9th Graders Invited to Apply for Free Summer Empowerment Academy

West Los Angeles College’s Institute for Student Excellence (WISE) and Hill Harper’s Manifest Your Destiny Foundation (MYDF) will bring ninth graders to West’s for a two-week empowerment academy. There is no charge to participate in this program if accepted. The academy runs from July 23 – August 3, 2012. Applications and instructions can be found at: www.MYDF.org/Summer-Empowerment-Academy

Participants will be engaged by knowledgeable facilitators and empowering activities, encouraging them to think critically and academically (verbally and in writing) on a number of topics of relevance to them as they make the transition from middle school & adolescence to high school & young adulthood. After the summer program, MYDF will meet with students once a month on Saturdays to maintain the positive influence and continue the cultivation of knowledge and leadership behaviors.

MYDF, a non-profit youth organization established by Ivy League actor Hill Harper, is dedicated to empowering, encouraging, and inspiring underserved youth to succeed. The philosophy behind the organization is to provide young men and women with nurturing support systems, resources, encouragement, and guidance through mentorship, scholarship and grant programs.

This partnership capitalizes on the community-outreach-focused WISE, a campus unit that brings together numerous federally-funded programs that aggressively guide individuals along a path of educational attainment and career success at all ages.

West Los Angeles College, an accredited community college located just south of Overland and Jefferson, has been providing excellent university transfer and career training programs to the community for over 40 years. For more information on “West,” visit www.wlac.edu.

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