

A scenic landscape featuring rolling green hills under a bright blue sky. A sunburst effect is visible on the left side, with rays of light emanating from behind a hill. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

Rising Scholars A Partnership Between Young Scholars and WCCUSD

February 1, 2017

Why is Rising Scholars
needed?

Although Black and Latino males make up only 15% of the U.S. population, they comprise close to 80% of the prison population.



Young black men are five times as likely
to be murdered as whites.



Black & Latino boys are 3 times more likely than their white peers to be suspended or expelled from schools and are more likely not to graduate from high school.

Just 26 percent of African Americans, 18 percent of Hispanic Americans, and 24 percent of Native Americans and Pacific Islanders have at least an associate degree.



Who are the Rising Scholars?

160 Young Men of Color from 4 WCCUSD High Schools:

- De Anza - 40
- El Cerrito - 40
- Hercules - 40
- Pinole - 40



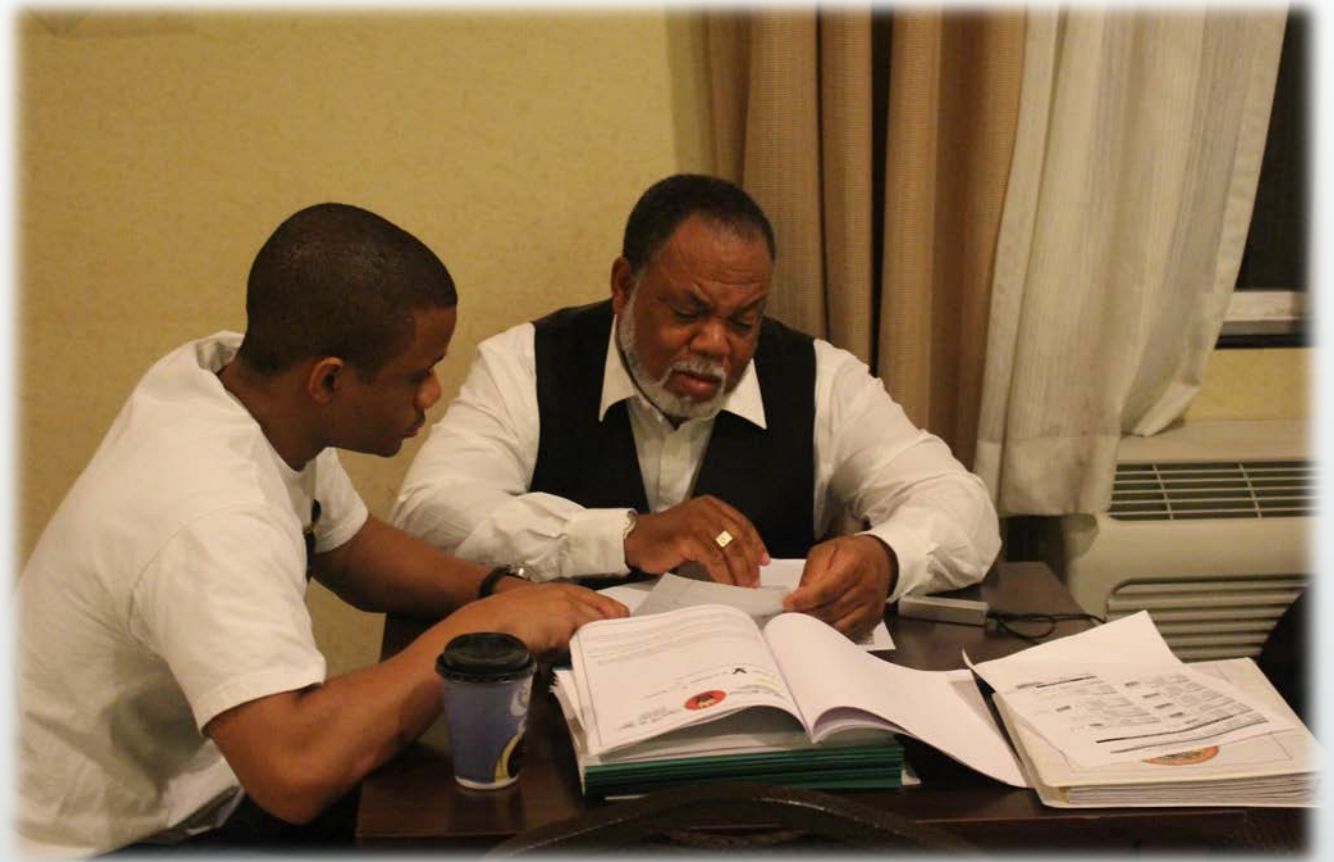


What the project offers Scholars?

- **Counselors Trained to work with Young Men of Color and** weekly leadership development, life skills & college prep training

What else does the project offer Scholars?

Social & Emotional Support: school-based mentoring program for Scholars led by Mr. Thomas Scott, Human Resource Coordinator for WCCUSD.





What does the project offer counselors?

Counselor support: A curriculum designed for effective college preparation and to learn to work effectively with Young Men of Color.



What else does
the project offer?

**Partnerships with
colleges & universities:**
that have specialized
on-campus
programming to
support young men of
color

What does the project offer parents?

Parental Support: through specialized workshops and trainings and a Parent College Tour.



Project Launched Feb.1, 2015





*Young Men
at
Promise*

*NOT
at
Risk*



Young Men of Color Project A Partnership



Young Scholars
Program



Rising Scholars
In-School
Pull out Program



Institutional
College and
University
Partnerships



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