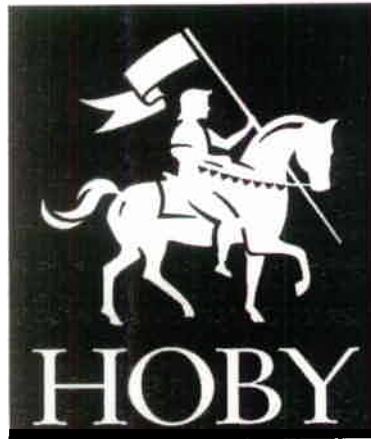


Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
1998 California-Central Leadership Seminar

America's Incentive System



40th Anniversary

May 29 - 31, 1998
Loyola Marymount University
Westchester, California



Spring 1998

Welcome HOBY Ambassador:

Congratulations on being selected to represent your high school at the California-Central Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar. You were chosen for the honor of representing your schools because of the outstanding leadership potential you have demonstrated. That's why we call you an ambassador. The purpose of this HOBY seminar is to teach you how to think -- not what to think. You will get out of life what you put into it and that certainly applies to your HOBY experience too. We want to awaken in you that magic genie of self-esteem so important to any success. You were selected to attend HOBY because you are special: think special my young friend and you will always be special.

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary and I look back to remember the first leadership seminar that I led in California in 1958, I feel awed and grateful for our tremendous growth and outstanding accomplishments. The program has impacted over 200,000 ambassadors at our leadership seminars and touched countless others through our HOBY "ripple effect."

You will make many new friends this weekend from all across your great state -- hang on tight to them -- you have many, many, years of meaningful futures to share. You will also realize that a great many volunteers gave many hours of their time and caring to make this weekend possible. These volunteer speakers, staff and committee members give their hours freely because they believe in the future of our democracy and recognize that you "outstanding" young people represent our future. All of us hope you will walk away from this HOBY experience with a better understanding and appreciation of your Country's democratic process and your economic incentive system that provides the fuel.

I don't have any children of my own, but I've got a couple of hundred thousand like you out there I'm proud to call my family. So, shine bright my friends, you are all my tomorrow and the future is yours to live and to give back. I wish you love and God speed!

HOBY Hugs,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh".

Hugh O'Brian
Founder and Chairman of the
Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership



May 29, 1998

Dear HOBY Ambassadors:

Welcome to the 40th annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar!

This seminar was designed to further your understanding of "America's Incentive System" and assist in developing your leadership potential by challenging your thinking. You will be presented with different ideas and viewpoints from various business, government and civic leaders. I encourage you to be an active participant and listen, contemplate and question the thoughts presented to you by the leaders of our society.

The one thing that has made America great is its people; innovative and resourceful with a strong desire to improve themselves and their communities. You're joining over 250 of your peers this weekend from cities as far North as Fresno and as far South as Long Beach. Although you all come from different environments and lifestyles, each of you shares the desire and motivation to improve and contribute.

It is my hope that you will depart from this seminar determined to be the best you can be, ready to take a positive role in our society. Many people have invested in various ways to make this seminar experience possible. In return, we only ask that you extend your ideas, insights and enthusiasm to others in your school and in your community.

You're a special individual, chosen to attend the seminar because of your potential to become a future leader of America. All of us involved in HOBY congratulate you on being selected and hope you enjoy this learning experience.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tisha Nator". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

Tisha Nator
HOBY Mom

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone gathered for this Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership event. I am delighted to congratulate HOBY on its 40th anniversary, and I am grateful for HOBY's partnership in the President's Summit for America's Future through its commitment to fully engage 14,000 ambassadors in 100 hours of community service by the year 2000.

Within a few short years, the world will look to young people like you for the ideas, creativity, and leadership we need to face the challenges of the 21st century. By participating in HOBY, you are demonstrating your willingness to meet those challenges.

Providing rich educational opportunities, developing leadership skills, and fostering understanding among youth in the United States and around the world, HOBY programs are helping to prepare young people like you for the responsibilities that lie ahead. I commend all of you for setting high goals for yourselves, and I encourage you to make the most of this unique learning experience. I also join you in thanking the thousands of volunteers at the local, state, and national level whose generosity and hard work help to make this program and other HOBY events possible throughout the year.

Best wishes for a memorable experience and for every future success.

Bill Clinton

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Composed of achievement oriented volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, the 1997-98 California Central leadership Seminar Committee (CCLSC) volunteered many hours to present the 40th annual leadership seminar to over two hundred fifty high schools.

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Friday, May 29th

- 6:30 a.m. Check-In
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
Tisha Nator, CA-Central Leadership Seminar
Father Thomas O'Malley, Loyola Marymount University President
- 9:30 a.m. Keynote
Gene Griessman, Motivational Speaker
- 10:30 a.m. Break & Snacks
- 11:00 a.m. Panel One
"What Does it Mean to be an Entrepreneur?"
Theodore X. Garcia, President & Founder – XGAR Group
Nick Nostert, Attorney
Billy Ruvelson (*HOBY Alumni*) Owner, Global Ostrich Group LLC and California Ostrich Farms
Arthur D. Kraus, CLU,ChFC, Board Chair - The AFP Group, Inc
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- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Writing Exercise
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Panel Two
"The Challenge of Education in California"
Mike Spence, Member - West Covina Board of Education
David Tokofsky, Member - Los Angeles Board of Education
Yolie Aguilar Flores, Pres. - Los Angeles County Board of Education
David C. Barron, Prof – Whittier College Education Department
- 4:30 p.m. Group Pictures
- 5:15 p.m. Panel Three (Presented by HOBY's National Board of Trustees)
"Lessons in Leadership"
Margaret Anderson, CFO & V.P. Adm. – The Aerospace Corporation
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- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

- 8:00 p.m. Motivational Speaker
John Bryant, President – Operation Hope
- 9:15 p.m. Skits/Showcase
- 11:45 p.m. Meet with Counselors
- 12 midnight Bed Checks

Saturday, May 30th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Panel Four
 “Volunteerism – Is it Total Altruism, or What’s in it for Me?”
Art Pina, Director, - L.A. Regional Food Bank
Paige Van Riper, Director – L.A. Works
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Bernard LeSage Esq., Community Activist & Past San Marino Lawyer
- 10:00 Break & Snacks
- 10:30 a.m. Career Dreams
Greg Brendel, President – Career Dreams Inc.
- 12:00 noon Power Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Panel Five
 “Media & Advertising – Influencing Opinion”
Pete Demetriou, Reporter – KFWB
Barbara Osborne, Professor – Cal State Northridge
Marde Gregory, Assoc. Dir. – UCLA’s Center for Communication & Policy
Mike Tharpe, West Coast Correspondent – U.S. News and World Report
- 3:30 p.m. Barter Bar
- 4:15 p.m. Panel Six
 “How You Can Change the Laws in Your Community and State”
Paula Boland, L.A. City Charter Reform Commission
Honorable Greg Hill, Mayor – Redondo Beach
Bonnie Sloane, Women’s Rights Activist
Kent Carlson, Chairman – S.E.I.U. Local 347
Linda Braunshweiger, State Appointee – CA Housing Finance Agency

- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Speaker
Gene Griessman
- 7:45 p.m. Motivational Speaker
Steve Lavin, Coach – UCLA Men's Basketball
- 8:30 p.m. Writing Exercise: Letter of Thanks
- 9:15 p.m. Dance
- 11:00 p.m. Reflections
- 12 midnight Bed Checks

Sunday, May 31st

- 7:00 a.m. Power Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. HOBY Town Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Panel Seven
"American Disability Act"
Andrew Houghton, Activist – American Disability Act
Miriam Braunstein, Asst. Editor – New Mobility
Ellen Blackman, Bus System Improvement Planning Program Mgr. – MTA
Richard Devylder, Program Dir. – Southern CA Rehabilitation Services Inc.
Gayle C. Kaplan Esq., Activist
- 11:00 a.m. Parent Program*
- 12 noon Collegiate Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. Life After HOBY
- 2:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies
Hugh O'Brian, Founder – Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
- 4:15 p.m. Farewell and Safe Trip Home
- 5:00 p.m. Counselor and Staff Wrap-Up

Origin & History

In 1958, Hugh O'Brian returned from Africa highly inspired by his visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Later that year, while portraying the legendary lawman Wyatt Earp on television, Hugh O'Brian decided to make his own contribution to society by establishing the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY). Since that time, HOBY has motivated tens of thousands of young people to realize their leadership potential by conducting annual seminars on a variety of subjects which focus around the theme of "America's Incentive System."

Mission and Objectives

- To seek out, recognize, and develop leadership potential in high school sophomores in the United States and abroad.
- To encourage and assist members of this formative age group in their quest for self-identification and self-development;
- To interface these potential leaders with recognized leaders in business, industry, government, science and education through give-and-take workshops using a question-and-answer format;
- To stimulate opportunities for these young people to demonstrate their leadership abilities when they return home for betterment of community and country.

Selection Process

Each September, HOBY's selection process begins when the nomination materials are sent to the 22,000 public and private high schools in the United States. All tenth graders are eligible for selection to attend one of the three- or four-day weekend seminars held each Spring/Summer in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Ontario, Canada, and Mexico. A sophomore leader is nominated by each school and is certified by the principal. These expense-paid workshops focus on the theme "America's Incentive System." From each HOBY Leadership Seminar, one boy and one girl are selected to represent their seminar at a weeklong World Leadership Congress held in late summer. In addition, HOBY invites young leaders from at least thirty countries to attend.

Results of Seminar

The effectiveness of give-and-take workshops is noted in a survey of HOBY Alumni

- 93% of alumni are more willing to make decisions and be responsible for the effects of those decisions;
- 98.8% began to think about new career possibilities
- 71% have received awards for school or community services
- 70% are interested in careers in business and industry, law, and the health sciences

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Tsurudome, Tamiko	El Segundo High School		
Tzeng, Wendy	South Pasadena High School		
Vadgama, Yagnesh	Bellflower High School		
Vartabedian, Melanie	Alex Pilibos Armenian School		
Vasquez, Elliot	Rosemead High School		
Vass, Alisha	Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy		
Villarreal, Eva	Tulare Union High School		
Vue, Nangpay	Fowler High School		
Walker, LaShaun	King/Drew Medical Magnet		
Warner, Ruth	Francis Polytechnic H. S.		
Warth, Blake	Alexander Hamilton High School		
Westmoreland, Andrea	Calif. Academy of Math & Scien.		
Wilcox, Patrick	Corcoran High School		
Williams, Ebony	Lutheran High School		
Williams, Joshua	Dorsey High School		
Wilson, John	La Mirada High School		
Wong, Courtney	South Hills High School		
Wong, Derrick	Los Altos High School		
Wood, Heather	Canyon High School		
Woodall, Christa	Crescenta Valley High School		
Xiong, Mary	Tulare Western High School		
Yorizane, Melissa	Mark Keppel High School		

The Man in the Arena

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt



The Freedom to Choose

Unfortunately, a very small number of our young people seem to attract most of the news. They are in the public eye because they have stolen cars, vandalized schools, created disturbances - in some way rebelled against society. These headline-makers represent only a small part of our teenage population. It is a fact that 98.7 percent of our young people are law-abiding, constructive citizens. There is too much focus on the negative. It is time we accent the positive - pat the good guys and gals on the back - let them know there are rewards for being responsible members of the community.

I do NOT believe we are all born equal. Physical and emotional differences, parental guidance, varying environments, being in the right place at the right time, all play a role in enhancing or limiting an individual's development. But I DO believe every man and woman, if given the opportunity and encouragement to recognize his or her potential, regardless of background, has the freedom to choose in our world. Will an individual be a taker or a giver in life? Will that person be satisfied merely to exist or seek a meaningful purpose? Will he or she dare to dream the impossible dream?

I believe every person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny with great power for a specific purpose: to share with others, through service a reverence for life in a spirit of love.