



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 to Hold Summer Culmination Program

LOS ANGELES - The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center, a South Central Los Angeles after-school program will hold it's annual Summer Culmination Program on Friday August 26, 2005 to celebrate the success of the children that participate in the Wooten Center's programs.

The program will begin at 3:30 PM at the Wooten Center located at 9160 S. Western Avenue in Los Angeles. The program will include a performance from the dance class, music class, sign language class and recognition of the academic achievements in our one-on-one tutorial program, computer class and our summer book-reading club. The artwork of the children will be displayed.

Local teachers and school administrators are invited to learn more about the Wooten Center and the academic activities that enhance the learning of children that attend South Central Schools. The Wooten Center hopes to partner with local schools to make more opportunities available to at risk neighborhood children.

Parents will attend the event with their children to commemorate the great accomplishments of their children, but also to recognize the Wooten Center and the service they provide to neighborhood youth.

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The Wooten Center, located in gang territory fewer than two miles from the outbreak of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, provides college-prep guidance and educational, cultural and recreational activities for more than 200 low-income minority youths ages 8 to 18. More than 90 percent of the youths served come from single-parent or foster-care households with incomes of less than \$17,000 per year.

The Wooten Center was founded in 1990 by Myrtle Faye Rumph after the senseless drive-by murder of her son, Al Wooten Jr. Wooten Center programs including literacy tutoring, the CollegeTrack readiness program, one- on- one tutoring, youth leadership programs, a Boys-to-Men character building program, gang intervention services, computer lab instruction, daily homework assistance, vocational assistance, a music program, gardening activities and more. The Center is the site of the Ella Fitzgerald Library, the Rhino Entertainment Study Hall and the David & Elizabeth McFadzean Building.

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