

SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOLARS



Assisting Mentoring Motivating

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Mission Focus Target

OUR MISSION...

The South Central Scholars Foundation (SCS) is a non-profit organization composed of a group of volunteers who work with highly motivated, inner city high school students from South Central LA to help them succeed in college, graduate school and life.

OUR FOCUS...

The program focuses on working with high school students throughout South Central LA. Our students lack the financial resources to attend college and graduate schools without assistance. Most of our students lack essential family support and the educational, cultural and social experiences necessary to ensure their success in college and in their careers. In the public high schools that our students attend, the large majority of entering freshmen do not receive a high school diploma. Our students live in the most economically-deprived, dangerous and crime-ridden area in Los Angeles. SCS attempts to provide our students with the key elements of support to help them overcome these almost insurmountable obstacles. With this assistance, 92% of our students have graduated from the finest universities in the country and many of them are moving on to graduate and/or professional schools.



OUR PROMISE...

The board of SCS pays for 100% of overhead expenses associated with running the organization, including rent and executive staff. All outside donations directly fund student services, in the form of grants to students, funds for events like our annual Business Conference, and funding for our Mentorship and Outreach programs.

OUR TARGET...

High schools in or around South Central LA, including:

California Academy of Math & Science (CAMS), Crenshaw, Dorsey, Foshay Learning Center, Fremont, Inglewood, Jordan, King Drew, Locke, Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES), Loyola, Leuzinger, Manual Arts, Roosevelt, St. Bernard's, St. Mary's Academy, Thomas Jefferson, Verbum Dei, View Park Prep, Wallis Annenberg, Washington Prep, and Westchester.

SCS provides a wide range of support...

SCHOLARSHIPS...

Our scholarships are intended to close shortfalls between the amount of money offered in the financial package from a university (grants, loans, and work study) and the actual cost of a student's college education. In some cases, these shortfalls would prevent students from attending college altogether.

All our scholarships are for each student's entire college career. We continue financial support for students going on to graduate school and professional school.

MENTORING PROGRAM...

The program links students with successful, educated adults who provide encouragement, guidance, advice and friendship. Students are partnered with mentors who have succeeded in careers in which the student has an interest. In addition to one-on-one relationships with mentors, group educational and social events are scheduled every one to two months to allow students to meet with mentors and guests in a group environment. These activities help our students to stay connected to the program.

JOBS/INTERNSHIP PROGRAM...

The program provides students with unique summer job opportunities. These jobs not only supplement the income of our students but provide them with opportunities to explore fields in which they have an interest. SCS has provided students with jobs in medicine, research, law, publishing, advertising, engineering, finance, consulting, accounting and related fields. Students network with employers and volunteers, providing them with a support community during college and in their future careers. At the same time, the jobs build self esteem and provide essential income for the students. Our employers attempt to provide our students with increasing challenges and responsibilities to prepare them for their future jobs.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY...

The members of SCS (mentors, employers, volunteers and student mentors) serve as a support community to students as they progress through and graduate from college and graduate school. Each year our graduating college students become members of the SCS community. This enlarging community is designed to keep our students involved with the program and to assist new students as they are accepted into the program. Our goal is to instill a sense of social responsibility and dedication to academic success in South Central Los Angeles.

Past Present Future

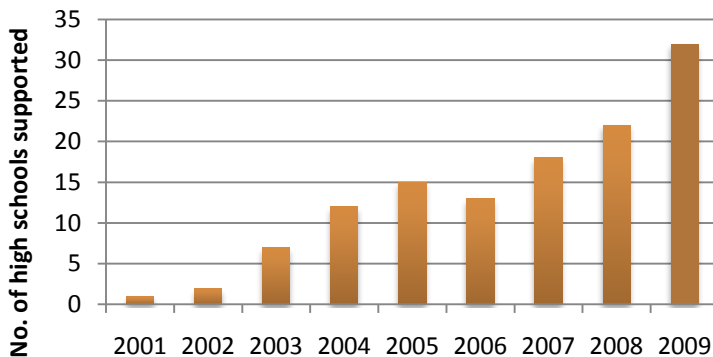
History of the Program...

The South Central Scholars program started in 2001 with **one student**. The program has expanded rapidly and now includes **470 students** from 32 high schools located in South Central LA attending the finest colleges and universities in the country.

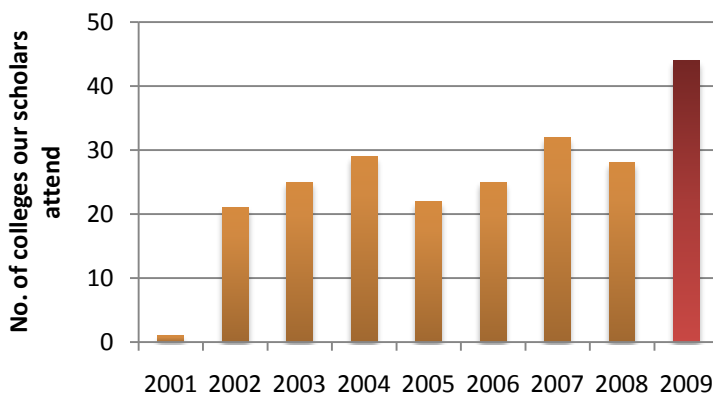
To date, SCS has awarded approximately **\$2 Million*** in college and graduate school scholarships.

**Scholarship commitments do not include monies provided to students for: prep classes and test fees (MCAT, LSAT, GRE, etc.), airfare and travel expenses, dental/medical expenses, school supplies, personal supplies such as winter clothing, equipment such as computers, or internship stipends.*

High School Representation



College Enrollment



With your support, **OUR GOAL** is to increase the amount of our scholarships, our services for graduate school, and expand our recruitment area to serve more inner city high schools. **Contact us to get involved!**

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