2014 Summit At-A-Glance

On October 25th, 2014, Project Tomorrow held its 5th annual Leading the Way: Youth Leadership Summit for Math and Science, at Edwards Lifesciences Worldwide Headquarters in Irvine, California. With over 200 students, parents, and community leaders in attendance, the event provided an opportunity for high school students to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and to learn about how math and science proficiency is increasingly a critical skill for current and future jobs.

This conference style event began with a creative student presentation of Orange County business trends, followed by a panel discussion from industry leaders focused on workforce skills. Next, students attended career-specific breakout sessions of their choice led by local business and education leaders, engineering panel discussions featuring speakers from across the field, and tabletop exhibits introducing attendees to local STEM college programs. Students enjoyed a continental breakfast and networking lunch at this free, half-day event, which concluded with a student raffle featuring gifts from regional businesses and community partners.

Project Tomorrow would like to extend a very special thank you to all of our guest speakers, volunteers, participating local colleges, sponsors, and partners for their time and generous contributions, without which this influential event would not be possible.
What are the students saying about the 2014 Summit?

“I learned firsthand ... what skills employers look for and what they recommend when you take the step to college and beyond.”
- 11th grade, Beckman High School, Future Marine Biologist

“The Summit was very insightful and entertaining; it had exactly what I'm interested in!”
- 11th grade, Northwood High School, Future Engineer

“I know I am going to achieve a career in science, and learning about the opportunities and ideas currently in the scientific world really interested me.”
- 9th grade, Beckman High School, Future Clinical Scientist

“Overall the summit was amazing! I learned so much about these careers and look forward to pursuing one in the future!”
- 12th grade, Orange High School, Future Journalist

97% Will recommend the Summit to a friend
92% Enjoyed and valued their Summit experience
100% of seniors encourage underclassmen to attend next year’s Summit

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