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San Francisco 49er's Garcia and Plummer Celebrate Teach for America Week in East Side Schools

San Francisco 49er's Quarterback **Jeff Garcia** and Cornerback **Ahmed Plummer** will take time off the playing field tomorrow to talk to students about the importance of education as a part of their commitment to Teach for America Week.

Teach for America Week is an annual nationwide event in which American leaders from all professions spend an hour of their time teaching students. Politicians, business leaders, athletes, performers, community activists and other prominent individuals serve as guest teachers in schools where Teach for America corps members teach. These leaders are challenged to utilize their extensive professional and personal experiences to teach a compelling and effective lesson that will engage and inspire students.

Garcia will be teaching a Life Skills class for freshmen at James Lick High School, 57 North White Road, San Jose. A native of Gilroy, a San Jose State University graduate and a current resident of San Jose, Garcia will have no trouble interacting with East Side students. He visits schools often to encourage students to stay in school.

Plummer will take over a 9th-grade reading class at W.C. Overfelt, 1835 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose. Fast on his feet and able to make quick adjustments, he also will be at ease sharing his ideas. **Ahmed** majored in business and human resources at Ohio State.

James Lick and W.C. Overfelt each have five Teach for America teachers. These college graduates have committed to teaching for two years before they pursue their respective careers.

Superintendent Joe Coto commended **Jeff Garcia** and **Ahmed Plummer** for participating in the Teach for America celebration. "Their support of the Teach for America Program is greatly appreciated and it enhances an already outstanding educational experience for our students."

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