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What Every College Student Needs to Start a New Semester Strongly

By [Kelci Lynn](#), *About.com Guide*

It may be the start of your first semester in college, or it may be the start of your last semester in college. Either way, the beginning of a new term means that you're back at square one, no matter how long you've been in school. What are the basics that you'll need to make sure you start off as strongly as possible?

New Semester Basics

1. **Get a time management system.** Managing your time just may be your biggest challenge while in college. Find something that works for you and use it from day one. (Not sure where to start? Learn [8 tips for managing your time](#) in college.)
2. **Take a reasonable course load.** Taking 20 units (or more!) this semester may sound great in theory, but it most likely will come back to haunt you in the long run. Sure, it may seem like a good way to improve your transcript, but the lower grades you might get because your course load is too heavy is a sure way to bring your transcript *down*, not up. If you absolutely must carry a heavy course load for some reason, however, make sure that you've cut down on your other commitments so that you don't put too many unreasonable expectations on yourself.
3. **Have your books purchased -- or at least on their way.** Not having your books the first week of class can put you behind everyone else before you even had the chance to start. Even if you have to go to the library for the first week or two to get the reading done, make sure you're doing what you can to stay on top of your homework until your books arrive.
4. **Have some -- but not too much -- co-curricular involvement.** You don't want to be so over involved that you barely have time to eat and sleep, but you most likely do need to be involved in something other than your classes all day long. Join a club, get an on-campus job, volunteer somewhere: just do something to keep your brain (and personal life!) balanced.
5. **Get your finances in order.** You may be rocking your classes, but if your financial situation is a mess, you won't be able to finish the semester. Make sure your finances are in order when you start a new semester *and* that they'll still be that way as you head toward finals week.
6. **Have your "life" logistics worked out.** These are different for every college student, but having the basics -- like your housing/roommate situation, your food/dining options, and your transportation -- worked out in advance is critical to making it through the semester in a stress-free way.
7. **Set up healthy outlets for fun and to relieve stress.** You don't need to have a Ph.D. to know that college is stressful. Have things already in place -- like good groups of friends, exercise plans, and hobbies -- that will allow you to mentally check out and relax when things get intense.
8. **Get information on where to go for help -- you know, just in case.** When, and if, you find yourself juggling more than you can handle, trying to find help while under that kind of stress is nearly impossible. Learn where to go for help before your semester begins so that, just in case things get a little rough, your small speed bump doesn't turn into a major disaster zone.

Updates for 2010-2011

Here at South Central Scholars, we are always working to improve our programs and provide the greatest amount of support for our scholars. So thank you for your feedback about the conference, the renewal application process, and your diligent efforts to stay connected with us!

Annual Summer Conference

Thank you for your comments and for filling out our surveys! Of those that attended, 81% filled out surveys for Saturday. Due to the lack of responses for the 2nd day, we will only report on responses to the first day.

Experience with the Event	Very Satisfied	Satisfied
Overall experience	80%	19%
Organization of the event	67%	31%
Breakout sessions	60%	28%
Presenters	85%	14%
Materials & Handouts	68%	27%
Facilities or Venue	72%	23%
Food	55%	32%

In addition, 88% of you believed that Dr. Bill McClure's *Pearls for Success* presentation should be repeated and 93% of you felt that Ramsey Jay, Jr.'s *Public Speaking* workshop should be repeated!

Because of the feedback we've received, we are looking at completely revamping the conference, and can definitely use this kind of feedback. In fact, if you are interested in providing more feedback, ideas, or comments, please use this Form!

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/southcentralscholars.org/viewform?formkey=dEZGZGcxanBrNmhtZC1qT1oyZDJfSE6MQ>

Renewal Application

Thank you to Selene Ceja of Georgetown for putting the Renewal Application Evaluation together!

After reviewing the responses, we are considering the following for next year's Renewal:

- 1) The renewal will be held only from July 1 to July 31st.
- 2) We will format the form online so that attachments can be submitted using the online renewal form rather than drafting a separate email (Note: if we do this, scholars will need to wait to submit their forms until all attachments are ready to be submitted, otherwise they will still need to send any outstanding attachments via email).
- 3) Journal Entries geared by student year. We will provide 2 options for 1 journal entry for each grade (i.e. Freshmen → "what is your major and what careers are linked with it", or "how will you plan your next 2-3 years to pursue both academic excellence AND professional development?"). Students will only have 1 journal entry to submit, and the resume will be considered a normal part of the application (no cover letter).

The Progress Report: There were several comments asking why we are duplicating your work by asking for your transcript AND asking you to type in your grades and classes. Transcripts are so that we can stay on top of your academics on an individual basis. Progress Reports are to help us gauge areas where there are trends in how our students perform, and specifically where we might be able to help. For instance, if 50% of our students show grades in Calculus at C or below, then we want to know so that we can offer a Calculus bootcamp. What we MAY do instead is use a form that asks only for courses and grades where you received a grade of C or below. This can cut down the amount of time you spend filling out this form.

Thanks again for your help and if you have any other suggestions or comments, please feel free to email Meredith anytime! We are here for you so it is important that our programs reflect what is important TO YOU!!

South Central Scholars Programs

Here are the details for how to access the other programs:

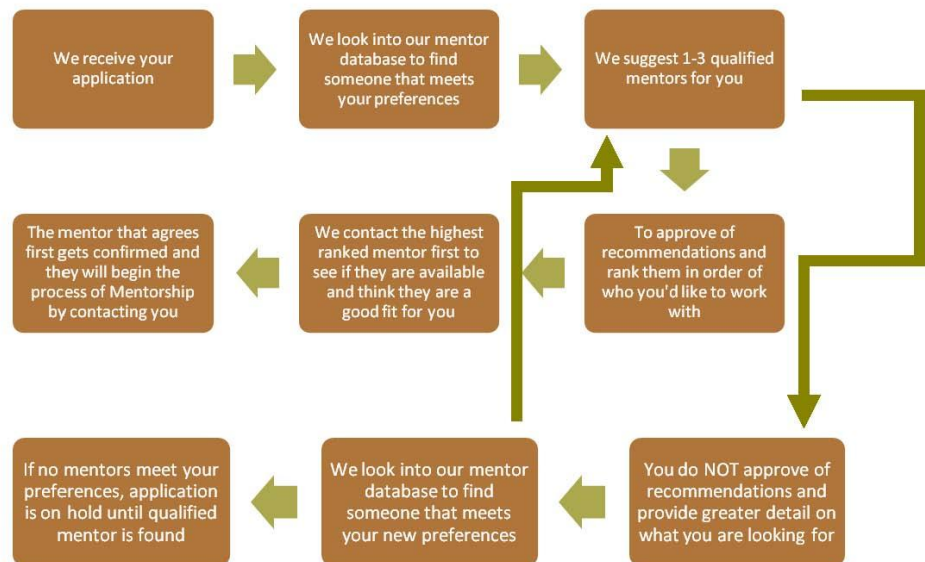
MENTORSHIP

To apply for a mentor, please go to

<http://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEhEUFU3RmM2VDQ1aUNIRHdMR2ZHdVE6MA>
to fill out our Mentee Profile Questionnaire.

This will give us the info we need to pair you with a mentor! It can take 2-3 weeks to find a potential mentor once you sign up.

The Process



JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

Most internships that SCS has access to are located in Los Angeles County, so most internships that we set up are for the summer. It is important that we receive ALL internship requests **BEFORE March of 2011** if you wish to have an internship through us for **Summer 2011**. HOWEVER, you can get the ball rolling now if you already know what kind of internship you are looking for.

To submit a request for internship placement, go to

<http://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFkyRV9fQVJHeVd6bk5tNGVFMXV4Q1E6MA>
and fill out the Internship Application Form.

This will give us the info we need to start working on internships for next summer. Keep in mind that we will need your updated resume and you may need to submit a separate application later.

We are unable to get internships for all who request it, so please also check the Scholar Monthly often for other internship opportunities, and visit your campus's Career Center!

JOBS

Boys & Girls Club of Venice

BGCV has part-time job openings for the following positions: Program Assistant, Learning Center Specialists, Outreach Coordinator (teens), and Administrative Assistant. Wages are hourly and commensurate on experience. If interested, send an email with your resume and cover letter to info@bcgv.org.

Computers for Youth

CFY is the nation's leader in improving the Home Learning Environment for low-income school children. CFY has openings for a Family Training and Customer Service Representatives. For more information, please contact Jesus Andrade jesus.andrade@yahoo.com and write "interested in CFY position" in the subject line. For more information, visit their website at www.cfy.org.

Franklin Educational Services

Franklin provides educational therapy and home schooling programs to children of all ages. They are seeking a full-time Business Manager to oversee daily operations, including general accounting, payroll, budgets, insurance, taxes, and other business-related tasks. Candidate will be involved in the development of business model and have an integral role in company expansion. Qualifications are a BA/BS, experience working in a business-related position, and experience with MS, Word, Excel, Outlook, and Quickboo. To apply, email a one-page resume, cover letter, copies of transcripts, and three letters of recommendation (with contact info) to recruitment@FranklinEd.com.

Southern California Edison

Edison currently has various openings, most of which require a bachelors degree and relevant experience. An online account/profile may be required to access the information. To find the job descriptions, go to www.edison.com/careers/erecruit.asp.

InnerCity Struggle (ICS)

ICS is searching for a United Students Site Organizer (full-time position). ICS is a social justice, community-building, and membership driven organization based in Eastside of Los Angeles. ICS works with youth and families to promote safe, healthy, and non-violent communities. The organizer would be responsible for running and operating two youth clubs at East LA high schools, which require advanced organizing skills to facilitate school-change campaigns. The ideal candidate will have previous experience developing popular education curriculum for youth, facilitating and coordinating youth leadership trainings, and a track record of effective base building. To apply, send a resume and cover letter to the Youth Organizing Department at 2811 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90023, or fax to 323-780-7608, or email to ics@innercitystruggle.org. **Sorry for the late notice but the deadline to apply is TODAY!!**

Youth Speak Collective

Youth Speak is looking for passionate, organized, and dedicated youth-driven individuals. Part-time positions are available for: Soccer Coach, Academic Tutor, Youth Organizer, Program Assistant, and Advisory Council Member. For more information, go to <http://youthspeakcollective.wordpress.com/get-involved/job-openings/>.

FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

Just the Beginning Foundation Share the Wealth Law Clerk Program

Be considered for six federal district court clerkships in one interview! Judges accept and consider law clerk applicants of all backgrounds. Twelve students will be selected to interview for the program in Alexandria, Virginia on September 18th. If you are interested in being considered for this JTBG interview, please send a hard copy of your application (cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and a 10-15 page writing sample) to each judge whom you would like to consider your clerkship application by September 7, 2010. **Email Meredith for the contact info of these judges!!**

US Department of State Summer 2011 Internships

Become a student of the world as an intern with the US Department of State. As an intern, you will work alongside Foreign Service Officers and Specialists who influence US foreign policy. Applicants should be pursuing degrees in economics, business, public administration, information management, or have language skills in Arabic, Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, Dari and Mandarin Chinese. For complete details and to apply, view the brochure at http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0/Student_Intern_brochure.pdf.

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Los Angeles Area Chamber Public Policy Internships Fall 2010

Interns in the Public Policy Department are exposed to a wide-range of people and issues that will help prepare him/her for a career in government, public affairs, politics and policy analysis. An intern will get hands-on experience and will be involved in research and analysis, developing advocacy programs, interacting with business and civic leaders, attending meetings, and working on special projects. Position is located in downtown Los Angeles and interns work approx. 16-20 hours a week during normal business hours (M-F, (9a-5p). Internships are unpaid but receive a \$50 per week stipend to offset transportation costs. For more information on how to apply **email Meredith Curry by or before September 10.**

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities Program

NIAID's program is for students from populations underrepresented in biomedical sciences. Candidates in strong academic standing who are college-level senior, medical school student, or doctoral candidate are eligible. The program is a 4-day exploratory program that takes place in Bethesda, MD on the NIH campus from February 7-10, 2011. Students' expenses for travel, hotel accommodations, and meals will be paid. Accepted applicants will hear scientific lectures by world-renowned scientists, interview with scientists for potential research training positions at the Institute's Maryland and Montana laboratories, and tour NIAID laboratories and view state-of-the-science technologies. To check your availability and apply, go to <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/LabsAndResources/labs/training/intro/pages/checkeligibility.aspx/>. Applications are due on or before October 15, 2010.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) 2011 Health Policy Fellowship

The aim of the fellowship is to foster collaboration between NCHS staff and visiting scholars. The fellowship allows scholars to conduct new and innovative analyses and participate in developmental and health policy activities related to the design and content of future NCHS surveys and offers access to the data resources provided by the CDC. Applicants may be at any stage in their careers-from doctoral students to senior investigators. Doctoral students must have completed course work and be at the dissertation phase of their program. Applicants must demonstrate training and/or experience in health services research and methodology, reflecting disciplines such as: Public Health, Public Administration, Economics, Sociology, Health Care Administration, Behavioral Sciences. The entirety of the fellowship must be completed at the NCHS headquarters in Hyattsville, Md. Fellows receive a salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. To learn more and review applications requirements, go to <http://www.academyhealth.orgnchs/>.

UCLA Community Scholars Program

The 2011 Community Scholars Program at UCLA is inviting applications from community and labor leaders, organizers, and artists who are interested in participating in a two-quarter studio project entitled *Green City Games*. Selected participants will collaborate with urban planning and other graduate students in a weekly workshop for 2 quarters to produce engaging and innovative games to educate and animate people towards a vision of a city that is more green, more fair, and more fun. The program is free and Community Scholars receive free access to university resources including urban planning courses, library, privileges, and urban planning faculty. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2010. For more information or to apply, see the brochure at <http://gallery.mailchimp.com/7903280ca895b0d4f34a1ec57/files/comschol2011.pdf>.

California Community Redistricting Leaders Program

The Greenlining Institute is seeking grassroots leaders from around California to spearhead a new push to ensure that redistricting fairly represents communities of color and low-income Californians. Fellows will organize local communities of color to play an active role in the drawing of district maps and will receive an honorarium base of \$2,000, a laptop computer, and travel reimbursement. The program requires a commitment from September 15, 2010 to September 30, 2011 for approximately 2-10 hours per month. To apply, go to <http://www.greenlining.org/resources/pdfs/RedistrictingLeaderApplicationv2.pdf>.

For more Employment Opportunities, please visit our Career Center at:

http://southcentralscholars.org/scholar_center-career_center

**Princeton Review has partnered with
South Central Scholars and the Alumni Association (AA)!**

If you are considering taking a test prep course for your GMAT, LSAT, GRE, or MCAT, consider joining as an alum or pre-registering as a graduating senior to get our PR \$300 discount! This discount applies for these four exams at any location, for any test date! Registering with the AA requires dues of \$40, but if you sign up for an upcoming AA activity or event, the dues are reduced to \$20! For more information on joining the Alumni Association, go to www.southcentralscholars.org/alumni_association!

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30		

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Career Panel: September 2010

(Hosted by Dave Long, DBL Associates)

*** For SCS Scholars ONLY**

Thursday, September 23, 2010

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

South Central Scholars

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

[Click here to register](#) *Register by Friday, September 17th!*

EVENTS COMING SOON!!

UCLA Campus Visit

USC Campus Visit

Claremont Colleges Campus Visits

UC San Diego Campus Visits

Loyola Marymount Campus Visit

Northern California Campus Visit Tour

[Events for Middle & High School Students ... Invite your siblings!!!](#)

2010 SCS College Fair

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:00-9:00 PM

First Church of God

9550 Crenshaw Blvd.

Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) *Register by Friday, October 1st!*

2010 SCS Parent/Student INFO NIGHT

Saturday, November 20, 2010

6:00-8:00 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

9300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) *Register by Friday, October 1st!*

2011 SCS FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 8, 2011

1:00-3:00PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

9300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Inglewood, CA 90305

[Click here to register](#) *Register by Friday, October 1st!*

**The Londons are making an east coast tour in October...
Stay Tuned!!**