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### Palmdale to Offer “Winning Arguments” College Essay Class

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s culture and recreation department is offering a class entitled 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.

Three sessions of “Winning Arguments” will be offered this fall. Each runs for four weeks per session, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Recreation Center at Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center, located at 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. The sessions will run Sept. 2 through Sept. 25; Sept. 30 through Oct. 23; and Oct. 28 through Nov. 20.

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.”

For more information, or to register for classes, please call or visit the recreation and culture office at 38260 10<sup>th</sup> Street East, 661/267-5611, or visit us online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org).

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