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High School’s Entire Freshmen 
Class to Tour Local College 
John F. Kennedy ninth graders visit Sacramento City College on 
Tuesday and Wednesday 
March 12, 2012 (Sacramento): Administrators at John F. Kennedy High School are coordinating a mega 
fieldtrip this week: They’re taking every freshman student – all 500 – on a college campus tour. 
 
JFK ninth graders will travel by bus over two days to Sacramento City College, where they will visit 
classrooms and meet with students, athletes, professors – even cheerleaders. While college visits are 
not uncommon for Sacramento City Unified School District high school students, this is the first time a 
large campus has ensured that every member of a class gets to see a college in action before graduation. 
 
“We want every student to know that they can go to college if they choose,” said Principal Chad 
Sweitzer. “No matter what academic achievement level or income level you’re at, there are 
opportunities open to you.” 
 
The field trip is an outcome of an emerging partnership between SCUSD, Los Rios Community College 
District and California State University, Sacramento. Through this partnership, the three organizations 
are designing a seamless pre-K-through-college pipeline for Sacramento youth. The broad goals of this 
collaborative effort are to: build excitement for college at the youngest ages; demystify and build a 
roadmap to college; remove the obstacles to college; reduce or eliminate the need for college 
remediation classes; build post-secondary college confidence and increase enrollment and post-secondary degree attainment. 
 
At Sacramento City College, students will learn from experts about registering for classes, applying for 
financial aid and meeting college requirements, information not always apparent to high school 
freshmen.