

## **Enthusiastic Student Mentors needed for high school outreach project starting in January 2010:**

*"EnvironMentors, a national college access program, was founded in 1992 as an environment-based mentoring program whose mission is to "mentor and motivate high school students from under-resourced communities as they conduct scientific research and acquire skills that will allow them to build careers and become more active stewards of their communities and the environment."*

<http://ncseonline.org/EnvironMentors>

The Department of Land, Air and Water Resources (LAWR) is partnering with Highlands Academy of Arts and Design High School in Sacramento throughout the academic year 2009 and 2010. 15 high school students are mentored by a team of undergraduate and graduate students across UCD campus. There are different events scheduled once a week for 2 hours at various locations (UC Davis, high school, fieldwork sites). I know that all of you are more than busy so the concept of the program is TEAM WORK which leaves time commitment flexibilities. At the end of the school year the research projects will be judged and awarded on the local level, and the three winning teams will fly to Washington, DC to compete against other EnvironMentor teams across the states for college scholarships and financial awards.

### **What we have:**

- Great internship possibility/credits;
- Motivated school, high school students and UCD Mentors;
- Excited Outreach Coordinator;
- Faculty support;
- EnvironMentors program mentoring materials, guidance;
- Successful ongoing project experience provided by the involved UC Davis Mentors

### **What we need:**

- Dedicated and enthusiastic students
- YOU!

### **What you need to do:**

- Join us welcoming the high school students on their visit to UCD Library on December 1st, 2009. The meeting starts from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm at the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building in room PES
- Email Pia van Benthem [pvanbenthem@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pvanbenthem@ucdavis.edu) <<mailto:pvanbenthem@ucdavis.edu>> for more information and to sign up for the December 1st event.