

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

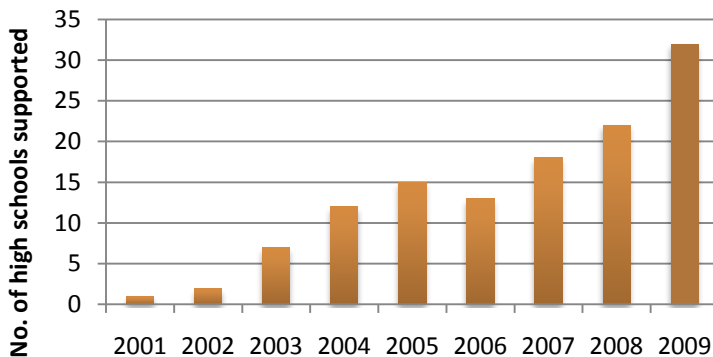
History of the Program...

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.

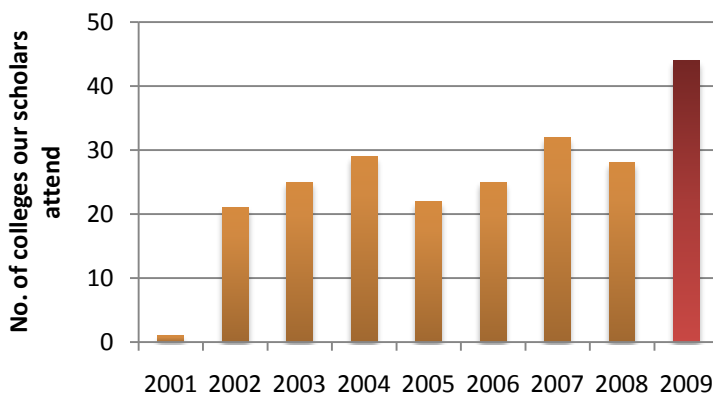
To date, SCS has awarded approximately **\$2 Million*** in college and graduate school scholarships.

**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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Outreach High Schools

SCHOOL	CITY, STATE	ZIP
California Academy of Math & Science (CAMS)	Carson, CA	90747
Crenshaw Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90043
Susan Miller Dorsey Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90016
Foshay Learning Center	Los Angeles, CA	90018
John C. Fremont Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90003
Inglewood High School	Inglewood, CA	90301
David Starr Jordan Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90002
King/Drew Medical Magnet High School	Los Angeles, CA	90059
Alain Leroy Locke Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90061
Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES)	Los Angeles, CA	90035
Loyola High School of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	90006
Leuzinger High School	Lawndale, CA	90260
Manual Arts Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90037
Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90033
St. Bernard High School	Playa Del Rey, CA	90293
St. Mary's Academy	Inglewood, CA	90301
Thomas Jefferson Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90011
Verbum Dei High School	Los Angeles, CA	90059
View Park Preparatory High School	Los Angeles, CA	90043
Wallis Annenberg High School	Los Angeles, CA	90037
George Washington Preparatory High School	Los Angeles, CA	90047
Westchester Senior High School	Los Angeles, CA	90045

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Our Scholars Attend...

EAST

Amherst College
Barnard
Boston University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr
Carnegie Mellon
Columbia University
Columbia Law School
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Georgetown University
Georgetown Medical School
George Washington University
Harvard University
Harvard Graduate School
Harvard Medical School
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Princeton University
Rensselaer Poly Tech U
Saint John's University
Saint Lawrence University
Smith College
Swarthmore College
Temple University
Tufts University
University of Pennsylvania
Wesleyan University
Yale University

MIDWEST

Case Western Reserve
Colorado College
Temple University
University of Notre Dame
University of Michigan Graduate School
University of Wisconsin, Madison

SOUTH

American International College of
Graphic Design
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida A & M University
Howard Law School
Morehouse College
Tuskegee University
University of New Orleans
Xavier University of Louisiana
Xavier University School of Pharmacy

WEST

Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Cal State University - Bakersfield
Cal State University - Dominguez Hills
Cal State University - Fullerton
Cal State University - Long Beach
Cal State University - Los Angeles
Cal State University - Northridge
Claremont McKenna
Dominican University
Lewis & Clark Law School

Los Angeles Trade Technical College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola Law School
Mills College
Mount Saint Mary's
Occidental College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica City College
Scripps College
Stanford University
Thomas Jefferson Law School
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa
Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
West Los Angeles College
Whittier College

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Scholar Biographies

PEDRO GOMEZ

University of California at Berkeley, Engineering

I was born in Guatemala where I was raised by my mother and grandmother. We came to the United States when I was six years old. We struggled economically when we first came, but everyone worked and we survived. We frequently lived in converted garages without many of the essentials. I was identified in junior high school as "gifted and talented." I applied to the Gifted Magnet Program at Crenshaw High School and was accepted when I was a sophomore. I excelled at Crenshaw and eventually became President of the Student Body when I was a senior.



In the summer of my senior year in high school, The South Central Gifted Scholar Fund gave me a scholarship and arranged for a summer internship with David Cannom, M.D., the Director of Cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. This internship served as an introduction to aspects of biotechnology and electrical engineering. I had already been accepted to U.C. Berkeley, College of Engineering, and my summer experience with Dr. Cannom increased my interest in biotechnology even further. I am doing very well in my engineering studies at Berkeley. In 2002, The Fund obtained mentors for me, Eric and Anne Harrison. Eric is a venture capitalist and Anne is a realtor. Eric and Anne inspire and counsel me about my studies and career. I play sports with Eric and spend time with his family in their home on a regular basis. They helped me furnish my apartment at college. In the Summer of 2004, Eric helped me set up an interview, which led to a paid internship with Hewlett Packard. I worked with a team of engineers on new laser jet printer technology. Our work has been submitted for a patent.

The opportunities I have experienced through The Fund would not have been possible without their help and guidance, which I try to repay by helping new students from The Fund as they enter U.C. Berkeley. I plan to continue my involvement with The Fund as a volunteer and mentor. My sister, Besy, is a junior at UCLA and is also a recipient of a scholarship from The Fund. The Fund has touched our lives in a very positive way.



CHRISTIAN STRONG

Harvard University, Economics

I am a 2005 graduate of Crenshaw High School and am now a rising premed senior at Harvard University concentrating in Economics. I have developed an interest in both cardiology and neurosurgery and hope to incorporate my economics and policy interests as a leader in medical research and clinical practice.

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CHRISTIAN STRONG (continued)

I am currently applying to medical school for entrance in the fall of 2009. I obtained an internship with the aid of South Central Scholars after my freshman year in college at Merrill Lynch and learned a lot about finance. I had an internship this year at Good Samaritan Hospital with Dr. David Cannom where I assisted in a study that is to be published. I am grateful to South Central Scholars for providing me with internships in medicine and finance and allowing me a means to afford books, school supplies, and travel. I receive frequent emails and FaceBook messages, as well as visits to see me at school from the board. I am grateful for all of the support and love.

DOMINIQUE REESE

Princeton University, Economics

I graduated from Crenshaw High School as Salutatorian of the Class of 2002 and from Princeton University with an Economics degree and a Certificate in African American studies. I was one of the first SCS students and am proud to be able to say I am part of this wonderful family.



I currently reside in New York City and work at Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor. SCS helped me in numerous ways. I was encouraged when I was disappointed, helped financially when I was struggling and helped to locate interviews that led to summer jobs every year. Eventually the summer internships led me to my current job. I would have had a very difficult time finding my way to my current position without a lot of guidance from many skilled people involved in SCS.

I still continue to obtain love, support and guidance from SCS even though I am officially not a current scholar. I know they are there for me and now as I mentor a younger student, I am there for someone else. Following in the footsteps of my SCS mentors and the Londons, I continue to follow a tradition of giving and helping others to accomplish their life's goals and dreams.



YACUB BHOLAT

Loyola Marymount University, Engineering

I am the last of three siblings who are first-generation college students. I live in Inglewood and attended the California Academy of Math and Science in Carson before I matriculated to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. I completed my freshman year at LMU and was lucky enough to obtain a summer internship at Northrop Grumman through the help of the SCS organization.

Two of my interests include math and science, which is the reason I decided to go into engineering my senior year in high school. In addition, many of my other interests include incorporating my Islamic faith and practices into my daily life, reading, and playing sports and video games.

ARIANNE EASON

Yale University, Neuroscience

I am a graduate of the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) and will be attending Yale University in the fall. My intended majors are African American studies and International Relations, my love of which came from my founding of the Black Student Union at LACES, my participation in the UCLA VIP Scholars program and also my study abroad program at Oxford University.



All of my activities have caused some strain because I come from a single parent household. My mom has had to give up a lot in order for me to reach my goals and finances are tight. However we have made it through, but it is not without the help and support of South Central Scholars.