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Finding Success in College and Life

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Are College & Graduate School the right pathway for you?

For the most South Central Scholars, it is the ONLY pathway...

The more education that you get:

- 1) The easier it is to find a job
- 2) Your network of friends and associates will be more extensive and valuable
- 3) You will make more money
- 4) Your personal satisfaction will increase

Go as far in school as you can go, and attend the best school that accepts you!

You are as smart as your competition but you are not as well-prepared...

Your background lacks some of the elements that are important to success:

Family Support

Community Support

South Central lacks a college-going culture

High School Preparation

Your high schools have NOT prepared you as well as your competition

Academic/Social/Financial Resources

You have not had the same access to resources (computers, newspapers, libraries, cultural experiences, travel) as your competition

Education and Life are competitive.

**You are starting
BEHIND
your competition!**

How can I catch up and pass the competition?

- 1) Take **FEWER** classes your first year.
- 2) Don't take more than ONE (1) key class each semester.
- 3) Go to your professor's office hours.
- 4) Use *Dr. McClure's 40 hours/week* technique!
- 5) Get involved with **productive** study groups.
- 6) Get tutoring in each class the first day—it is free. **Don't wait until you get a bad grade!**
- 7) Join programs at your school like Masai Minters' AAP program at UCLA.
- 8) **Use your SUMMERS**—they can be 25% of your entire educational experience.
- 9) Choose a major and a minor that **leads to a JOB**.
- 10) Manage your grade point average (GPA). If your GPA is 3.5 or above, it is easier to get accepted in grad and professional schools and easier to get a job!

Make better choices in your life – bad choices are costly and can waste YEARS.

1) **GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH SCS.**

Take advantage of mentoring, networking, internship and job placement, introductions and recommendations, and educational programs!

2) Stop relying on yourself—network with others!

3) Pursue careers in an industry that is rapidly growing.

Multinational and foreign companies; be willing to travel; minor in international studies or in a foreign language.

4) Limit your time in the “toy department.”

(music, arts, sports, clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities, etc.)

5) Continuously move OUTSIDE your comfort zone.

6) Take classes that help you to become a critical thinker, for example, statistics and debate.

7) **RECOGNIZE YOUR ASSETS.** You are already tougher than your competition; you know more about life; you are more realistic; you are more mature, responsible, and focused.

Will you succeed?

South Central scholars come from some of the worst high schools in California and attend some of the best universities in the world. Over 92% of all South Central scholars have graduated from college. The average GPA of a student in the 4th year of college at these elite universities is 3.7.

SCS graduates have already entered the workforce with companies like Merrill Lynch, Northrop, Wells Fargo, Price Waterhouse, Deloitte, Bay Cities National Bank, and many others. Almost all the rest of the SCS graduates are pursuing additional education in graduate school, law schools, medical schools, and professional schools.

The field still is not level but it is more level. You can succeed with hard work and self-discipline. Students from your high schools have already done it.

The Keys to Success: Self-Discipline and Hard Work

Most successful people are more self-disciplined and work harder than their competition. To be successful you need to continuously work on the key of your life:

- Education/job/career
- Your physical health
BMI less than 19; low fat, low calorie diet; 30 minutes 5 days a week of aerobic exercise; 7 hours of sleep)
- Relationships/family/friends
- Finances/money
- Morals/ethics/integrity

Review your progress for 5-10 minutes at the end of every day in each of these areas noting what you have done well and what you need to improve on.