Coro – HW Civic Leadership Program

Dates: June 10 to June 28
Time: 9:00 – 3:00 (5:00 on days when in the field)
2018-2019 Grade Level: 9, 10, and 11
Summer 2019 Grade Level: 10, 11, and 12
Location: Seaver 205, Upper School Campus
Cost: $2500
Trainers: Coro Southern California Staff
Prerequisites: Only current HW students may apply

The Coro - Harvard Westlake Civic Leadership Summer Program is a 3-week, experiential leadership program that uses Los Angeles as the classroom. You will re-examine your ways of looking at the world and explore the city’s complex issues from multiple points of view. Through this immersive experience, you will spend days out in the field, conducting interviews with leaders across sectors, coupled with in-class leadership development training. You will walk away with a deep understanding of the civic landscape in Los Angeles and your own impact as emerging leaders in the region.

Founded in 1942, Coro is a national organization that specializes in training future leaders. Numerous national figures, including Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Tim Kaine, and many others, were Coro Fellows, a year-long leadership program for college graduates. Coro strengthens communities, organizations, institutions, and, ultimately, the democratic process by preparing individuals for effective and ethical leadership. For nearly 60 years, Coro has used the region as its classroom – teaching students and executives, community leaders and entrepreneurs, public officials and aspiring public servants how Southern California works so they can make it better. Today, Coro is the region’s premier civic leadership training program and a community of alumni who are shaping the future of our communities.

To apply, please submit the following to Mr. Patterson, Director of the Summer Program. The priority deadline is Tuesday, March 19. Applications received after that date will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the program is filled.

1. Your Name, Grade Level, Student ID, and Dean
2. A resume. Information about creating a resume can be found on the HW Works website.
3. Answers to each of these essay questions.
   a. Describe who you are. You may include your background, values, significant experiences from your past, and/or special hobbies/interests that have helped to shape your identity, values, and/or aspirations.
   b. What is the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome? Discuss the impact it has had on you and what you have learned from the experience.
   c. Why are you applying for this program? How do you plan to apply your leadership training at Harvard-Westlake or within your community?