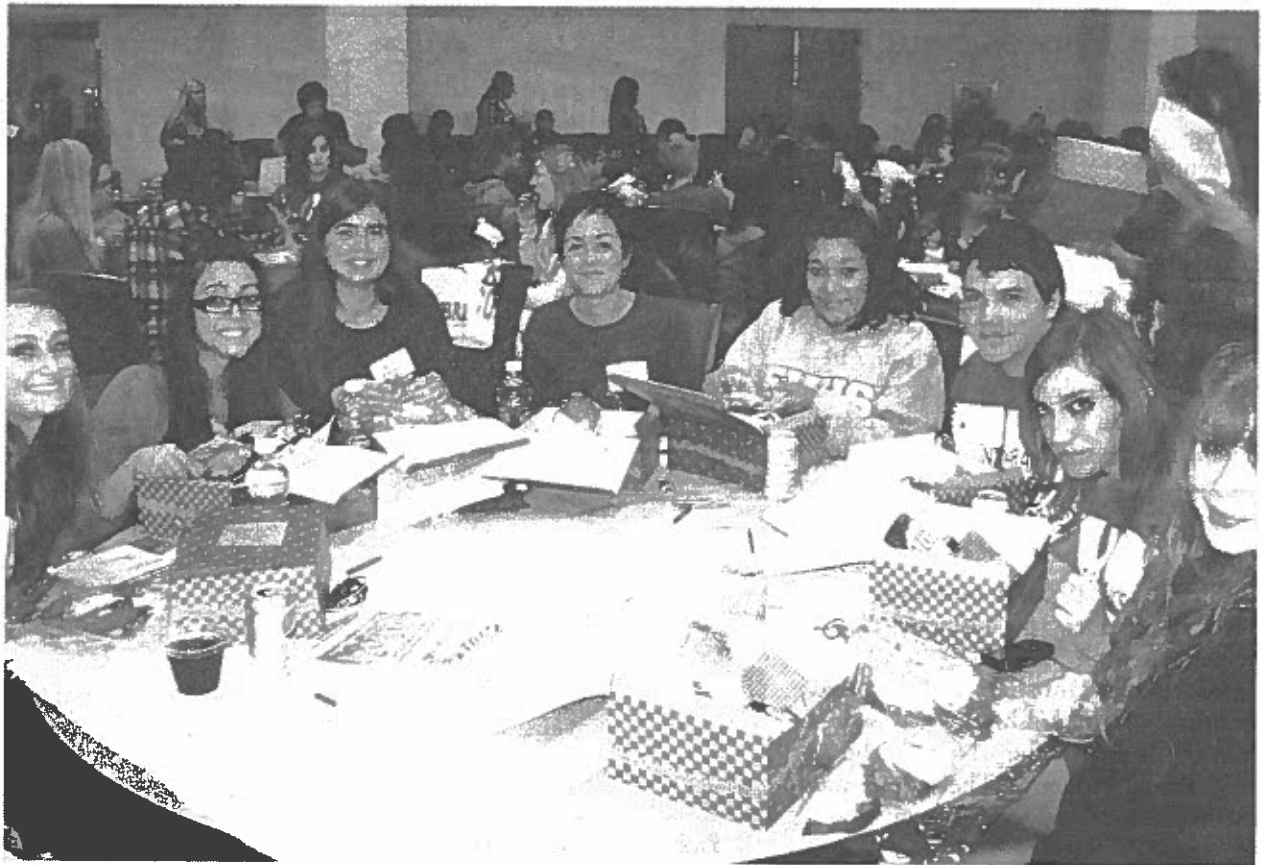


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*Above: Fullerton High School Students participate in the OC Human Relations Walk in My Shoes program at UCI.*

## Walk in My Shoes BRIDGES Youth Conference

Over 550 students and educators from 28 Orange County Junior High and High Schools attended the 22nd Annual OC Human Relations Walk In My Shoes BRIDGES Youth Conference held at UC Irvine.

The program brings students together to explore issues of identity and culture, develop their leadership skills, and be exposed to examples of successful youth activism. The goal is to empower and mobilize students to work toward creating positive social change. The

emphasis was placed on providing students with workshops that help them get involved in making a difference in their schools, communities and the world.

The all-day conference was hosted by UCI Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Daniel J. Dooros.

Students were entertained by youth DJ-South and emceed by OC Human Relations Youth Organizer program members Andy Tovar and Valerie Sandoval.

The opening session featured a welcome from Commission Chair Bill Wood and Dr. Rameen A.

Talesh, UCI Assistant Vice Chancellor Student Affairs. Youth Organizer Alexis Nava was the keynote speaker.

Twenty different workshops were offered in three successive time slots. About half the students participated in an optional tour of the UCI campus.

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