We have a nice opportunity to work with students in the gifted programs at two local schools. It requires a bit more of a time commitment than our normal school visits and demonstrations, however. Here is the concept:

On two days in February (see below), students would come to campus for a visit that is similar to what we do now with faculty presentations.

- Friday, February 9th > 49 Los Lunas/Valencia Middle School Gifted Students,
- Friday, February 16th > 99 Los Lunas/Valencia High School Gifted Students.

The agenda (below) we can run with these two groups is similar to what we have done in the past that would include the short duration faculty sessions of 20-25 minutes.

**Three-hour agenda:**
Arrive on Campus > 8:30am  
Welcome/Presentation > 8:35am-9:30am  
Campus Tour with College Students > 9:30am-10:30am  
Faculty Sessions > 10:30am – 12noon  
Depart Campus OR Stay on Campus for Lunch Courtyard/Cafeteria > 12noon  
(If staying to eat lunch on campus > Depart by 1pm)

Then, the two same two groups would return in March (see below) for longer sessions.

- Friday, March 9th > Repeat Los Lunas/Valencia Middle School Gifted Students,
- Friday, March 23rd > Repeat Los Lunas/Valencia High School Gifted Students.

These sessions would involve faculty in a longer-duration format since we won’t repeat the welcome/information session or campus tour. The faculty member(s) would work with these students for two or three hours in a more concentrated setting, in order to provide an educational/career enrichment activity. The schools are seeking something that these higher-level students can really be immersed in and connect with on an intellectual level.

Ideally, at least for me, the same teachers would work with students on the two visits; however, if that doesn’t work out it would be OK. Also, there is nothing to say that people can’t work in curricular (or interdisciplinary) teams with more than one teacher, particularly for the longer sessions in March.

There are tons of possibilities here. Let your imaginations run wild, and let me know if you have an interest in participating.

Thanks,
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