.E.Ch.A is a student-run organization, oriented toward promoting higher education, self-identity, and historical-cultural knowledge. M.E.Ch.A creates social change by empowering Chicana/o, Latina/o students through self-determination and political action.

You will find the application attached to this letter. The application packet includes the 2012 Conference Application, the Student Conduct form, the Parent Permission form, and the tentative itinerary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sonia Araiza at 509-781-2945 or Rocio Carranza at 425-280-8549 or by email at acedeuw@gmail.com. The applications should be postmarked by March 1st, 2012 but if more time is needed, please contact Sonia Araiza or Rocio Carranza to make arrangements. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about college, the application and admissions process, and your culture. ¡Qué viva la educación!

Sincerely,

M.E.Ch.A de UW



Adelante Con Educación (A.C.E.) Conference

May 18th and 19th, 2012
Student Application Form

Registration Deadline: **March 1st, 2012**

Please mail this form to: UW Ethnic Cultural Center

Attn: MEChA de UW — Sonia Araiza
1100 Campus Parkway NE Box 355650
Seattle, WA 98105

If you have any questions or concerns about the conference please contact Sonia Araiza or Rocio Carranza at 509-781-2945 or 425-280-8549 or by email at acedeuw@gmail.com ****(Please write legibly & fill out the complete application! Applicants who do not complete section two will not be considered).***

Section 1:

Name (Print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Male ___ Female ___

Email (if available): _____

School: _____

School Phone: (____) _____

School Counselor/Advisor: _____

Grade Level: _____ GPA: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Medications: _____

Do you need any special accommodations? _____

Do you have a family member that currently attends or has attended college or university? _____

Are you a first generation college student? _____

Please rank your top three interests for a potential major/degree, rank from 1-3 (1 being your top choice).

American Ethnic Studies ____ Education/Teaching ____ Math/Engineering ____

Social Studies/Psychology/Sociology ____ Medicine/Science ____ Law ____

Other area of study: _____

What are your top three academic interests: _____

Have you applied to the A.C.E Conference in the past? Yes ____ No ____

Have you attended the A.C.E Conference at the UW in the past years? Yes ____ No ____

What other conferences have you attended focused on higher education? _____

Section 2:

Please write a 500 word minimum paper or use any other creative method to express your thoughts and the way you can address **one** of the following questions. (Example: one written page, poster, art, music, and/or poetry. Please attach your entry). Your application will not be considered without this section.

1. Describe a solution to a specific problem your community faces.
2. How can you use higher education to improve your life and your community?
3. What barriers or obstacles have you experienced that have impacted your life?

** We will be judging the papers and artwork based on originality and effort. If you choose the creative method include a detailed statement of how it's related to one of the above questions.*

Applicant Signature

Date:

Required

Due to administration policies we are requiring that applicants obtain the signature and contact information of an academic counselor. This requirement is to affirm that the school is informed that students from their school are applying to this conference.

Counselor Name (Print):

Date:

Counselor Signature

Phone Number:

Email address:



A.C.E 2012 Tentative Agenda

Day 1—Friday, May 18th

- 12:00-12:30 Check-In/Registration
- 12:30-1:00 Welcome
- 1:00-1:20 Keynote Speaker
- 1:30-2:20 Lunch
- 2:30-3:00 Campus Tour (led by Group Leaders)
- 3:00-5:50 Workshops; Break into Groups
- 6:00-6:45 Dinner
- 6:50-7:00 Walk Groups to Kane Hall
- 7:00-10:00 Noche de Cultura at Kane Hall
- 10:15 Walk back to Hotel (led by Group Leaders)
- 11:30 Lights out

Day 2— Saturday, May 19th

- 8:00-8:30 Check Out from Hotel
- 8:30-9:20 Breakfast (Location TBA)
- 9:20-10:00 2nd Day Welcome
- 10:00-10:20 Organizational Fair
- 10:30-1:20 Workshops; Break into Groups
- 1:30-3:00 Carne Asada
- 3:00-4:55 Caucuses
- 5:00-5:15 Transition to location of Poetry Slam
- 5:15-6:50 Poetry & Arts Slam
- 7:00 Departure (dinner-to-go included)

Application Packet Check list:

Please check to assure you are submitting all of the required documents:

- Completed Application
- Student Contract
- Parent Permission Form
- Counselor Signature