

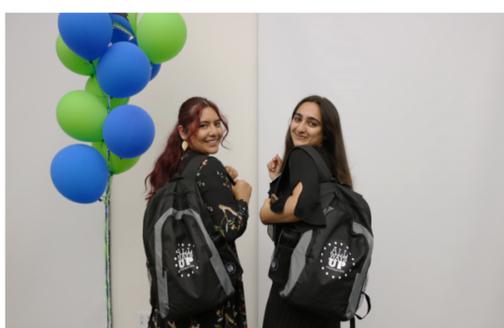


AND THEY'RE OFF...

It's hard to believe that another school year is upon us. We're thrilled to report that for the large majority of our scholars, classes will be held in-person back on campus. For the rising juniors and seniors, that is a welcome relief after having spent a year and a half in "Zoom School." For our newest cohort of rising college freshmen, the excitement was palpable when we welcomed the scholars to the family in late July. We've been busy helping our scholars prepare for the year ahead. Keep reading to see what we've been up to...

Welcome, All Ways Up Class of 2025

As we have all been required to pivot during the pandemic, we thought long and hard about how we could modify our traditional Summit to welcome 29 scholars to the All Ways Up family in a safe and welcoming environment. We're happy to say that the one-day event we held at the Skirball Cultural Center was a resounding success! The day was packed full of workshops, panels and lots of junk food. The day ended with a community circle and dinner with folks who expressed an interest in mentoring the students throughout their college journeys. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, every scholar has now been paired with a mentor!!!



College to Career Summit

In early August we held the third annual College to Career Summit for our rising juniors and seniors. The two-day Zoom event was filled with workshops, panels and a couple of raffles and games. The panel "Tips from our Founder and His Executive Team" was especially well received. Each panelist shared practical and personal advice about their career trajectories. The scholars also received valuable financial literacy and wellness advice and tips about how to turn your internship search into a full-time job search. The good news is that the job market is looking a lot better than it did last year at this time.

Train the Trainer

All Ways Up supports 28 amazing community organizations. Throughout the pandemic, we have provided a number of workshops and trainings for the staff of our partners. To build on the College to Career Summit, in early September, we will be hosting a "Train the Trainer" workshop that will focus on providing tools and strategies to help our students prepare for internships and full-time employment. The workshop will be facilitated by Brenda Ellington Booth, Clinical Professor of Leadership at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and advisor to our partner FutureMap.



Congratulations, Graduates!

This Spring, over 100 All Ways Up scholars graduated from college! We are so proud of each and every scholar who did not let any roadblocks, including a global pandemic, slow them down. Just because the students have graduated, it doesn't mean they are finished with All Ways Up. The students have now been welcomed into the newly formed Alumni Association, headed up by Christian Crawford, a 2018 graduate of Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama, and a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in Theological Studies. Graduates, you're in great hands!

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