

NMJC Student Support Services (SSS) program participants traveled to Austin the weekend of April 1 for University campus tours and a performance of West Side Story. On the way to Austin, students were treated to lunch at Angelo State University, along with a Campus tour and a comprehensive presentation on transferring to the University after graduating from NMJC. One of the most important goals for federally funded SSS programs is to facilitate University transfers for students into Bachelor Degree programs. This past year NMJC's SSS program had a graduation rate of 87% with 81% of those students transferring to various Universities to complete their Bachelor Degrees. SSS students are given an opportunity each semester to tour a four-year campus, which helps them make decisions on where they would like to transfer. In Austin, the students were able to tour the University of Texas campus and attend a cultural performance at Bass Theater, also located on the UT campus. SSS trips also give students an opportunity to get more acquainted with peers and SSS staff, which helps to create a solid support system as students pursue their higher education goals. A good time was had by all.



SSS group ready to dine at one of Austin's fine Italian restaurants before attending a performance of West Side Story. April 2, 2011



SSS group takes a photo opportunity on the University of Texas campus. April 2, 2011