



**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



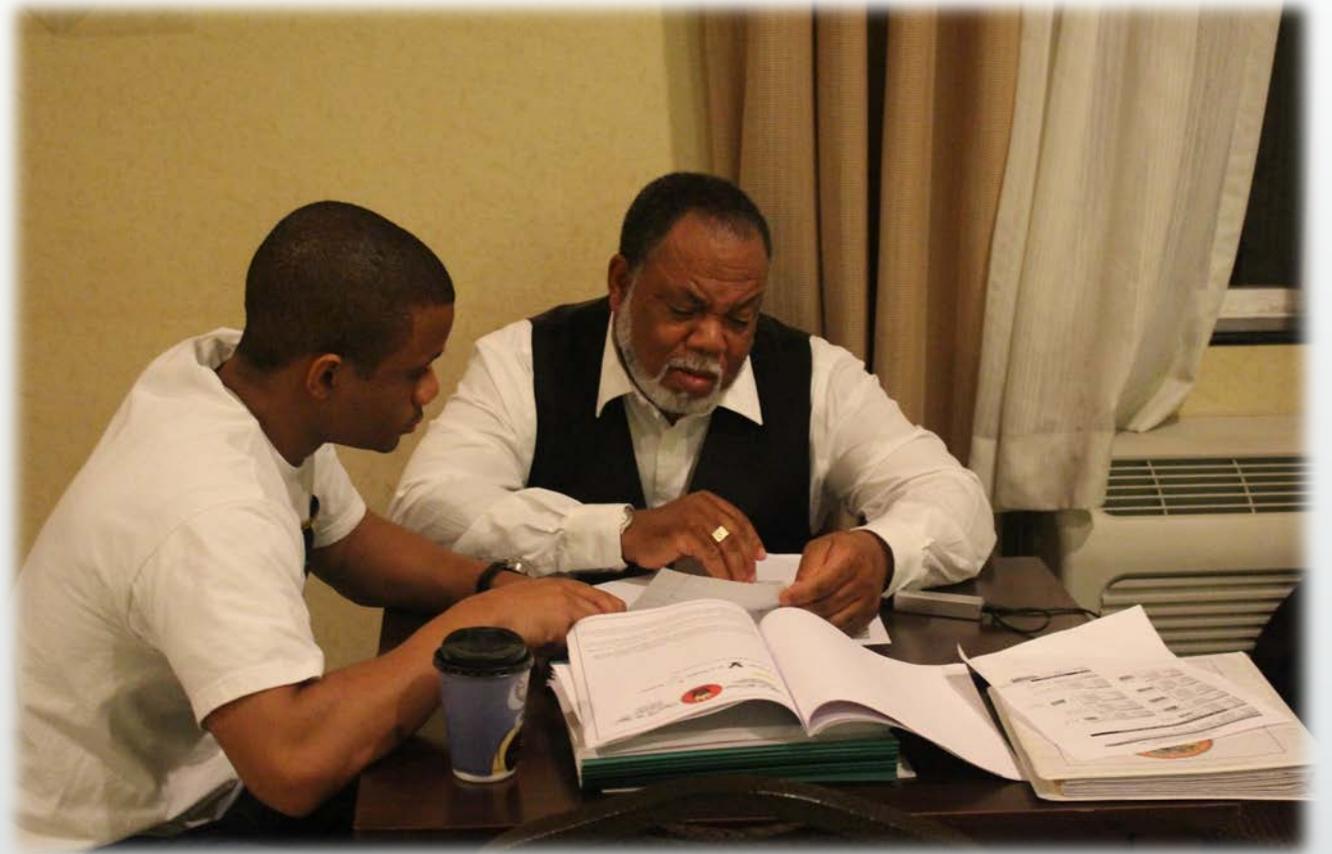


## What the project offers Scholars?

- **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



Thomas Scott

West Contra Costa **Unified** School District Liaison  
For the Rising Scholar Program