



There Are Sparks in Our Future

Happy New Year to our All Ways Up family. While many of our scholars are beginning the new year back in the virtual classroom, they are excited about what's ahead. Many students are finishing up their college careers, while others are beginning the search for summer internships. The Class of 2025 successfully matriculated and the students are eager to put everything they learned last term to good use in the years ahead. We have adapted our programs during these uncertain times and below is a recap of year-end programming and all of the exciting things ahead.

Winter Reunions

A silver lining of the pandemic is that we have been able to bring all of our scholars and alumni together for virtual activities. Over the winter break, we held a holiday reunion for 75 students and alums. They were treated to an inspiring and thought-provoking presentation about self-care/mental wellness from Sara Lowery from the University of Delaware. Sara was followed by a rousing round of "Holiday Sing Down" and the raffling off of some pretty cool prizes.



Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented rainfall, we had to move our Freshmen Reunion to Zoom. Despite the last-minute change, we had a great time getting to know each other better and spending a little time getting ready for the term ahead.

2021 Bridging the Gap Awards



For the past 10 years, All Ways Up has been supporting small, grassroots non-profits that are providing college access and success programs to the students in their communities. Many of the organizations we support are invited to participate in a year-end matching campaign in which All Ways Up matches dollar for dollar (up to a specified amount) the funds raised. This year, our community partners raised nearly \$300,000 during the month-long campaign and All Ways Up has granted and matched funds totaling an additional \$370,000!!! This investment in our community partners is one of the keys to achieving our mission of helping low-income and first-gen students get into and through college.

Job Skills Program



Beginning this month, we will once again partner with [FutureMap](#) to provide our juniors and seniors with a four-part program aimed at helping the scholars prepare for summer internships and for life after graduation. The program includes sessions on

networking, preparing your resume and cover letter, and interviewing. **This year, we will offer the students the opportunity to practice their interview skills in a 20-minute session with friends and alumni of the Foundation. The interviews will take place during the week of January 31st and WE NEED INTERVIEWERS! If you are interested in interviewing a student(s), please [click here](#) to complete a brief survey.**

Career Prep

What do I want to do when I graduate from college? What careers are open to someone with my skills? These are just a few of the questions are scholars are asking. This spring we will be offering information sessions about a host of different careers, including business, medicine, tech and the social sector. In addition, we will offer a workshop on things to consider if you are thinking about going to grad school. **We are just planning the workshops and if you are interested in sharing some tips and information about your career, please email Lee at lschube@allwaysup.org.**



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