

Scenes from Sunday 2005



From left: It was a beautiful day (ok, a little hot) as students prepared for NTLP's Closing program; JulieAnne Lee (97) talks about NTLP's Mission & Vision; After a little complaining, students always get a little more motivated, Michael Hingson, spoke about life after 9/11 and the positive message he gained from his experience; Scott Higa, Brian Yu and Justin Knighten show appropriate enthusiasm for a near-perfect conference; Laura Segura presents an award to Jason Meyers of Lodi.

What Else Happens at NTLP? Besides the best motivational speakers available, interesting workshops and team building exercises, Interviews with community leaders, small group sessions, evening entertainment, talent show, Award Ceremony and Dance? Only the opportunity to make life-long friends, be inspired and motivated by those around you and have a really exciting and fun experience. That's about it!

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2005 NTLP Summer Recap

by Brian Yu

With only one camp for 2005, there was sure to be some disappointment as NTLP has not hosted one camp since our 1st year in 1992. Indeed in more lucrative years, NTLP has hosted up to four camps, expanding as far as Texas and Washington. However this year, NTLP had only one number in mind for 2005. "One," as in there would only be "One" camp. You can either think of it as the "One" that is tiny, diminutive, and little, or as the "One" that entails unity, uniqueness and prominence. NTLP 2005 chose the latter.

Held at the immaculate campus of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, this would be NTLP's first time at the university. The stellar beauty of the college campus was an inspiration to all of NTLP's college hopefuls, and the roomy dorms and the cool, comfortable weather kept everyone cheerful and happy.

NTLP welcomed 215 participants hailing from all over the U.S. including So Cal, Nor Cal, Arizona, Colorado, Ohio, Washington, Oregon, and Texas. We even had one really out-of-town visitor from Argentina! 25 participants were sponsored by the California National Guard, and I am proud to say that 12 new alumni represented an organization called One to One Mentors from the Hi-Desert of Victorville, CA... my hometown! A record 50 past participants returned for another round of NTLP, including 2 four-time attendees, Pierce White and Kevin Villanueva.



First day ice breakers help everyone laugh, relax and feel energized.

32 alumni staff members from Texas, Arizona and all over California came to help facilitate the event. Current college alumni and college graduates, they represented the gamut of colleges from UC Irvine (hehe) to Cal State Sacramento, Boston University to Texas A&M, ITT Tech to Golden West College, UCLA to Northwestern University, and even LMU itself. It was a diverse and educated group of staff for a diverse and eager group of participants. Each staff member had count-

less NTLP and real-world experiences to help enthuse and motivate each student.

Three exhilarating speakers came to help bring out the leaders in all of us. First, there was the extreme antics of Chris Bowers who hilariously taught us through comical anecdotes that we all have the power to take risks and to have assurance in our abilities. Next up, the passionate and charismatic, John Alston, talked about achieving our goals and delivered a powerful message about "celebrating life's journey with character, decency and common sense."

Finally, to close, the kind-hearted and optimistic 9/11 survivor, Michael Hingson, along with his guide dog, Roselle, graced us with a message about trust and teamwork through the lessons of the 9/11 tragedy, an event that we could all tangibly relate too.



How many staff can fit in a 4x4 box? Apparently 31, as Brandon Forde looks for way to make it an even 32.

NTLP exercises and workshops trained us in numerous elements of leadership. Participants became Airplane Engineers to learn teamwork and the effectiveness (or non-effectiveness) of managers. A discussion on Heroes defined and explained what a hero could be based on one's own life experiences, and whether today's society has heroes we can all look up too. The Prejudice Gallery was a sobering look at stereotypes and how we absorb inaccuracies about all races, genders, and sexualities through movies, our environment and childhood teachings.

On the same lines, participants once again had the opportunity to experience NTLP's thought-provoking and powerful Diversity workshop. Strong emotions surfaced through shared experiences and hard-to-hear facts about race, class, gender and diverse socioeconomic experiences. Goal-setting was the focus of Jill Esplin's It's T.I.M.E. (Take a chance, Imagine your reality, Make it happen and Evaluate the outcome) presentation, and the California National Guard's fun and informative ROPES course was a highlight of the afternoon.

Communication and interviewing skills are the focal point of the Interviews. 20 Judges from all over southern California volunteered to interview the participants in a one-on-one-setting. We

would especially like to thank our Alumni Judges, pictured below from left to right:



Lina Centeno (97-98), Vincent Jones (93-94), (Director, Laura Segura), Phi Speer (93-94), Greg Haack (95) and Alyssa Crans (95).

It's never all work and no play at NTLP! We enjoyed ice breakers and teambuilders like Elephant, Palm Tree & Monkey, and had some plain 'ol good fun while representing our groups in the Mini-Olympics. Paul Parsons amazed us (as he always does) with his hypnotist show and we boogied the night away at our DJ Dance Party with pizza in our tummies. And, do not forget how much fun it was just to hang out and have free time with your new friends.

Although NTLP 2005 is behind us now, we still have are our new friends, lessons, and memories. Despite having just one conference this year, NTLP 2005 ended with a bang as it always has. Personally, it was superb having only one camp, because for the first time ever, we were able to mix all our participants from other locations into one scene where we could all meet and experience each other's lives.

Take what you have learned back to your communities. Take back what you absorbed from the exercises, the speakers, and the people you met. Do not wait for NTLP 2006 to awaken that sleeping leader in you. Go out there, get out of your comfort zone, smile and take risks. You are all phenomenal and skillful leaders. Seeing you all at camp has genuinely given me further assurance that our future is in very good and more than capable hands.



Jeremy Chafatinos (02) and Julieanne Lee (97)'s group of "Whales." LMU 2005

From your Alumni Association Vice President

As the temperature drops and the moisture accumulates, so has another year for NTLP. I would like to personally thank all of you for your continuous support and it is because of you that NTLP 2005 was able to operate. Since the 9/11 attacks and now Katrina, many non-profits struggle to grow as disasters require our attention now more than ever before.

As Brian mentioned, NTLP 2005 was a camp that no one will ever forget. An amazing combination of students and alumni staff had one of the best times of their lives. I would like to especially thank all of our sponsors and groups including alum, Mr. Greg Haack of the Pacific Group for this year's T-Shirts, the California National Guard for sponsoring students and providing our ROPES course, Friday Night Live who brought a group, as well as the One to One Mentors from Victorville! I definitely cannot wait until 2006 to see what it will bring!

Our 3rd Annual Nationwide Raffle brought in \$4,000 with an amazing array of prizes ranging from Southwest Airlines Roundtrip Tickets to Amusement Park Admission Passes to American Tourister Luggage. Please see the big list of raffle prize winners and raffle prize donors! I hope I can count on your support for our 4th Annual Nationwide Raffle in Summer 2006!

Currently, NTLP Alumni are busy Skratching to raise more than \$2,500. That's right! NTLP Alumni have scratcher cards where amounts to be donated to NTLP are revealed underneath a scratch off oval! In return, all scratchers receive a coupon sheet valued at over \$50 each for discounts to national retailers. Don't miss out on your chance to help scratch!

Please don't forget that October is our annual eScrip and Postage Stamp Drive and November kicks off our 2nd Annual Giving Campaign. Our goal – a very necessary \$15,000 by the end of 2005. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing in your donation with the form in this newsletter. Please NOTE our new office address! All donors will be recognized on our website!

NTLP had a very successful summer and I am counting on your support so that 2006 is even more successful. We've positively influenced over 7,000 high school students internationally over the past 14 years to make a difference in their community by giving them the tools to bring their leadership to life. It's time for all of us to take a stand and give back to the program for the tens of thousands of students who have yet to experience NTLP! I hope to hear from all of you soon! JR Fujita JRTofu@aol.com



JR (Far right) and his group of "Fish" LMU 2005

NTLP Run In's

Greg Haack (95) ran into Lisa Rosenthal(98) at Habitat For Humanity in Santa Ana (she was wearing an NTLP shirt), Lari Malagon-Hernandez (94) ran into Anna Intharuthut (95) and Sergio Minero (95) at BJ's in Orange County while celebrating her birthday. Cami Lee (94) and sister Jane Lee (98) met up with Dan Kim (93) while in Boston. JR Fujita (96) ran into Vivien Thai Hsu (93) at the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV.

Got a run-in to share? Email it to JRTOFU@aol.com



NTLP fundraisers bring back past alumni! Participating at the TV Show taping for 8 Simple Rules - Jalin Hsu (93), Leeann Yu (99), Brandon Forde (01), Dionna Muldrow (00), Sophia Coria (98) (organizer), Phil Speer (93) and Bonnie Hall (96). Not pictured: Summer Fors (04) and Rico Coria (01)

The number in () after an alumni's name is the year they first attended NTLP. No other high school program can boast such a high rate of alumni who volunteer, staff or just plain stay in touch so long after participating, in many cases, 10 years or more! WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS???

ALUMNI - What are they doing now?

Susanne Barsotti (94) received her Masters at Univ. of Michigan and is now working for Lockheed Martin in Colorado. Susanne married David Brown in 2004. **Ryan Brown** (01) is currently a Freshman at San Jose State University, majoring in Sports Medicine/ Kinisiology, with a focus on Athletic Training. Ryan says "Because of NTLP, I became a better leader and gained a position on the CYC (California Youth Council), a spot which only 30 students from all over California are able to hold. I had the honor to hold that position for 2 years and am now in my 3rd year. I am also an Alumni Intern for the Teenwork Youth Council." **Jane Lee** (98-01)

and **Aram Nadjarian** (02) were both named as USA Today All Academic College Team members. Jane, now graduated from Northwestern has moved to Chicago to start her new career as a business analyst for Deloitte Consulting. **Jake Dire** (WA 00) just graduated from Colorado State with a degree in Marketing. **Cody Kopowski** (04) was appointed to the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth and plays for a professional paintball team called the San Francisco hornets. **Raul Perez II** (01) attends Cal State LA and hopes to pursue an IT career, **Ray Hah** (98) graduated from Northwestern and will attend Medical school there. **Dan Kim** (93) is at Teacher's College at Columbia. **Yilin**

Hsu (92) received the Best Performance Award and the highest judges score out of 17 finalists at ETTV Top Idol! **Vincent Jones** (93) resurfaced after many years away. A Swarthmore Graduate, Vincent is now a Field Rep for Senator Barbara Boxer. **Nga Lai** (92), another Swarthmore Grad has been working as a Nurse Practitioner and recently left for Grenada (Spain) to attend medical school. **Mike Patrick** (Motivational Speaker, 92 and then some) will be starting his own radio broadcast on VoiceAmerica.com. Check out Mike at www.patcom.com

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Laura Hellenenthal Wilke (Director) married **Sal Segura** in a beautiful wedding in May. NTLP alumni **Christie Najera** (01) glued hundreds of flowers on centerpieces, **Edgar Chen** (96) was master of ceremonies, **Yilin Hsu** (93) sang Laura's entrance song, **Yilin** and sister **Derlin** (99), sang a beautiful duet and **Cody Rose** (02) wrote and sang a song just for the occasion. Additionally, **Maria Bayog** (96) and **Laura** surprised **Sal** by dancing a traditional hula to the Hawaiian Wedding song.

Thank you for all the kind wishes we received!

2005 - A Year of Weddings!



Vivien Thai (93) wed long-time beau, **Alex Hsu**, in a beautiful Vietnamese service in their home followed by a second traditional American wedding at the Kahala Oriental in Hawaii!



Lari Malagon (94) wed **Francisco Hernandez** in July (right in the middle of an NTLP camp). That didn't keep **Laura**, **Edgar** and **Maria** from sneaking out to attend her reception.



Ryan Ferguson and **Dominique Hernandez** met at NTLP in 1998. **Laura** was pleased to attend their wedding this past September in San Francisco. At the reception, **Dominique** reminded **Laura** that she had called them out for dancing "too close" at the NTLP dance.



We would also like to acknowledge **Felicitas Nungaray** (96) who got married to **Jaime Vera** in Nov 04, **Aunatori Honeycutt's** (95) marriage to **Michael Taylor** in June 05 and **Lynette Hibben** (00), whose marriage to **Joseph Bartolmain** is scheduled for Nov. 05. **Congratulations to everyone!**

Scenes from 2005 - Loyola Marymount



CA National Guard sponsored a fun and informative ROPES exercise. Students participated in 5 different events involving balance, coordination and team work.

Christian Gallardo came all the way from Argentina and impressed everyone with his talent as well.

Mini Olympics help students get to know each other quickly in a fun and lightly competitive environment.

Edgar Chen (96), **Brian Yu** (00) and **William Young** (98) prepare for check-in.

John Alston provided a powerful message. "We have a lot of work to do people!"

Fundraisers & Thank You's

Watching TV Tapings earn money for NTLP!

Muchas Gracias to **Phil Speer** (93) (who is studying in Mexico for his Masters in Business right now) for organizing a fundraiser to attend "America's Funniest Home Video's." 16 alumni attended including: **Michael Hayes-Cooper** (04) (and mom), **Veronica Pavia** (05), **Nick Millar** (05) (and mom) **Danielle Boujikian** (05), **Steven Campos** (04), **Lauren Silverstein** (04) (with Mike Kulich), **Ariana Cervantes** (00)(with Cesar Arriaza), and **Gaby Serad** (05) (with sister Chantale and friends Marie and Lauren).

Skratchers!

Thanks go to **Gaby Serad** (05) for bringing this fundraiser to our attention! 28 Alumni have signed on to raise funds simply by having donor's "Skratch" the amount they donate. Donations range from a mere 50 cents to \$3 with the donor receiving more than \$50 in money saving coupons for their effort. Alumni hard at work trying to raise \$2800 through their combined efforts for NTLP are: **Jenna Green** (AZ 00), **Lauren Garza** (Tx 01), **Nina Pung** (01), **Maryanne Tongko**(98), **Levi Considine**(96), **Maria Bayog**(96), **Denise Hwang**(01), **Gaby Serad**(05), **Leeann Yu**(00), **Scott Higa**(98), **Christie Najera**(01), **Julianne Lee**(97), **JR Fujita**(96), **Justin Knighten**(01), **Vance Bernikoff**(95), **Brian Yu**(00), **Christopher**

Kren(94), **Sophia Coria**(98), **Ayaka Ando**(02), **Derlin Hsu**(00), **Lisa Wilkerson**(01), and **Edgar Chen**(96). We still have a few more books to distribute to willing volunteers. Please contact info@teenleader.org if you can help! Thank you!!

CA National Guard supports NTLP for 11th year in a row!

We just don't know where we'd be without our friends at the **CA National Guard**. This year 24 students from all over California were sponsored by the Guard to attend NTLP, many of them representing **Friday Night Live** or the sons and daughters of Guard Personnel. All students were required to write an essay on "Why I Choose to Live a Drug-Free Life." The Guard also sponsored a ROPES Course that everyone thoroughly enjoyed and six soldiers stayed to participate as Interview Judges. NTLP is fortunate to have such a valued partner.

Victorville Group raises funds to attend NTLP!

We also want to acknowledge the hard working group of One-2-One Mentors from Victorville who raised enough funds to send 12 students to NTLP this summer. We loved having you!

3rd Annual Raffle is huge success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle! Because of your generosity the NTLP raised almost \$4000. A very special thank you to Board members **Gordon Caulkins** and **Cami Lee** (94) for donating Southwest Airline tickets, **Christopher Kren** (96) for donating the Mini Ipad and **JR Fujita** (96) whose diligence and hard work was responsible for almost all of the other wonderful prizes. Check out our web site at www.teenleader.org for a complete list of prizes and winners!

Fundraising Campaign Set to Begin

If you check the Teenleader.org web site, you'll see the results of our fundraising campaign that began in December of 04. That campaign sought to raise \$30,000 in order to run programs in 2005. While we didn't raise the full amount, a respectable \$17,000 was raised which made at least one camp possible for 2005. We now need to raise the balance of \$13,000 before the end of this year to accomplish our goal. There is a form below you can use to make a donation or you can visit our web site and make a donation through Paypal. Please help us ensure that programs will run in 2006. We thank you so much for your generosity.

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