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“Winning Arguments” College Essay Class Coming in March

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s recreation and culture department is offering a four-week class titled “Winning Arguments: College Essays for High School Students” that will teach students how to improve their college admissions essays, SAT writing scores, and rankings on college and university English placement tests.

“Winning Arguments” will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays March 3 through 26 from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Recreation Center at Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center, located at 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd.

The cost of the class is \$40, plus a \$15 fee for materials (payable to the instructor on the first day of class).

The class will be taught by Anne Yale, a local author, poet, and teacher who started the Law & Government Academy at Highland High School and served as its first program coordinator. Participants will receive individual feedback and strategies for producing effective college essays. Special attention will be given to college-level vocabulary and writing with syntactic variety.

“The key to college success lies in the ability to make effective academic arguments,” said Yale. “Just like an attorney, you must begin by examining the evidence, evaluating your opponent’s arguments, and formulating successful counter-arguments. The trick, then, is presenting them in writing in the conventional essay format. Everything’s an argument! But only the *best* arguments win.”

One other session will be held April 7 through April 30.

For more information, or to register for classes, please call or visit the recreation and culture office at 38260 10th Street East, 661/267-5611, or visit us online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playpalmdale.

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