



Thumbs Up to the New Year! Looking Back and Looking Forward

ALL WAYS UP Awards \$700,000 in Grants and Welcomes Five New Community Partners

Late last year, All Ways Up awarded \$700,000 in grants to 37 community partners as part of the annual Bridging the Gap Awards. Each of the awardees provides programs that are closely aligned with our mission: to help low-income and first-generation youth get to and through college. The non-profit organizations are located in nine states, including California, Colorado, Maryland, Ohio and Tennessee. We are thrilled to welcome five new partners: Academy for Success, Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center, College Access Partnership, Inc., Next Generation Scholars and On a Mission.

In addition to the grant awards, fifteen of our partners were selected to participate in a crowdfunding campaign in which All Ways Up matched the funds raised by each organization. We are thrilled to report that all 15 organizations reached their goals and All Ways Up matched a total of \$185,000. As community partners, the students that participate in their programs are now eligible to apply for an All Ways Up Scholarship and attendance at the annual UP Through Education Summit. This year's Summit will once again be held on the campus of Loyola Marymount University from June 24 - June 28.

We are excited to gather with our Los Angeles based grantees next month at our annual awards luncheon.



Los Angeles Based Scholars Gather During the Winter Break

Before heading back to school after the new year, 60 All Ways Up scholars gathered for an afternoon of food, games and a lively conversation with our founder, Greg Perlman. As always, Greg offered sage advice for our scholars on a wide range of topics, including suggestions of affordable places to live after

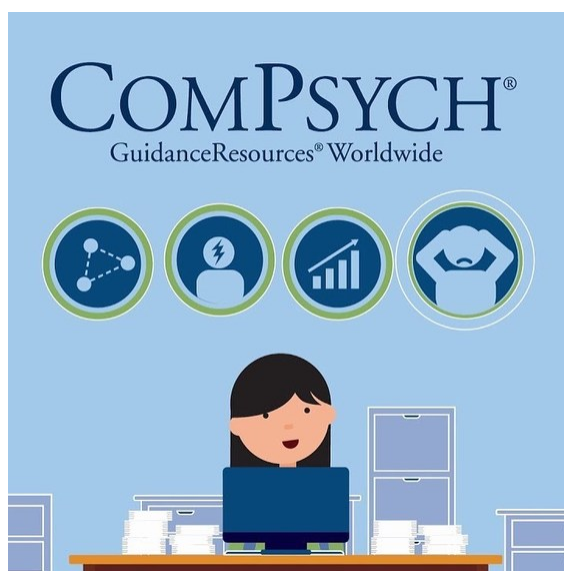
graduating from college.

The attendees brought "brain food," to donate to Students 4 Students, a non-profit organization that meets the basic needs of homeless college students from all area schools, while connecting them with resources to finalize post-shelter housing plans and a path to graduation. Dozens of bags of food were packaged and delivered to the Bruin Shelter and the recently opened Trojan Shelter. Big thanks to Trader Joe's in Marina del Rey for the donation of paper bags.

New Resources Available to All Ways Up Scholars

We are pleased to announce a number of new programs and resources that are now available to our scholars and alumni. Beginning on the 1st of the year, All Ways Up has partnered with ComPsych to provide a **Student Assistance Program** at no cost to the students. Benefits can be accessed through a 24-hour hot-line or on the web. Benefits include:

- Confidential Counseling: 3 face to face sessions with a counselor
- LegalConnect: Unlimited legal info from a ComPsych attorney over the phone
- FinancialConnect: Unlimited financial info from ComPsych CFP's over the phone
- FamilySource: Day to Day 'to-do' list. ComPsych can help find any resource as long as it's legal & ethical
- GRO: GuidanceResources Online- Portal for all students to access all of our products/information online



Internship Support

Beginning this summer, All Ways Up will provide stipends to scholars who secure career-focused internships. The benefits of a summer internship are far-reaching, but sometimes our scholars are forced to make difficult choices because of financial need. To help alleviate this concern, All Ways Up will provide stipends to students who work a minimum of twenty hours per week for at least one month. The stipends will range from \$500 to \$1,500.

If you are a mentor to an All Ways Up scholar, please make sure your mentee is aware of these programs and thank you for supporting an All Ways Up scholar.

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