



Remembering the PLEDGE . . . Delivering the PROMISE!

EDUCATION LINKAGE – WESTERN AREA INITIATIVE

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BEYOND

The overarching goal of the Western Area Initiative is to facilitate maximum educational exposures to our African American youth and increase community involvement and awareness in the need to mentor our at-risk youth. The desire is to partner with a broad spectrum of community level organizations and reach populations most at-risk of not completing a college degree. This initiative will provide students with both information and resources to help them reach their goal of earning a college education by putting their college dreams within reach and mentoring them throughout their journey.

Suggested Activities:

Inputs/Resources	Activities	1-2 Years	3-4 Years	Long Term
Links Support Organizations	-students committed -mentoring -Tutoring -PSAT & SAT Workshops -Exposure to The Arts -Cultural awareness -Career Fairs -Job shadowing	-preparation for HS graduation & college entrance -Tutoring -narrow career focus - career exploration activities -Potential National Merit Scholars	Students engaged in -college activities -Select Link Activities -Tutoring -Networking for career opportunities -Job exploration	100% college graduation rate with participants -internships -Job placement -Participants return to mentor others

Resources:

- Collaboration with community organizations, schools, Churches
- Local Scholarships
- Online resources
 - <http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>
 - <http://www.uncf.org>
 - <http://www.mentoring.org>



PASS IT ON. BECOME A MENTOR.
 This January marks the 6th Annual National Mentoring Month volunteer recruitment campaign. So, get your New Year off to a great start. Become a child's mentor! To find out more, visit Mentoring.org.
 To learn about ways to honor a teacher, coach or family member who made a big difference in your life, visit WhoMentoredYou.org. And, while you're there, check out the videos of Maya Angelou, Cliff Eastwood, Quincy Jones, Carl Sagan, Jr., and Sting discussing mentors who changed their lives.

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