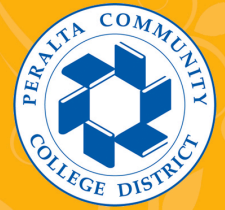




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Adelante Summer Bridge Program Leads High School Seniors On Pathway to Merritt

More than 50 high school students in the Adelante Summer Bridge Program at Merritt and Fruitvale are transitioning toward the next step in their education as they explore college and careers and find out the benefits of attending Merritt College.

The seven-year-old program, which started in Fruitvale and expanded to the Merritt campus three years ago, offers students classes in English and Counseling and gives them a comprehensive



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“Our mission is to provide a supporting and caring environment to these students who we recruited from Oakland feeder high schools, the majority from underserved populations,” says Program Coordinator Rosa Perez. “The students are engaged and excited. We tell them, ‘You guys are ahead of the game!’”



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(Pictured top right: Adelante English class at Merritt taught by Noel Fagerhaugh; Left: English class at Fruitvale taught by Daniel Guerrero; Bottom: Rosa Perez honored for her work by fellow counselor Marty Zielke; Entire group at end-of-summer celebration.