

MEDIA RELEASE/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: ***Community Action Summer College Prep Academy Begins June 15th***

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Are you a graduating high school senior and want to go to college, but feel you aren't ready? If so, the Community Action Summer College Prep Academy is for you. And it is **free**. The purpose of the Academy is to provide high school graduates and GED diploma holders with the academic instruction and college advising they will need to succeed in college. Although anyone with a high school diploma or GED can enroll in community college, many high school graduates and GED holders do not know that the first thing they will have to do is take a college placement test in reading, writing, and math. Unfortunately, 60% of students who enroll in community college in the United States are placed into at least one non-credit Developmental (remedial) Education course, and almost half of these students do not complete their developmental courses within one year. In addition, developmental classes cost the same amount of money as for credit college classes.

The Community Action College Prep Academy is designed to prepare students for college success so that they can spend their hard earned and/or financial aid money on courses that count for a college degree. The academy will be taught by individuals from the Texas State University College of Education and the Community Action Career Counselor.

The Summer College Prep Academy will run for six weeks beginning on June 15, 2015. Classes will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 PM at the ACC San Marcos Goodnight Center. If you would like to learn more about the College Prep Academy, please call Francesca Ramirez at (512)392-1161 ext. 313 to reserve a spot for the next College Prep information session. Want more information? Please contact Francesca Ramirez at (512)392-1161 ext. 313 or framirez@communityaction.com.