



NCRF

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Highlights

A Message from National College Resources Foundation, Founder and CEO Dr. Theresa Price: *"To our NCRF Community, as we tie up another academic year and approach our 25th Anniversary, we'd like to share a few program highlights from the last 6 months with you. God is good and so are you! We thank you for helping us in our mission to change the world one student at a time."*



INSPIRING GRADUATES

Chaffey College Commencement

Over 10,000 people including 2,500 graduates filled Toyota Arena in Ontario, CA on May 18, 2023 for Chaffey College's 106th Commencement ceremony. Dr. Theresa Price, Founder and CEO of the National College Resources Foundation and the Black College Expo™, served as keynote speaker for the event. In her inspiring address, she spoke of the challenges of growing up in Compton, surviving cancer and finding her purpose in serving others. She urged graduates to ask themselves how they want to be remembered when they're gone. "You are creating your legacy. You are writing your history right now," Dr. Price said. "What are the history books going to say about you?" [Read More](#) and [Watch Recap Video](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Kincaide

Jessica, a recent student in NCRF's Movement Enrichment Program (The Movement), has overcome the challenges of the foster care system and faced additional setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, her

unwavering determination has propelled her to earn a full ride this fall to New York University (NYU) and a spot in the Liberal Studies Program for first year students in London. Jessica, like many other students, was able to utilize the support provided in The Movement to enhance her high school experience and get to where she is today...[Read More](#)



100 STUDENTS ENROLL IN DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

NCRF Partners with HBCUs

To eliminate financial and geographic barriers to college degrees, NCRF and has entered an agreement with select Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to offer an unprecedented Dual Enrollment to high school juniors and seniors across the nation. NCRF is the only-community-based organization in the country to offer this program. Though initially launched with Claflin University the beginning of Spring Semester 2023, NCRF signed agreements with Fisk University, Virginia University-Lynchburg, and Huston-Tillotson University, with Paul Quinn College and Texas Southern University coming on soon. Classes are transferable - the program is 100% online and is available at no cost through NCRF... [Read More](#)

NCRF's S.T.E.A.M. Program - Launches eSports Spirited Competition

In addition to STEAM's regular after school programs, NCRF has launched eSports. The STEAM Program hosted the first ever eSports Tournament in the area on April 22nd at Palomares Academy in Pomona. Fifty-seven students competed for a \$200 cash prize and a chance to be sponsored for a year to compete with the best in Super Smash! In all, six finalists were chosen for sponsorships. Families and supporters enjoyed watching the kids play a "New Sport" and everyone is looking forward to the 2nd annual tournament.



STEAM-ing with Science for Elementary Students

In response to discovering that 4 out of 5 Latino and Black students are failing Science and 1/3 of K-3 students have chronic absenteeism, STEAM started a pilot program for 1st and 2nd graders at

Lexington Elementary in Pomona. The first six weeks of the program were well received. We look forward to instilling a love of STEAM in more youths.



COLLEGE ACCESS

HBCU/Ivy League College Tour 2023

In mid-July, Denise Parker, NCRF Director of Internships & Careers, along with a few NCRF staff members, led a group of students on the 2023 HBCU/Ivy League College Tour. The trip was ambitious, and it was the first plane flight for several of the students. For the 13 students who toured over 16 colleges and 9 other historic and impactful sites over the 13-day trip, it was an exceptional experience. And, we're not just saying that. Here's what the students had to say: *"I feel that I have matured and learned more about myself."*

"The other students were amazing and fun. They told me their goals and I was inspired by them."

"Everyone on the trip became my friend and I plan on keeping everyone in my life."

"This trip has changed my life in so many ways and I will forever be grateful."

THE MOVEMENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Rites of Passage

Lynwood Unified District's Equity, Access and Instructional Services Department and National College Resources Foundation (NCRF) recently celebrated African American students, their achievements, and unique experiences during the annual *Rites of Passage* ceremony as sixth and eighth graders geared up to promote to the next grade level and graduating seniors prepared to journey into the next chapter of their lives. NCRF awarded eight Shirley Ann Davis Memorial \$500 Scholarships, The Movement's Resilient Scholarship, and a \$500 Scholarship in the name of LUSD retired educator Dr. Shirley Chambers (Excerpt and Photo Courtesy of LUSD).



NCRF hosts annual Rites of Passage in Hawthorne, Pomona, and partners with San Diego County Office of Education to celebrate Black Students graduating in an African traditional "Rites of Passage" ceremony. This June over \$25,000 in scholarships were awarded.

Tea & Crumpets

In March, The Movement Enrichment Program in San Diego, hosted Tea & Crumpets, a girls group event. They provided a safe space to heal, learn to navigate through hardships, ask questions, have fun and celebrate being women. Through guidance, love and empowerment, the goal is to encourage each other with knowledge and opportunity for individual growth.



STUDENT ATHLETE PROGRAM (SAP)

HBCU Showcases

NCRF's Student Athlete Program (SAP) has had a busy 2023 with combines and showcases for young men (football, basketball) and women (basketball, softball). In April, SAP hosted a weekend of Basketball Showcases and a Football Combine in Lynwood that featured a chance for over 400 unsigned seniors, community college and transfer portal student athletes to showcase their talent in front of HBCU college coaches. Over 200 athletic offers were received. Both the Basketball and Football recruiting events were spectacular! The event was so exciting that our social media posts went viral. A video clip of coaches on [TikTok has gotten 1.4M views.](#)

ELEVATE YOUR GAME

On NCRF TV on YouTube

Have you subscribed to our NCRF TV Channel on YouTube? If not, now is the perfect time to explore all the exciting content we've been creating. Our mission at NCRF TV is to Entertain, Educate, and Empower the upcoming generation of leaders on their unique journeys towards growth in every sphere of life. Don't miss out on the latest episode of our popular, long-standing series, "*Elevate Your Game*." In this episode, our dynamic host, Denise Parker, invites students to interact with Liz Rogers, the Founder and Executive Chef of Creamalicious. Liz provides valuable insights into building a business for legacy, the basics of crafting an effective business plan, and

more!

Watch the *Elevate Your Game* episode below.



3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF FUNDRAISER

[Raising Dollars for Scholarships](#)

The picture-perfect day at Lakewood Golf Club opened with a spirited welcome from Dr. Price on the mic. She set the tone for engagement with shout outs to all who walked by on their way to their carts. We were at capacity with 144 golfers so it was quite a welcome! With the tournament being one of only two NCRF fundraisers for the calendar year, many thanks to those who joined in: title sponsor **Comerica**, Chick-Fil-A for lunch, generous hole sponsors, those who donated raffle prizes, swag bag suppliers, and many dedicated volunteers. The Student Athlete Program raised funds for their activities through a separate fifty-fifty raffle. Post-golf featured opportunities to enter raffles for some great prizes, including a TV, Callaway driver and bag, concert and game tickets, gift certificates, cigars and fine wine. All gathered after golf for a tasty taco bar, the raffle drawing and tournament winner announcements. The informal testimonials from students in The Movement program touched hearts and reinforced the spirit of the day. Former NBA, NFL and MLB players and coaches also participated in event.



Plans are already underway for NCRF's 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament in 2024.

-SAVE the DATE-
NCRF's 11th Annual GALA - Saturday
December 2nd @ Cal Poly Pomona



LATINO COLLEGE EXPO

Date: September 16
Hours: 10am to 2pm
Location: Cal Poly
 Campus outside of the
 Bronco Center

Visit our Website



NEW YORK BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

Date: September 23, 2023
Hours: 10am to 4pm
Location: Medgar Evers College - Brooklyn

Visit our Website



STUDENTS THINK S.T.E.A.M. EXPO

Date: October 6, 2023
Hours: 10am to 2pm
Location: L.A. Trade Tech College Campus

Visit our Website

25 YEARS Changing Lives Across America 2023-24 Expo Calendar	
Latino College Expo™ & Educational Fair <small>CAL POLY POMONA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS</small>	SEPT. 16, 2023
NEW YORK Black College Expo™ <small>NEW YORK COLLEGE - BROOKLYN</small>	SEPT. 23, 2023
DETROIT Black College Expo™ <small>WASHINGTON PLACE - DOWNTOWN</small>	SEPT. 30, 2023
SACRAMENTO Black College Expo™ <small>SACRAMENTO STATE UNIVERSITY</small>	OCT. 28, 2023
SEATTLE Black College Expo™ <small>SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT</small>	NOV. 04, 2023
DALLAS/FORTWORTH Black College Expo™ <small>WILKINSON GREENE ACTIVITIES CENTER</small>	NOV. 11, 2023
HOUSTON Black College Expo™ <small>ONE CENTER</small>	NOV. 18, 2023
SAN DIEGO Black College Expo™ <small>BAYVIEW CHURCH</small>	FEB. 08, 2024
LOS ANGELES Black College Expo™ Weekend • Celebrating 25 years! <small>Day 1 - 25th Anniversary Black College Expo™</small> <small>Day 2 - 25th Anniversary \$10,000 Step Show Competition and \$2,000 eSport Open Tournament</small> <small>LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER</small>	FEB. 10, 2024 FEB. 11, 2024
OAKLAND Black College Expo™ <small>HENRY J. KAISER CONVENTION CENTER</small>	FEB. 17, 2024
MIAMI Black College Expo™ <small>MIAMI</small>	FEBRUARY, 2024
ATLANTA Black College Expo™ <small>COBB COLLEGE</small>	MAR. 09, 2024
NORTH CAROLINA Black College Expo™ <small>NC</small>	MARCH, 2024
DC/Maryland Black College Expo™ <small>MD</small>	MARCH, 2024
CHICAGO Black College Expo™ <small>CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY</small>	APR. 06, 2024
STUDENTS THINK S.T.E.A.M. EXPO <small>Los Angeles Trade Tech College Campus</small>	Fri. Oct. 6, 2023

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