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**Ohlone student works on ‘Lone Ranger’**

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Hi Ho, Silver! The famous tagline that’s been around since The Lone Ranger first hit the airwaves 80 years ago has now become part of a major motion picture, and an Ohlone student had the privilege of working with the creative minds in the makeup department.

Julian Bonfiglio was part of the team that brought Johnny Depp’s character, Tonto, to life. He was responsible for creating the mold for Tonto’s old-age makeup that is seen throughout the film. Bonfiglio has studied makeup for five years, earning a certificate from the Cinema Makeup School in Los Angeles.

He worked 14 hours a day for two weeks straight to accomplish the grueling task of building the prosthetics that covered Depp from the top of his head to the bottom of his torso.

“I had no idea how big it was,” he said, when asked what it was like to be a part of a project of this magnitude. This rewarding yet nerve-racking experience allowed Bonfiglio to work with renowned artists such as Oscar-winning makeup department head Joel Harlow (2009’s “Star Trek” and the “Pirates of the Caribbean” saga). He has also worked with key makeup artist Mike Smithson who has worked on hits such as “Avatar” and “Lincoln” and was nominated for an Oscar for best make-up in 1999 for the comedy hit “Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me.”

Bonfiglio has put his talent to use in the music scene as well, doing effects for music videos for the Swedish pop band Mike Snow. When he’s not rubbing elbows in the entertainment industry, Bonfiglio is gearing up for the upcoming Halloween season.

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“I am really excited and I am really happy that I am doing something I love,” she said. “I get to use my skills and I am excited to be able to help others in the future.”

**MINORITIES FLOURISH IN ACCOUNTING OUTREACH PROGRAM**

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An all-expenses-paid trip to Colorado is usually a prize on a game show, not something offered by a community college.

However, a partnership between community colleges and the Accounting Scholars Development Program changed all of that for many minorities enrolled at community colleges.

The program is designed to help minority accounting students who are planning to transfer to a four-year university from a community college.

Former Ohlone student Maria Leon was encouraged to apply for the program by one of her instructors, Jim Andrews.

“At first I didn’t really think I was going to do it because of all the stuff that was required,” Leon said.

“I had to provide letters of recommendation, official transcripts and a personal essay about why I wanted to do it.”

The American Institute of CPAs runs the program, which this year was held at the University of Denver.

“The dorms we stayed in were really nice and everything was paid for, even our meals,” Leon said.

“We got to go to lectures, workshops, Ernst & Young and even got a tour of the Colorado Rockies stadium.”

Jim Andrews was very pleased that Maria and another Ohlone student were selected to participate in this year’s program.

“The program is underwritten by large national accounting firms and is designed to convey ‘cultural capital’ to high-performing Hispanic and African-American students,” he said.

“Two of our students were chosen for this highly competitive program and I hope next year that we can have even more selected.”

Leon moved to the U.S. from Mexico when she was just six years old. Her family settled in Fremont and has been here ever since.

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“I am really excited and I like what I have seen so far from CSUEB,” Leon said.

Anybody interested in applying can contact Jim Andrews at Andrews@Ohlone.edu.