OVERNIGHT STAY PROGRAM 2013
Leadership Award Scholars Association

Information for Prospective Parent/Guardian Participants

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Introduction to OSP and LASA

What is OSP?
The Overnight Stay Program (OSP) is the Leadership Award Scholars Association’s (LASA) flagship event that is held every April. High school seniors who have been accepted to Cal are invited to visit the UC Berkeley campus for a 24-hour insider experience of what Cal has to offer its students.

Why should I come to OSP?
Past participants have tremendously enjoyed their Overnight Stay Program experience. Approximately 90% of OSP participants chose UC Berkeley for their undergraduate education. Students who come will enjoy a Berkeley experience unrivaled by any program at the university. Many students have met their future roommates and closest friends while attending the program. They will have the opportunity to spend the night in a campus residence hall with a current Cal Student, as well as the opportunity to attend classes and participate in a variety of activities, including a student panel, campus tours, and other social activities with prospective scholars, current Cal students, and Cal Alumni. Students will be entertained by a variety of Cal’s performing groups and also will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from clubs on campus.

What is LASA?
Sponsored by the Cal Alumni Association, LASA is one of the largest and oldest student groups on campus. LASA organizes community service projects, provides leadership development opportunities and hosts annual recognition receptions for its members as a continuance of its tradition of cultivating the top leaders at Cal. The Leadership Award Scholars Association and the Overnight Stay Program are completely student-run programs. The directors of the program come from a diverse background of extracurricular interests, hold a wide variety of academic and career aspirations and are experienced in and have extensive knowledge of everything that Cal and the Berkeley community has to offer. Each member is a full-time student who volunteers their time to infuse future students with the Cal spirit and show these graduating seniors the many resources and experiences Berkeley has to offer.
Important Information

- Please note that applying to the program does NOT guarantee admission to any OSP session. We have limited spaces, and these spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis depending on when applications are received. The waiting list will be processed on a rolling basis in the order received.

- Admission into the Overnight Stay Program does not in any way guarantee that students will receive the Leadership Award and will have no bearing whatsoever on scholarship decisions.

- When students apply they will select their first choice in dates. We will try to accommodate each student as best as possible until a session is full. Students will then be offered places in another session.

- DO NOT MAKE ANY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE PAYMENT CONFIRMATION. While we understand the cost of transportation, we are limited by various deadlines and will not recognize purchase of airfare/bus fare/etc. as a reason to move anyone into the program. Please wait for confirmation from us.

- When you register for the program, please make sure that you submit the necessary liability forms. Risk Acceptance and Liability Forms for parents and students over 18 must be completed during the registration process. For students under 18, there will be an additional waiver that must be agreed to. Once the student and parent/guardian agree to this waiver, a follow-up confirmation email will be sent to the parent/guardian. Students who have not submitted a waiver/liability form by the day of the program will not be allowed to participate in the program.

- Applications will ONLY be available online at the specified hours. Do NOT attempt to register before or after these hours, as you will be removed from the program.

- Payment for the program is due immediately after being accepted into the program and is non-refundable. Failure to pay in time will result in the student being dropped from the program and the next student on the wait list being moved up.

- We reserve the right to refuse entrance into the program to any student or parent; however, such a decision will never be based on race, ethnicity, age, disability, or sexual orientation.
Student Registration Information

** Registration is only open to those who have been accepted to UC Berkeley. **

**OSP 2013 SESSION DATES:**

**SESSION I: APRIL 7 – 8, 2013**

**SESSION II: APRIL 14 – 15, 2013**

**SESSION III: APRIL 21 – 22, 2013**

**Cost:**
The program will cost $100 for each student and each parent attending. This cost is to pay for food, program t-shirt, facility rentals, gift bags, guest panelists, and other program-related costs. Payment will be due immediately upon acceptance into the program and is non-refundable.

**Registration:**
The registration website will be available at http://alumni.berkeley.edu/osp. Registration opens Saturday, March 30, 2013.

**Waitlist:**
The program itself fills on a first-come first-serve basis. The wait list will be processed on a rolling basis, and movement off of the wait list will be determined by order in which applications are received.

It is a good idea to remain on the waitlist. While we do not have specific numbers, every session there are several students that get in from the wait list. If you are on the wait list, you will be notified if you are taken off of the waitlist no later than the Wednesday before the OSP session you are interested in.

**OSP is a very popular program, so we strongly encourage you to choose a session date beforehand and have method of payment ready.**

Feel free to contact us with any questions or comments by email:

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Tentative Event Itinerary

Day 1
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
  Parent/Guest Check-in @ Alumni House
  Campus Tours
  Meet and Mingle
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
  Welcome Session & Icebreakers
  Student and Cal Parent Panels
  Mix and Mingle Meal with current Cal Parents and Students
  Dessert Reception with Cal Student performances

Day 2
8:00 am – 12:00pm
  Breakfast
  Students and Parents to choose from the following:
    Classroom Visitations
    Dorm Tours
    Campus Resource Presentations
12:00pm - 2:00pm
  Lunch with Oski and student volunteers at Alumni House Patio
  Students and Parents to choose from the following after lunch:
    Classroom Visitations
    Dorm Tours
    Campus Resource Presentations
2:00 pm
  Closing Session
Feedback

“The most valuable part of this experience was seeing all of the amazing opportunities available on campus. It was refreshing to see young men and women running the program. All of the volunteers were wonderfully professional, friendly and knowledgeable. Go Bears!”

“I really enjoyed meeting both my prospective classmates and current Berkeley students. I feel as if I was able to get a good feel of the sort of community I would be a part of at Berkeley - it was quite welcoming and friendly.”

“I enjoyed the Big C Hike; it provided an entertaining way for the admitted students to get to know each other. In addition, the staff was extremely helpful and fun to interact with.”

“Really, really well done. From the information presented, to the time, to the structuring of the program, to helping me meet other undecided students - it was the best program out of any college that I visited.”

“I thought it was a really helpful program and I think that more people should have the opportunity to do it. It really helped me decide on what kind of housing I wanted.”

“It really solidified my decision to come to Berkeley, and I cannot wait to be a part of the Cal family. Thank you!!”

“Thank you, it was very informative. I am very impressed that the program is student run. Keep up the good work!”

“It was great! My host was really nice and the activities/classes were really interesting and fun. Thanks for the excellent experience!”

“I was able to ask all the questions I had to current students, and being able to see the “life of a Cal student” first hand sealed the deal for me!”

“Seeing the red glow of the city at night from the Big C, I realized that everything I went through to get to that moment was worth it. I couldn’t have been happier with my host. My experiences in the Overnight Program were perfect. I’ve got a good friend going to Stanford, and I can’t wait to shout at her from across the stadium! Go Bears!”