



As one chapter closes, a new one begins...

Happy New Year to our All Ways Up family! Thank you for your continued support. It was a very exciting year for us, a year in which we welcomed 60 new scholars, started a College Ambassador Program, celebrated the graduation of more than 20 scholars, and created a opportunities tailored website filled with resources and exciting www.myallwaysup.org. We are grateful for our volunteers, donors, and partners for taking this exciting journey with us. We are looking forward to impacting the lives of more students in 2019.

First Annual College-to-Career Workshop a **Resounding Success!**

Right after the new year, AWU held our annual alumni event at the California Endowment. The goal for the event was to help scholars think critically about the transition from college and the steps they need to begin thinking about as they prepare to enter the workforce.



The students had the opportunity to learn about internship opportunities, interviewing techniques, work etiquette, and strengthening their networking skills. We were joined by members of the UCLA Health team, who shared their journeys that led them to a variety of positions within the health field, both traditional and not. Representatives from Students Rising Above shared the details of our pilot program launching this month aimed at helping our students secure summer internships and full time postions upon graduation.

Thank you to <u>UCLA Health</u> and <u>Students Rising Above</u> for taking the time to participate in our workshops.



Bridging the Gap Award Recipients Exceed Goal for Matching Campaign!

As part of the Foundation's annual Bridging the Gap Awards, we select a small number of awardees to participate in a matching campaign. As a result of their efforts, AWU is matching more than \$200,000 raised in the campaign. The funds will help our partners build out their programming and provide expanded opportunities to youth in their

communities.



AWU College Ambassador Program in Full Swing! The AWU College Ambassador Program launched this past fall and we are seeing the positive

impact it is having on our scholars. Thanks to the leadership of our wonderful student ambassadors, scholars have had the opportunity to meet one another and create an additional support system on their campuses. Student ambassadors keep in regular contact with scholars, providing on-campus resource guides and mentorship. We look forward to what the spring semester has in store for our ambassadors and scholars!



Last month, staff at PK Management, our national sponsor, invited our Cleveland-based

scholars for lunch and an afternoon of bowling. Our scholars had a great time reuniting with their mentors and fellow scholars. Over lunch, the group reflected on the year past and set goals for the year ahead. Thank you PK Management for your mentorship and generous hospitality!

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