FOCUS was established in 2008 at Millikan in response to a lack of school spirit and student involvement. Since its founding, FOCUS has seen a massive increase in student participation and service to the Long Beach community. We continue to strive to build leadership skills, mentoring abilities, and service to the Millikan and Long Beach community.

FOCUS Camp

Summer camp is an experience all students would have during high school. FOCUS’s summer camp is uniquely designed to build the specific skills our leaders need. Students are given the opportunity to bond with one another in a unique setting that helps break down personal barriers and empower students to reach greater potential. Students will take part in team building activities that are designed to create stronger and lasting relationships with their fellow FOCUS members.

What is FOCUS?

FOCUS stands for Finding Opportunities to Create Unity through Service and it is a club and a class on campus. Students in FOCUS are committed to three main goals: 1) Mentoring younger students, 2) Building unity on campus, and 3) Serving the greater Long Beach community. Through this program, student will grow in leadership and organizational skills, will participate in various acts of community service, will grow in responsibility and self-discipline, will break down barriers in their relationships both on and off campus, and will grow in their pride at
FOCUS has been a great experience for all students who have participated and we are committed to making this year a success as well! In addition to the opportunities and growth mentioned above, students will also get to participate in a fun-filled weekend of bonding with other students on campus during our summer training camp. At this camp, students participate in various activities designed to build friendships, break down barriers, and to train them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

What are the requirements?

Students who are interested in joining FOCUS should expect a significant time commitment throughout the course of the year. Students will be expected to attending training camp on August 12th - August 14th. The cost for camp is $150/student. This covers the cost of food, staff, apparel, and additional activities. Fundraising options are available for those students who would prefer. Students who are experiencing financial difficulties should speak with Mrs. Itson ASAP to discuss options. FOCUS students will also be leading the Freshman Orientations and Prep on August 17th, 18th, 19th and 22nd. In order to be in FOCUS, students must be able to attend both camp and the orientation dates.

Additionally, students will be expected to meetings once a month at 6:30am. There will be a FOCUS class next year as well for a limited number of students who can fit the course in their schedule. The class will serve as the governing board of the organization and will help plan the activities FOCUS is involved with over the course of the year. Please indicate on your application if you would be interested in joining the class, or if you would prefer to remain an “at-large” member.

Please take the time to complete the FOCUS 2016-2017 application! I can guarantee that the time you spend with FOCUS will be some of the best times of your high school life. I look forward to working with all of you!

- Mrs. Itson
F.O.C.U.S. Application 2016-2017

(Applications due by 3pm on Feb 12th in room 701)

Name:  
Grade:  

SLC:  
G.P.A:  

Cell Phone:  
Home Phone:  

Name and signature of teacher who will recommend you for FOCUS:

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Are you interested in being in the FOCUS class? _________

1. What does being a mentor mean to you?

2. Describe any adversity have you overcome?

3. What qualities make you a distinguished leader?

4. What other extracurricular activities are you involved in?

5. What things do you think you can show the underclassmen, especially the incoming freshman?

6. Why do you want to be in F.O.C.U.S?