

# THE SUMMERBRIDGE SPIRIT

Summer 2006 Issue

## Words From the Director

I have very exciting news! Deundra Hundon has started as our new Assistant Director of Summerbridge San Francisco. She is no stranger to SBSF her daughter Stephanie graduated from the program in 2004. Deundra has been an integral member of the Summerbridge Advisory board since 2004. And in her spare time she helped to start and chair the first Summerbridge Families Association. We are very lucky to have her as our new Assistant Director.

We wish MiHi Ahn all the best as she returns to her journalism career. We greatly appreciate all of her hard work as interim Assistant Director. She truly kept the office running. We will miss her!

Please join me in welcoming Deundra!

Happy Summer,  
Meredith Laban

Our wonderful and amazing student teachers are coming from...

<b>Agloro, Anabel</b>	Brown University
<b>Bryant, Erica</b>	U.C. Irvine
<b>Byrant, Vijou</b>	Brown University
<b>Butler, Elena</b>	Harvard University
<b>Clay, Clarence, Jr.</b>	U.C. Berkeley
<b>Chock, Marisa</b>	Brown University
<b>Cohen, Alison</b>	Brown University
<b>Curtiss, Will</b>	Williams College
<b>Garrovillas, Ian</b>	U.C. Berkeley
<b>Hernandez, Gaby</b>	University High School
<b>Johnson, Samantha</b>	U.C. San Diego
<b>Lee, Connie</b>	U.C. Berkeley
<b>Los Banos, Jaclyn</b>	U.C. San Diego
<b>Lowell, Benjamin</b>	Brown University
<b>Okasako-Schmucker, Devon</b>	University High School
<b>Pablo-Hoshino, Sofia</b>	Syracuse University
<b>Piiru, Benjamin</b>	U.C. Berkeley
<b>Roberge, Gray</b>	U.C. Berkeley
<b>Salin, Jared</b>	U.S.C.
<b>Salin, Zach</b>	U.C. San Diego
<b>Schenker, Rachel</b>	Tufts University
<b>Scovill, Erika</b>	Vassar College
<b>Shaw, Geoffrey</b>	Yale University
<b>Shen, Bin</b>	Wesleyan University
<b>Thompson, Ariel</b>	Brown University
<b>Tugizova, Madina</b>	Lowell High School
<b>Walker, Aron</b>	M.I.T.
<b>Williams, Erica</b>	UNC Chapel Hill
<b>Zhang, Elisa</b>	Lowell High School

## Greetings From the Incoming Assistant Director

"When it's right I will know it", this has been my motto for many years now. Just when I began to question my motto I got evidence to stick to the course. That evidence was receiving the job at Summerbridge. I first heard of Summerbridge more than 6 years ago, when it was introduced to me by my daughter's third grade teacher. Then, I had no idea that from that very beginning that I would have the honor of working with Meredith Laban as Assistant Director of Summerbridge. At the time that I heard of Summerbridge I was working as at a small K-8 private school assisting in fund development and admissions. There I worked with students and families of color that were making some pretty big financial sacrifices to send their children to a private school in hopes to provide their children with better academic opportunities.

My next challenge was my move to helping teens achieve in high school and get into colleges across the country. I've been a College/Career Advisor working with students many from underrepresented communities, students who often struggled academically through high school and falling short of college admittance. My students frequently fell short because they were ill prepared leaving middle school and continued to find themselves falling further behind in high school. In addition to poor academic preparation many of my students hadn't made a commitment to college/higher education. I spent countless hours attempting to open their minds (convincing them to take the slightly harder classes) and hearts (building their confidence that they can go to college & that they are worthy). Although, I worked tirelessly with students I kept running into the reality that for many the foundation and passion for learning had **NOT** been set and should be set earlier than high school. Far too many of my students not only didn't have the grades to go on to colleges such as San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, Morehouse College (GA) or Brown University no one had even taken the time to teach them, really empowering them that these colleges (and others) can be in their futures. Again, my personal motto "When it's right I will know it",

rung out loud and clear, working with middle school students and families is where I need to be today making a difference often and early.

Summerbridge is right for me and I know it! I excitedly bring my years of learning, with a heart full of compassion ready to assist in the change in many of the lives of our students and families. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be the new SB Assistant Director, the opportunity to grow along side of the students, families, faculty and staff that make up this amazing Summerbridge community.

Thank you,  
*Deundra Hundon*  
*Assistant Director*

*Let's Learn, Change & Grow Together This 2006 Summer!*

### Summerbridge Calendar (June – Aug. 2006)

<b>June 20 (Tues)</b>	Orientation 9 <sup>th</sup> graders, 2-4pm
<b>June 21 (Wed)</b>	First Day of Classes
<b>June 28 (Wed)</b>	Back to School Night
<b>June 30 (Fri)</b>	Spirit Day
<b>July 3 &amp; 4 (Mon, Tue)</b>	<b>Holiday/No Summerbridge</b>
<b>July 14 (Fri)</b>	Olympics
<b>July 19 (Wed)</b>	Visitors Day
<b>July 21 (Fri)</b>	Talent/Dance Show
<b>July 22 &amp; 23 (Sat, Sun)</b>	SEEDS Camping Trip
<b>July 26 (Wed)</b>	Occupational Field Trip Day
<b>July 28 (Fri)</b>	Last Day of Classes
<b>July 31 &amp; Aug 1 (M &amp; T)</b>	Celebration Rehearsal
<b>August 2 (Wed)</b>	Celebration

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### Is There a Superman Hiding Under Your Clark Kent Exterior?

Beneath the mild-mannered exterior of a financial district money manager does there really lurk an economics wizard with the power to move the GNP of a small island nation in a single day?

Can you leap tall buildings in a single bound—or maybe you build them—or decorate them? Do you fight fires, make art, save lives, play with puppies all day, root out corporate malfeasance or run a non-profit? If you're passionate about your career we have some students who would love to talk to you during Summerbridge's occupational field trip day.

If you would be willing to host a group of six to eight chaperoned middle school students on July 26 for half a day please give us a call at 415-513-4015 or if you have a friend with a career worth crowing about, we'd love to hear from them too!!

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

From June 12th through July 31<sup>st</sup> Summerbridge is at the Bay School. Our contact information during the summer session is:

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### !!! Bravo!!!

Congratulations to the Summerbridge Class of 2005 as you move on to high school.

Stephanie Arevalo	Mercy High School
Andre Ashley	Aim High Academy
Joanna Bustamante	Lowell High School
Kimberly Catahan	Sacred Heart Cath. Prep.
Alexandria Chavez	Lowell High School
Jonathan Chin	University High School
Max Coles	Gateway High School
Viktoriya Dorokhova	George Washington H.S.
Layla Durrani	Drew College Preparatory
Bryant Feng	Lowell High School
Eva Gao	Lowell High School
Carmela Gaspar	St. Ignatius College Prep
Daisy Gerstein	School of the Arts (SOTA)
Alysia Gonzales	University High School
Eda He	Lowell High School
Yan Yan Hui	University High School
Zachary Karrasch	University High School
Lambert Kuang	Lincoln High School
Kary Kwong-Lee	Lincoln High School
Darren Lee	Sacred Heart Cathedral Prp.
Jimin Lee	Lincoln High School
Sydney Lee	Galileo High School
Alan Li	City Arts and Tech Charter
Vivian Ling	University High School
Stephanie Mar	Gateway High School
Canek Martinez	The Bay School
Sierra Mitchell	George Washington H.S.
Alex Nash	St. Ignatius College Prep.
Jessica Noss	Lowell High School
Eliana Pera	Lick-Wilmerding H.S.
Ken Savage	University High School
Michael Smith	Lowell High School
Jason Tien	Lowell High School
Lydia Vasquez	University High School
Akil Williams	Raoul Wallenberg H.S.
Daniel Wong	University High School
Victor Xu	George Washington H.S.
Fernando Zavala	Lowell High School
Raymond Zeng	George Washington H.S.
Samuel Zhou	Galileo High School