



## It's Been Quite a Summer! Check Out What We've Been Up To:

### Meet the All Ways Up Class of 2023!

In June, the All Ways Up welcomed 60 new scholars into the family! In addition to receiving a renewable annual scholarship, the students traveled to Los Angeles for a week-long program focused on helping to ease the transition to and through college. This year, the 8th annual UP Through Education Summit was hosted at Loyola Marymount University. The rising college freshmen from all over the country participated in workshops and team-building activities aimed at ensuring that the scholars have the confidence and skills to access resources that will be instrumental to a successful college experience.

The workshops focused on a variety of topics, including self-care, time management, personal branding, and networking. Thank you to our partners [Students Rising Above](#) and [Determined to Succeed](#) for facilitating the college transition and self-care workshops for our scholars. The week concluded with a Closing Celebration at the Skirball Cultural Center, where the scholars had the opportunity to network with working professionals. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a video from the evening.

Thank you to all of the guests and sponsors of the event for supporting our scholars.



### First Annual Senior Summit is a Resounding Success!

This summer, All Ways Up piloted our first ever Senior Summit that took place during the weekend following the UP Through Education Summit. The goals of this new program are to challenge our senior scholars to think critically about the steps they should be taking as they

prepare to enter the workforce upon graduation and to equip them with the skillsets they will need to navigate that journey.

Twenty rising college seniors arrived in Los Angeles in time to attend the Summit Closing Celebration and then they got down to work. The students participated in a variety of workshops, including networking, resumes and cover letters, how to begin the job search, repayment of student loans and graduate school. The scholars were grateful for the knowledge gained and enjoyed reconnecting with old friends.

### AWU Scholars Serve as AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates

This summer, All Ways Up scholars Rushawnda Russ and Joaquin Bermudez spent 10 weeks serving as AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates at the Foundation. During the program, they provided invaluable support in the preparation of the 2019 UP Through Education Summit. In addition, they worked on developing college and career resources for our scholars.

Rushawnda is a rising sophomore at USC, majoring in Communication with a minor in Law and Public Policy. Joaquin is a rising senior at UC Berkeley majoring in Applied Mathematics. Both Rushawnda and Joaquin are excited to serve as ambassadors at their universities for the Foundation's College Ambassador Program! Thank you for your hard work this summer.



### The Power of Mentorship

Joyce Walker is the Vice President of Community Development at PK Management and has been a member of the Board of Directors of All Ways Up since its inception. Throughout her years guiding the Foundation, she has mentored several scholars as they progress through college and into the workforce. "From the very beginning, I have had the pleasure of mentoring students from all across the country. As a mentor, you provide extra encouragement and support, and it is really powerful when students know someone outside of their family is rooting for them to succeed. It is a rewarding experience and I encourage anyone interested to mentor a student."

The impact of a mentor can be life-changing for a scholar facing challenges during college. **Please consider mentoring an All Ways Up Scholar.** No prior experience is necessary, all you need is the willingness to make a regular commitment to a young man or woman. If you are interested, please email the Foundation at [info@allwaysup.org](mailto:info@allwaysup.org) and thank you!



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