

MOSAIC 2008

San José Urban Journalism Workshop for High School Students

June 22 – July 4, 2008

If you've ever wondered what professional journalism is really like, this two-week workshop may be just for you.

The Mosaic is held at San Jose State, where students will work in the university's newsroom and stay overnight in a dormitory. They will learn reporting, writing and photography from professional newspaper journalists. They will hit the streets to gather real-life news stories about people who make the news and people whose lives are affected by the news. Guest speakers will share their stories about the wonderful world of journalism. On the final day, Mosaic students will see their workshop newspaper run off the presses at the Mercury News.

The multicultural program is limited to 20 students and requires full-time participation, including living on campus. There is **NO COST** to students. Food and housing will be provided. Students will be supervised overnight by adult journalists.

- The application process includes completion of the form on the reverse side of this page and submission of required materials. A downloadable application is also available at www.mosaicworkshop.org.
- Applicants must be current sophomores, juniors or seniors.
- Application deadline is (postmarked no later than) April 14, 2008.

Selected students will be notified in early May. For more information contact: Joe Rodriguez, Mosaic Director, (408) 920-5767; Jrodriguez@mercurynews.com

Primary sponsors of the Mosaic are the San Jose Mercury News, Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Latino Journalists of California-CCNMA, San Jose State University School of Journalism and the Castellano Family Foundation. The Mosaic was established in 1993 and has trained nearly 300 high school students, many of whom are now working at newspapers and other media organizations.

See reverse side for application

MOSAIC APPLICATION
Deadline: Postmarked April 14, 2008

Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Ethnicity _____ Foreign language _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

High School: _____ City _____

Current Grade Level: _____ GPA (Indicate if weighted): _____

Please circle the activities in which you have participated:

School newspaper Journalism Classes Phototography Speech/debate

Drama Yearbook TV/Radio Blog Magazine

Other _____

Which do you prefer to study in Mosaic: Reporting/writing _____ Photography _____

Please also include the following:

- Official copy of your latest grade transcripts.
- At least three samples of your writing, scripts or photographs. (No originals, please).
- On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of 75-100 words on why you would like to participate in this program and about your interest in journalism.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers or others who know your work well. Do not include letters from relatives or personal friends.
- Please give us two ideas for stories or photo essays that you would pursue for the Mosaic. Who would you find and interview for the stories? Why are the topics important to you?

Mail this application and other materials, postmarked no later than April 14, to:

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