A one-week summer program for qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing students from the state of California

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## **Kickstart Your Future**

**Kickstart Your Future (KYF)** prepares qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing high school students for the transition to adulthood by helping them explore diverse career paths, develop practical life skills, and build lasting confidence.

## During KYF, you will:

- Develop Life Skills: Learn budgeting, financial responsibility, and independent living skills.
- Prepare for Careers: Practice mock interviews and strengthen workplace readiness skills.
- Explore Industries: Tour major companies such as Amazon or Gap.
- Plan Your Future: Set career goals and create a roadmap for success.

### You will work with KYF staff to:

- Navigate Career Planning: Learn how to search for jobs and plan next steps.
- Access Resources: Discover tools and support systems to help you succeed.
- Build Leadership Skills: Set goals and strengthen leadership abilities.
- Practice Self-Advocacy: Learn how to request and manage workplace accommodations.

# **Tiger Lab**

**Tiger Lab** gives qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing, college-bound students the opportunity to explore STEM through engaging, hands-on activities while discovering potential career pathways.

## During Tiger Lab, you will:

- Code and Create: Build technical and problem-solving skills.
- Explore the Lab: Conduct hands-on science experiments.
- Build and Engineer: Solve real-world design and engineering challenges.
- Expand STEM Skills: Participate in additional hands-on projects as opportunities arise.

#### You will work with Tiger Lab staff to:

- Discover Your Passion: Identify your unique STEM interests.
- Apply Your Strengths: Use your skills in real-world contexts.
- Build Confidence: Strengthen leadership and technical abilities.
- Plan Your Path: Connect STEM interests to future academic and career goals.

Programs are subject to change. Visit our website for more information.

### Role models at California Summer Programs

Deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing faculty and staff serve as role models, introduce students to life after high school, and provide support for students who may be away from home for the first time.

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