

Scenes from NTLP2004



UCLA participants getting ready for the mini olympics on the first day at NTLP



No Cal 'Fish' at San Jose State use team-building skills to create a Monster



Energizers are a great way to break the ice on the first day at UCLA 2004

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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JR Fujita and Julie Albery with their group of 'Fish', UCLA 2004

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Jazmyne Turner from Holy Names in Oakland on the final day at NTLP



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— T.S. Elliot*

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NTLP Summer 2004 Recap!

by Brian Yu

What a year it's been! What a year it's going to be! Lance Armstrong wins his 6th Tour de France, Shaquille O'Neal says bye-bye to L.A., and Ross and Rachel finally get back together (SHOCKER. . . as if you couldn't have guessed) in the highly-anticipated final episode *Friends*. All these events



Students enjoy a UCLA Campus Tour

were unforgettable experiences in our society. But what was even more wondrous to see was to witness 375 teens from all over California, Oregon, Texas, Nevada, Guam, and many other states, curiously travel to the campuses of UCLA and San Jose State to attend what seemed to be an ordinary, run-of-the-mill, leadership conference. To the veterans of the program, "NTLP 2004" was a phrase they had been looking forward to all year.

NTLP opened on June 25 with a blast, kicking off its 13th year in sunny southern California. The prestigious campus UCLA hosted 235 students, a record-high for So Cal! To handle this exceptional group of teenagers, 39 staff came from as far away as Brown Univ. on the east coast and Stanford on the West. They offered their cheery smiles and best efforts to ensure that all participants would leave camp with the same thrilled and positive experiences they had when they attended NTLP.

Three weeks later, another 140 enthusiastic participants ventured to San Jose State for NTLP's northern California conference. Along with 22 staff representing colleges from Northwestern Univ. to UC Irvine and including 9 that had already staffed at UCLA, NTLP's Nor Cal camp ended this summer's tenure with a bang.

This year, three outstanding speakers returned to offer their wonderful words of wisdom at both locations.

First up, the young, talented and comical Josh Shipp, taught us not only to pay more attention to Simon Says, but more

importantly, emphasized to not be satisfied with mediocrity, as his mantra, "Don't Be Average," echoed throughout his presentation. Next up- the amusing and charismatic style of Scott Greenberg. His compelling story of success over cancer inspired us to defeat "our own cancer" and to turn adversity into opportunity. Last, but not least, the wacky, wise, and dynamic Gary Zelesky invigorated our minds and pushed us all to realize how fortunate we are just to be vertical, live in the U.S.A, and, of course, to be leaders.

NTLP's activities challenged this year's participants such as the emotionally-gripping Diversity workshop, a fun mini-Olympics and the mock interview. Community leaders volunteered as interviewer judges to terrify participants. . .ahem, I mean to provide students the breathtaking and celebrated experience that is known as a "job interview." New activities included Scott Greenberg's workshop on Conflict Resolution, How to Build a Monster, Frustrations of Cup-Stacking, Group Dynamics through role-playing and the bias awareness Life Raft. One workshop had our very Gold staff member, JR Fujita, lead a Gold workshop, in which he taught students what it means to have a Gold personality. This included good study habits, useful interview skills and time management tips. However, the most important lesson JR taught was that just because Gold rhymes with Old, doesn't necessarily mean that he is, in fact, old. Participants were exposed to concepts of communication, teamwork, tolerance, motivation, open-mindedness, and of course, leadership throughout the entire weekend.

NTLP inspires teens to be leaders, but another goal of NTLP is to show them a good time!

Participants were entertained by the hilarious Paul Parsons Hypnotist show and they were amazed as they watched their peers perform in a supportive atmosphere in the Talent Show. Lastly, they boogied the night away and got their fill of pizza at the DJ Dance/Pizza Party. Let's not forget relaxing and bonding with new friends during free time was always an enjoyable occasion as well.



Andrew Simpson, Edwin Yee & Zoya Wolpe check in at San Jose State

2004 is not over. This year still holds many new and exciting spectacles like the 2004 Presidential Election & the flawless 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Although these are extraordinary events, what is more extraordinary is a teen winning a scholarship to college; another volunteering as a big brother; perhaps, another motivating her basketball team to win the state championship; or even better, a brave teen who stands up against peer pressure to stop the hate and prejudice in his or her high school. These are the events to watch. These are the miraculous moments of our time. While rooting for Team USA, George Bush, John Kerry, or whoever, don't forget to root for yourself.

Although NTLP's last camp of the year ended on July 18, NTLP 2004 still lives in teens like you. The year is not over, and there is still much to do and definitely much to accomplish. Remember to always

"Bring Your Leadership to Life."

On January 1, 2005, NTLP '04, will only be a memory. However, NTLP's torch will still burn bright as long as the teens it inspires continue to be what the program passionately strives so hard for...leaders.



A record 39 alumni came back to staff at UCLA, representing past camps as far back as 1993. Pictured here (with 3 NTLP participants and minus staff Lauren Miller), staff actually pay their room and board for the wonderful opportunity to help inspire the 2004 participants.

From your Alumni Association Vice President

What a summer we had! As summer comes to an end and a new school year begins, I have to say what a summer it has been for the National Teen Leadership Program's 13th Anniversary. Our camps this year focused on the theme, "Bring Your Leadership to Life" where the best combination of motivational speakers, alumni staff, workshops, and interactive activities were culminated to inspire the 380 students who came to the program this year. We are already looking ahead to 2005 and will be announcing our camp locations and dates very shortly.

Our camps this year would not have been possible without the tremendous leadership by our Board of Directors. I am also very thankful to the many hard-working alumni who volunteer thousands of hours to NTLP to fund-raise, create new activities, and who come back to staff because they want to give back to others.

Once again fundraising and work meetings are the focus for NTLP during the off season. We hope that you are able to participate in one or more upcoming events. October will be our annual eScrip month followed by our annual Postage Stamp Drive in November. There are many other ways to help too! Be sure to check out the website at www.teenleader.org for the most current information regarding NTLP activities.

I would also like to challenge you to bring your leadership to life by making a difference in your community, high school/college, or work environment by applying what you learned when you came to NTLP. I hope that you will motivate someone to make positive change in their life or in others, educate someone about NTLP and what the experience did for you, recognize someone in your life who made a difference for you, and support those around you that you care about.

Lastly, please take the time to give us an update about yourself and what you have accomplished since attending NTLP. Send your updates to me for publication in the next newsletter! Hope to see you soon, JR Fujita JR_Tofu@aol.com



Amorette Guzman, JR, Amanda Jackson and Danitra Bey at San Jose State 2004



Pierce White, Huda Shaikh, Jeremy Mckinley and others work through frustration in The Cup Stack at San Jose State.



NTLP staff (UCLA) go through the entire program in one very long day, prior to the participant's arrival, doing every exercise and learning important facilitation skills.



Christina Najera & William Young and their group of Penguin's at UCLA.



Staff Brian Yu is flanked by Icee Manoosilpa and Ireen Masis, San Jose State.

NTLP RUN-IN'S! Michele (Tengco) Ashley (94), 9 yrs after graduating HS, ran into her Mercy High leadership advisor, Janine Nolfi, while volunteering as an interview judge at the San Jose State camp. Christina Najera (01/02) a junior at CSU Sacramento, was moving back into the dorms when she ran into Cody Rose (02/03) who was moving in. (Other notables at Sac State - Sarah Ekberg, Justin Knighten, Angie Villanueva, JJ Garcia & ???) Christopher Kren (94) got on a plane to staff at UCLA 2004 and ended up next to alumni Carrick Sears (93/94) who was also heading to LA. Elicia Blackford (02/03 NC) spotted her group leader, Scott Higa (98) at a mini mall while getting ice cream in Sunnyvale.

Got a run-in to share? Send them to JR_Tofu@aol.com!

ALUMNI - What are they doing now?

Celexsy Adame (92/93 NCA) is expecting her second child in December (big brother is now 4). She celebrated her 5th wedding anniversary and is currently a Marketing Initiatives Mgr for ALLDATA/Autozone. Michele (Tengco) Ashley (94 NCA) wed this past spring in Kauai and is



Mihiri Tillakaratne, John Burnett, Jackie Yun, John Scoville -UCLA dance.

enjoying newlywed life. She is currently a producer for NBC11 News in San Jose and was nominated for an Emmy in May. Carrie Brubaker (97-99 SCA) graduated

from UCLA last spring with degrees in Biochemistry and French. She will be leaving for France to teach English for a year. Franco Canet (97/98 SCA) spent the summer teaching General Science, Biology, and Integrated Science in Elk Grove and is now teaching at Franklin High. He is completing his Masters at CSU Sacramento. Alissa Crans (95 SCA) just graduated with her PhD in Mathematics from UC Riverside. She was accepted to the teaching staff at Loyola Marymount in LA. Jason Fitzer (02-04 NCA) graduated from Big Valley High and is a freshman at Chico State. Raelena Gourley (97 SCA) graduated from Midwestern University with a BS

in Occupational Therapy. She is finishing her internship at the LA County Dept. of Mental Health and upon completion, will take her Board exam to practice as a Registered Occupational Therapist in a Pediatric Clinic specializing in Sensory Integration. Bonnie Hall (96/97 SCA) accepted a position as a Project Coordinator for Coast IRB in San Clemente, which oversees pharmaceutical and medical device studies. DeAndrea Johnson (02 TX) graduated from Westfield High and is attending Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, majoring in Nursing. She volunteers at Spring Branch Hospital. Michelle Lagautan (02 NCA) is a sophomore at University of San Francisco majoring in Exercise Sports Science with a pre-med degree. She volunteers in the outpatient physical therapy department at USF. JulieAnne Lee (97-99 NCA) graduated from UC Davis and is working in Admissions for the Colleges of Education and Pharmacy at Touro University at Mare Island in Vallejo. Bobby Perez (01TX/02 NCA) is a sophomore attending the University of Texas at Austin. Kaylan Phillips (02 SCA) is returning to Chico State as a sophomore where she is studying Psychology and also works at Buckle. April Rogers (99 SCA) finished her work at the California Animal Hospital this summer and is returning to Ithaca College in New York for her second year of Veterinarian School. Cody Rose (02-03 NCA) graduated from Clearlake High and is a freshman at CSU Sacramento. Julie Snyder (98 NCA)

graduated from UC Irvine and is back in her hometown, San Jose. Her picture made the front page of several newspapers at the Texas-A's baseball game when a baseball player threw a chair into the stands. Luckily, Julie was not injured. Angie Villanueva (02-03 N/SCA) is a Freshman at CSU Sacramento. Tony Watts (00-01 NCA) is a junior at UC Berkeley majoring in psychology. He works full time at the GAP, is recording his 2nd CD and is working on getting a record label. Jana Yamada (01 WA) attends the University of Puget Sound and is currently studying abroad in Japan. Leeann Yu (99-00 SCA) graduated from UCLA and



is working on tie (with Jeff Lester) for Ambassador Award. becoming a licensed Financial Advisor for American Express Financial in LA. This past summer Steph Flores (00/01 AZ) interned at Qwest with the Inroads Program and was just hired by the Adelante Program, a newly created Latino Retention program at Arizona State. She is president of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority and a Sr. Communications Major at ASU. Jason Bakker (02

Farmers Insurance sponsors students to NTLP for 8th year!



Danny Huerta puts the finishing touches on a house during Community Pride Day.

Farmers Insurance has provided sponsorships for students to attend NTLP since 1997. Each year a select number of motivated teens participate in Community Pride Day in Southern California. By volunteering to paint houses in needed areas of LA, students earn sponsorships to attend NTLP. Farmers has donated over \$11,000 toward student's attendance in the past eight years!

This year's students included: Sophia Coria (behind the camera) Lauren Miller, CJ Sun, Jeremy Chafatinos, Tomonet Johnson, Eddie & Danny Huerta, Amanda Aquino and Brittany Steel. Mom's Adette Steel and Alejandra Rodriguez also participated.

Fundraisers

During the off season, NTLP relies on volunteers who work on a wide variety of projects from letter writing campaigns to washing cars and yard sales! Thank you to these wonderful individuals who contribute their time and energy to NTLP!



JR Fujita & Christina Najera help promote NTLP at Assem. Steinberg's Annual Youth Fair Day.



Christie, JR, Julieann and Vance at the Davis yard sale.

In June board member Darrel Lewis offered up his garage for a profitable yard sale that earned over \$1400 for NTLP. Thanks to JR Fujita, Christina Najera, and Justin Knighten for their efforts!

July brought a surprise yard sale in Davis, as board member Gordon Caulkins found himself with a garage-full of unwanted items and donated the proceeds to NTLP. Getting up bright and early to help were JR Fujita, Christina Najera (and sister), Julieann Lee, and Vance Bernikoff. Edgar Chen and Laura worked the day before pricing the merchandise. NTLP earned about \$500 thanks to the Caulkins family.



Rounding out the summer, a large crew of dedicated alumni came from as far away as San Jose and Chico to wash cars on a very warm Sacramento Saturday. Big thanks go to Scott Higa (who traveled from San Jose) bringing Eric Hernandez with him, plus Edgar Chen, Vance Bernikoff, Chris Kren, Cody Rose, Christina



Najera, Justin Knighten, Sarah Ekberg, Jae & Seijin Park and Jason Fitzer, who came all the way from Chico to help. The crew was rewarded with a BBQ and Pool Party in the late afternoon!

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Alumni Profile: Leeann Yu

Written by: JR Fujita

One of the familiar faces at NTLP since 1999 includes senior staff, Veronica Leeann Yu. A recent graduate from UCLA, Leeann majored in International Development Studies with an emphasis on East and Southeast Asia. Her minor was in Education Studies. She is beginning her career as a Financial Advisor for American Express Financial in Southern California.

Leeann attended NTLP in 1999 and 2000 and Northern California. Because of her Leeann single handedly raised donations that paid for all the NTLP Board of Directors. She will be officially approved

In her limited spare time, Leeann likes to visit with family especially for handbags and purses. She has become quite a reality TV junky watching anything from MTV's Road Rules to The Amazing Race to American Idol. Friends and Sex In The City are other favorites.

When asked what Leeann got most from NTLP, she said, "...[it] was the confidence that I can make a difference." She discovered an immediate sense of belonging, knowing that everyone at NTLP would accept her for who she was. She knew she would always have people to rely and depend on, knowing that they would always believe in her.

Leeann returns to staff every year because she wants to give back to the NTLP program that has given her so much. She has a big heart to inspire someone else's life and to make a difference. She also loves having a second family, even if she only sees NTLP participants and staff once or twice a year. She also comes back so she can get her pizza fix at camp for a year (she's just kidding!).

The next time you see or talk to Leeann, be sure to congratulate her on joining the NTLP Board of Directors!

"[NTLP gave me] the confidence that I can make a difference."

Leeann Yu

and has staffed since 2001 in both Southern year-round commitment to NTLP (in 2003 of our camp binders) she was offered a seat on at our October Board Meeting.

and friends. She also enjoys shopping, especially for handbags and purses.



Alumni Profile: Ashlee Enriquez

Written by: Leeann Yu

Laura Wilke, Director, still remembers when a very young and shy Ashlee, along with her sister Monique and brother Vincente, attended NTLP in 2001. Ashlee and Monique attended both California camps that year and when asked why, Ashlee (or was it Monique?) replied that their father felt it was very important that they strengthen their leadership skills. Well, over the past four years, Ashlee Enriquez has participated in six NTLP camps. No longer shy, Ashlee's enthusiasm and friendliness earned her the prestigious female Ambassador Award this year at San Jose State.

Ashlee is now a senior at University of San Diego High. She is a member team, where she competes in the pole vault. Outside of school Ashlee a local retirement home. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with tending to her favorite band, Incubus. Ashlee told us that she is actually a try anything at least once. One of the things she would like to eventually Ashlee aspires to become a doctor.

"...life is way too short to dwell on the past or future, so live life in the moment and be happy."

Ashlee Enriquez

of her school's track and field teaches catechism and works at friends, watching football and listening very adventurous person, who will try is riding a bull. In the future,

At NTLP Ashlee not only gained life long friendships, but also the confidence and belief that she can accomplish anything she sets her mind to. One of Ashlee's goals in life is to help others gain more confidence and a new outlook on the bad things that happen in life. Instead of dwelling on the bad things, Ashlee encourages others to learn and grow from their experiences. Her philosophy on life is that "life is way too short to dwell on the past or the future, so live life in the moment and be happy."

NTLP would like to wish Ashlee the best during her senior year and to keep on believing that anything is possible. We are counting on seeing Ashlee this coming summer at Camp #7. Or will it be #8?

Alumni Updates..cont..

NC) is a senior at Gilroy High. He's re-writing a series of books he was working on when he attended in 02 and just landed a job at Bonfante Gardens. You are invited to wander his mind at weblog: www.archclubblog.blogspot.com. **Candice Cooper** (97-99 SC/NC) graduated from UC Riverside with a BS in Business and is now a Claims Adjuster for Mercury Insurance. **Jenna Green** (99-01 AZ/SC) just returned from a year of volunteering at the National YMCA Conference Centre in England. While abroad she traveled all over England, and also to Sweden, Scotland, and Wales. She will be returning to Northern Arizona University to finish up her Bachelor's degree. Spotted in the Sacramento Bee - **Melissa Visaya** (00 WA) made the finalist round to be a King's Court Dancer for the prestigious Sacramento Kings.



Bobby 1992

Found on the internet - Alumni **Bobby Cantu** (1992- founding program) was just promoted to Assist Coach for the USC Men's Trojan's Basketball team. Bob, 30, graduated from Chapman Univ in 1997 and is now married.

His career included coaching at Cuesta College and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, before being hired as Assist Coach for the Hornets at Sac State. For

the past eight years, Bob has run his own basketball camps for youth, ages 5- 17. Check them out at www.cantucamps.com.

"I attended NTLP in its first year, and I am excited to see it is still benefiting others. I will always be thankful to NTLP and to Laura for instilling strong leadership skills. These skills have allowed me to reach my goal of being a major college basketball coach."



Bob, 2004

Congratulations Bobby! (You'll always be Bobby to us!)



Jane Lee (98-01) was selected as a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at UC Berkeley this past summer, taking a little time off to staff NTLP No Cal. She was also recently elected Student Government President at Northwestern University. Last winter, Jane was selected as a Trumen Scholarship finalist and was flown to Arizona State for the interview. She asked for a contact in Arizona and we hooked her up with Arizona Alumna, **Stephanie Flores** (see updates). They got together on Jane's first night in Arizona.



Jalin Hsu is in the front row, 2nd from the right.

Jalin Hsu (93 NC) has been working hard the last few months vying for the title of ETTV Super Idol (Think American Idol in Chinese). Ja made it to the final round and took 2nd place, representing San Francisco, an \$800 prize and a performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. While she didn't win the 1st prize which included a chance to compete at the International Finals in Hong Kong, she did win Best Stage Performance and recognition from some serious VIP's in the music industry! Others in the marvelous, musical Hsu family include Ja's twin sister, **Yilin** (93) (who was a finalist in Sacramento for American Idol last year) and younger sister **Derlin** (99,00,02) who sings with the UCSD Tritones A Capella Group

What have you been up too? NTLP wants to know! Send updates to JRTofu@aol.com or Info@teenleader.org

Alumni from the early years volunteer as Interview Judges!

It seems like only yesterday when these former participants attended NTLF. Now 8-10 yrs and college degrees later, dedicated alumni still come back to help NTLF!



From left: Kim Thompson Knight, Alan Quan, Abraham Chuang & Michelle Gangitano

3 yr alumna, **Kim Thompson Knight** attended NTLF during 1995 - 1997 and

was a frequent staff member in subsequent years, as well as NTLF's summer intern for 3 summers. She graduated from Long Beach State in 2001 with a degree in Communication Studies, and married beau, Jim Knight shortly thereafter. She is currently the Assoc. Director for Corp. Development at UC Irvine and resides in Huntington Beach. **Alan Quan** attended in 1994 and graduated from UC Irvine. He is currently working on his MBA from Carnegie Mellon. Alan works as a Derivatives Specialist for Western Asset Management and lives in Glendale, CA. **Abraham Chuang** attended NTLF (then CTLP) in 1993. He graduated from UCLA in 1997 and attended Univ. of Minnesota for his law degree. Abraham is now an attorney with Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP and resides in Irvine. **Michelle Gangitano**, 1995 alumna, graduated from UC Irvine and recently obtained her MSW (Masters in Social Work). Michele's brother David, who must have been only 7 or 8 when Michele attended, was a participant this year at UCLA. We also want to thank Ann Costello, mother to **Tre Costello** (95-96). Tre graduated from the US Naval Academy, is married and has a young son. He is currently serving our country in the armed forces.

SCENES FROM THE INTERVIEW



NTLF was thrilled when Janine Nolfi, Leadership Moderator from Mercy High, called to advise she was bringing 20 girls to NTLF at San Jose State this summer. Janine, along with Campus Minister, Rita Cutarelli, attended most of the functions during the weekend as well as serving as Interview Judges. As a special bonus, it turned out that Michele Tengco, who graduated from Mercy High in 1995, had Ms. Nolfi as her leadership advisor 9 years earlier and they hadn't seen each other since.



Genevieve Franco, Jennifer Hao(?), Diamond Cook, William Chan, Namar Burton, Narine Basmajian- SoCal Interviews



From left: Joan Genove Dusich, Laura Wilke, Dominique Gonzalez, Ryan Ferguson, & Michele Tengco Ashley.

Joan attended NTLF

in 1995 and staffed every year until 2004. She graduated from San Jose State with a degree in Molecular Biology and Minors in Chemistry and Mathematics. Joan is a Research Associate working on Cancer Research at Xenogen Corporation. She and husband Ryan are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born in April. Joan also sits on NTLF's Board of Directors. **Dominique Gonzales & Ryan Ferguson** attended NTLF in 1998 & 1999 (where they met), and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo together. Dominique graduated with a degree in Political Science and Ryan in Civil Engineering. Dominique is a Deputy Court Clerk for the Superior Court of California and Ryan is a Cost Engineer with Rudolph & Sletten. They plan to marry in 2005. **Michele Tengco Ashley** attended NTLF in 1994 and graduated from Loyola Marymount in 1999 with a degree in Communication Studies. She is currently a Producer with NBC II and married Kevin Ashley earlier this year.



No Cal- Ariana Angelo interviews with Ssg. Robert Agnew



Christy Simmons, Anna Tanaka, Nehemiah Vaughn, Tayanna Wiggins & Willis Yu - So Cal Interviews



No Cal Interviews - Vianey Martinez, Karylhn Lee, Lamar Holloway, Gabriel Gonzalez looking quite confident!

How to make your dreams come true:

Expert advice from best-selling author and psychologist, Wayne Dyer:

1. Don't die with your music still inside you. Listen to your inner voice. Find what really moves you. **Follow your passion!**
2. **Embrace silence.** Scientist and religious philosopher Pascal wrote that all man's unhappiness comes from his inability to sit in a room quietly. So make time to be silent.
3. **Give up your personal history.** Stop using past abuses and shortcomings to justify self-defeating behaviors. Your past is over! **Focus on now!**
4. **Avoid weakening thoughts.** Stuff like guilt, shame, fear and anger will bring you down. Thoughts that empower you are peace, joy, love, and acceptance. **Make a conscious decision to take charge of your thinking.**
5. **Treat yourself as if you already are what you'd like to be.** If you've always dreamed of being a writer, introduce yourself as a writer. **The first person who has to believe in you – is you!**

CA National Guard - A strong supporter of NTLF

The California National Guard has been a proud sponsor of NTLF since 1995. Over the past nine years, the CNG has sponsored more than 400 students to NTLF programs, many from community based service organizations (People Reaching Out, Friday Night Life), Guard sponsored programs (Grizzly Academy, DEFY-Drug Education For Youth) and sons and daughters of military personnel.

Additionally, the CNG provides many in-kind services such as printing, personnel, transportation assistance and on-site assistance, such as workshop presenters and interview judges.

We are honored to have several members of the Guard serve as Board Members for NTLF. Notably: The Adjutant General for the state of California, Maj Gen Thomas Eres, Commander in charge of the Counterdrug Task Force, Richard Loesh, MSgt. Chris Dahl and Cpt. Tela McFadden, Drug Demand Reduction.

We know we would not be as successful without their consistent support!



Christopher Kren (94) -NTLF VP Ops and Web Master, Dr. Don Bradley - Col. USAFRps. (Ret), Ken Deluca - Cal Air Guard, Laura Wilke - NTLF Director, & Ssgt. Rob Agnew - Cal Air Guard at San Jose Interviews. Rob also assisted with airport transfers and on site assistance.