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To the SUHi Foundation:

On behalf of SUHI's Advanced Placement students and faculty, thank you!

On August 4th, eleven subjects participated in the AP Boot Camp at Sweetwater. Our students entered a different world on this day. Instead of sitting down to a lecture, the desks were pushed off to the side of the classroom and a variety of equipment – from a gigantic 'spider web' to a large hop-scotch-style grid – welcomed them into the classroom – along with energetic music and colorful bandanas. Each subject claimed its own color; for example, literature reserved black – for "Heart of Darkness;" Art History: red – because the teacher is a SUHI alum; Psychology: tie-dye – because, well, because it's psychology!

Over the course of the week, and a wide variety of events, students ventured from class to class with their bandanas creatively tied around their arms, around their necks as scarves, or wound up as turbans. They formed identities with their classrooms; the students formed bonds with other students with the same colors. Even today, weeks after Boot Camp, students are still walking around campus with their bandanas on their backpacks! At the end of the week, the activities culminated in "marble madness"; an activity involving all the skills and lessons of the week.

As you can see from the pictures, the students had a great time and are amazingly thankful. The Boot Camp experience creates a sense of community among students that helps them academically as well as socially. Students have less fear asking for help and a genuine interest in helping each other out. "No man left behind" is a mantra that stays with them throughout the year.

The bandanas are a key component in creating the team identities and forging bonds between students in multiple classes. It is difficult to fund items such as these and we are truly grateful for your generous and thoughtful contribution. Any consideration that you may have for an annual donation would be greatly appreciated.

With sincerest thanks,

The AP Team

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