



Mission Statement

The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence.

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WOOTEN CENTER HIRES COLLEGE TRACK DIRECTOR

Los Angeles, CA- The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center located in South Central Los Angeles has hired a CollegeTrack Director to oversee their new college readiness program CollegeTrack. The Wooten Center has hired Tyron Robinson to head up their CollegeTrack Program. Tyron is a graduate of the University of California, Berkley with a degree in Social Welfare with an emphasis in Anthropology and Psychology. Tyron has a background in both business and education, successfully motivating more than 20 high school students to attend college over the past four years.

CollegeTrack is a program that ensures Wooten Center youth are college-ready by the time they graduate from high school. The program guides youth through proper class selection, college and financial aid applications, and ensures that youth take the required entrance exams. The Wooten Center hired the CollegeTrack Director with generous grants from the James Irvine Foundation, the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Los Angeles Times Holiday Fund and the Lon V. Smith Foundation. Linda Broadous Miles, Executive Director said, “The Center’s most important new initiative is CollegeTrack. We are so pleased to employ Tyron, someone that has been successfully

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running college-prep programs in Los Angeles for several years. CollegeTrack will help us mentor and prepare hundreds of youth from South Central to attend college.”

Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a youth center located in South Central Los Angeles. The center offers a safe haven for children ages 8-18 that might otherwise be exposed to drugs, crime and violence. Most of the children come from a single parent or foster care household with incomes of less than \$17,000 per year. The center offers a variety of programs including tutoring, youth leadership program, Boys to Men character building program, College Track college readiness program, computer lab, gardening, homework assistance, job assistance, and a music program. These programs ensure that children in our community have safe and healthy alternatives to the crime, drugs and gang violence that plagues our community. The center serves more than 235 children each year living within the 77th LAPD division, one of the most violent parts of the city.

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