



## Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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# DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP – The Alameda

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### **Organizational Profile**

Downtown College Preparatory is a charter high school that opened in fall 2000 with a freshman class of 100 students. This first class graduated 55 students in June 2004 and 67 graduated in June of 2010. The school targets students who have a 2.0 GPA or below, who are performing below potential and/or will be the first generation in their family to graduate from college. By setting high standards, providing personalized attention and having an explicit focus on college success, the school prepares students to thrive at a four-year college or university. Students learn in classes with a lower student-teacher ratio and will have an extended 8-hour school day (8:30am-3:45/5pm). This schedule includes a Learning Lab on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for students who need help in specific subject areas.

### **SCU Student's Role**

SCU students will be working as a tutor to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Learning Lab twice a week. SCU students should inform DCP staff if they have a particular strength or interest in a specific subject area (i.e. math or English).

SCU students should know that at every level of interaction with the students at DCP they will be looked upon as role models. At the same time, they will continue to act as undergraduate students, responsible for finding ways to learn about the perspectives, experiences and concerns of high school students.

### **To Do Before Orientation**

- **Get fingerprinted** at the Santa Clara County Office of Education before you can begin. See attached instructions.
- Provide the Arrupe Partnerships with proof of a negative intradermal TB test within the last year. If your TB test is not current, please go to the Cowell Health Center immediately to get a *free* TB test.
- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.

### **To Do or After Orientation**

- Check the school calendar for holidays/school closures that may fall on your placement day. Arrupe students are expected to make up these days and arrange this with the supervisor or classroom teacher.