
The Heart of a Mentor Network: Info Session



Connecting HOLA scholars to mentors in
HOLA's network.

2024



Today's Agenda

- INTRODUCTIONS + ICEBREAKER
- WHO IS HEART OF LA & ITS MISSION
- ▲ HOLA'S ALUMNI NETWORK
- ◆ THE HEART OF A MENTOR NETWORK CYCLES
- ONBOARDING & NEXT STEPS!
- QUESTIONS

Meet the Team!



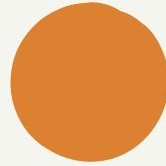
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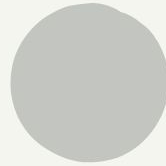
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Introductions + Icebreaker

Please share the following:



Name + Pronouns



Your career field/
industry



How would you like to make
an impact as a mentor?

Who is Heart of LA (HOLA)?

BUILDING A LOS ANGELES IN WHICH EVERY YOUNG PERSON HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL



HISTORY

"5 kids and a basketball"



Programs

Free quality programming
serving over 3,100 youth in Los
Angeles and South LA



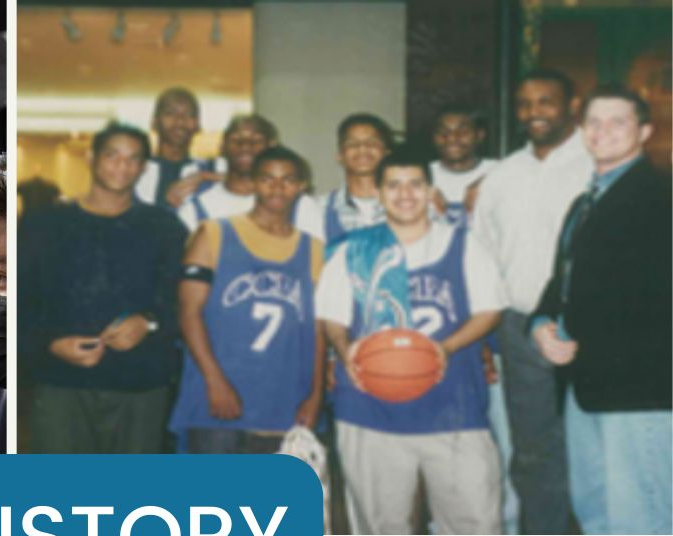
Family Services

Providing wrap around services for
families.

Then

It all started
with
"5 kids and
a basketball."

HOLA's HISTORY



NOW!

HOLA serves
over **3,100**
youth ages
6 - 24!



Arts and
Recreation
Center



HOLA Campuses + South LA Expansion

HOLA in the Westlake +
Rampart District



Augustus Hawkins
Nature Park



Watts Art Effect
@ WLCAC

Mission

Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)
helps young people
overcome barriers through
exceptional, free, integrated
programs and personalized
guidance in a trusted,
nurturing environment.

*What key words or phrases
do YOU connect to?*

What does that look like in practice?

Unpacking the Mission



HOLA Programs

SmartStart:
1st – 5th



Bridges
6th – 10th



College +
Career Success:
11th, 12th, +
Alumni



LEAL:
11th + 12th

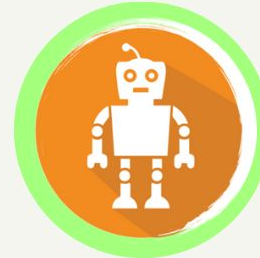
Music



Eisner
Intergenerational
Music Program



Scientific
Arts



Visual Arts



Athletics



College and Career Success

PATHWAY TO BECOMING AN HOLA ALUMNI



Juniors

Join the C+CS program and start explorative research on what college is and ensuring they are taking the right steps to get there. They will be able to join field trips to different campuses and connect with alumni.



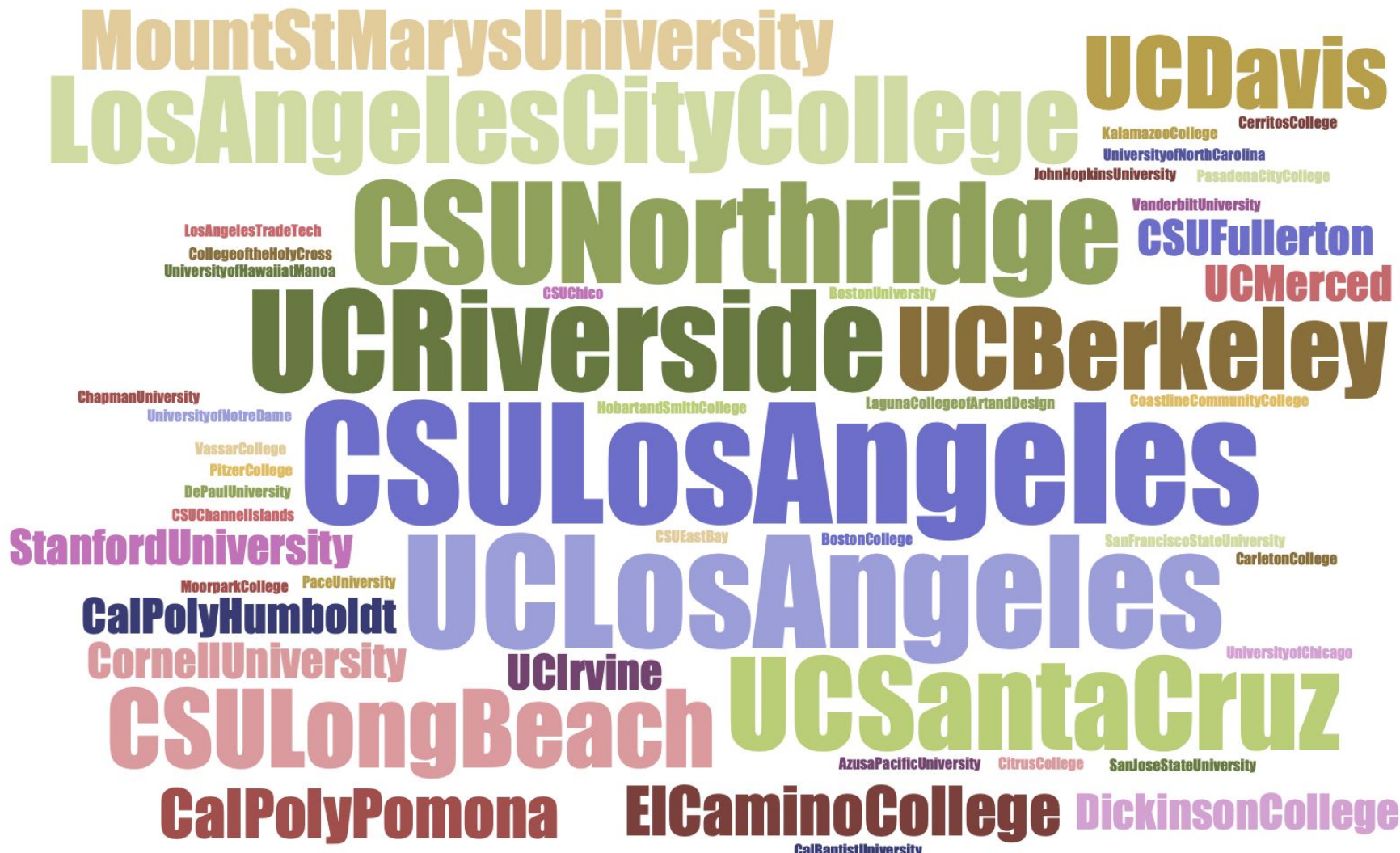
Seniors

Students will take the next step in our program where they obtain support from mentors and staff in applying to both colleges and scholarships. They will also obtain support in their transition from high school senior to college freshmen.



Alumni

Alumni will obtain support from our C+CS team in ensuring that they not only attend college but that they graduate. Students will have access to financial, holistic, and professional support throughout this time.



A word cloud featuring the names of various California universities and colleges. The text is arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, with colors ranging from light green to dark red. The largest and most prominent text includes 'CSU Northridge', 'UC Riverside', 'UC Berkeley', 'CSU Los Angeles', and 'UC Los Angeles'. Other visible institutions include Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles City College, UC Davis, Stanford University, Cal Poly Humboldt, Cornell University, CSU Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona, El Camino College, Dickinson College, UC Santa Cruz, UC Irvine, and many others. The word cloud is set against a plain white background.

Mount St. Mary's University
Los Angeles City College
UC Davis
Kalamazoo College
Cerritos College
University of North Carolina
John Hopkins University
Pasadena City College
Vanderbilt University
CSU Fullerton
UC Merced
CSU Chico
Boston University
Los Angeles Trade Tech
College of the Holy Cross
University of Hawaii at Manoa
UC Riverside
UC Berkeley
Chapman University
University of Notre Dame
Vassar College
Pitzer College
DePaul University
CSU Channel Islands
Stanford University
Moorpark College
Pace University
Cal Poly Humboldt
Cornell University
UC Irvine
CSU Long Beach
Cal Poly Pomona
El Camino College
Dickinson College
CSU East Bay
Boston College
San Francisco State University
Carleton College
University of Chicago
Azusa Pacific University
Citrus College
San Jose State University
Cal Baptist University
Hobart and Smith College
Laguna College of Art and Design
Coastline Community College

Breaking Barriers

Stats for life post college



80% of job openings are not published or advertised. This highlights the importance of networking and understanding where and how to search for job opportunities.



85% of jobs are filled through networking. Sometimes it truly does matter who you know, so it is important to network and put yourself out there.



54% of college graduate job offers resulted from internships. Internships are a great avenue to gain experience and make connections to land a job offer.



35% of recent college graduates feel their education prepared them for their first job. Understanding how to do a job matters more than you having the title.



HEART OF LOS ANGELES

Heart of a Mentor Network Program

THE HEART OF A MENTOR

Program Vision

The goal of the mentorship program is to connect HOLA scholars/alumni to the broader HOLA network. These connections will be structured in a way that will allow for organic relationship building and offer access to an online platform that will provide a virtual sense of community. Ultimately the goal will be for the connections and relationships will provide scholarship/alumni with the opportunity to gain employment after graduation.





How Program Will Work

Mentors and mentees will join HOLA's online platform.

To register visit www.heartofla.xinspire.com/

Create your mentor profile using your LinkedIn or email.

The Connect Cycle is intended to give mentees the opportunity to explore connections with mentors.

Connect Cycle begins April 6th and closes July 5th

There are 30 college students who have opted into this program.

- Mentees and mentors are free to explore the network, message, and connect with one another.
- Mentees can reach out inquiring about mock interviews, informational interviews, resume feedback, and networking tips.
- Mentors are able to choose between being "available for connection" or opt out if you are at capacity for mentee connections.
- Mentors can support mentees with completing assigned program milestones.

Both mentees & mentors agree to communicating at least biweekly.

The Connect Cycle allows mentees and mentors to set themselves up for the Match Cycle starting in August.



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The Match Cycle is intended to match mentors with alumni on the platform for long-term mentorship.

Match Cycle begins August 3rd and closes December 14th.

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- Mentees and mentors commit to message and connect with one another via the platform or agreed upon form of communication.
- Mentees can reach out inquiring about mock interviews, informational interviews, resume feedback, and networking tips.
- Mentors are encouraged to check in with program staff monthly via surveys or virtual feedback sessions.
- Mentors commit to supporting mentees with completing assigned program milestones.

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The Match Cycle matches mentors with alumni based on the Connect Cycle or using an algorithm that prioritizes identity, goals, and pathway.

Mentor Milestones

5 MILESTONES FOR ALL MENTORS AND MENTEES TO COMPLETE IN THE CONNECT CYCLE



Connect
with an
alumni/
mentor



Informational
Interview



Internship
Opportunities








Resume
Building/
Review



Mock
Interview

Match Cycle Workshops

OPTIONAL MONTHLY WORKSHOPS FOR MENTORS & ALUMNI TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC MILESTONES

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SUMMER KICK-OFF	WORKSHOP #1	WORKSHOP #2	WORKSHOP #3	WINTER REUNION
AUGUST 3	SEPTEMBER 14	OCTOBER 19	NOVEMBER 9	DECEMBER 14
				
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Time TBA
SMART GOALS + NETWORKING	RESUMES + COVER LETTERS	INTERNSHIP LOOK-UPS	MENTOR PANEL	END OF YEAR
Connect with your mentee in person at Heart of a Mentor's 1st workshop of the season! Get started on your SMART goals and some networking.	Go over resume building and cover letter tips together at this workshop!	Let's look at internship opportunities and learn some of the different ways to access these opportunities.	We are looking for mentors to present and share about their professional journey in a mentor panel!	Come celebrate your mentorship connection at HOLA's Winter Reunion with lunch!
IN PERSON	IN PERSON	VIRTUAL	VIRTUAL	IN PERSON

SAVE THE DATE

July - August 2024

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

July 20 HMN Mix n' Mingle | 1 - 3 PM

Join us at Heart of LA for our first Mix n' Mingle. Meet other mentors and mentees in person and enjoy some lunch!

Aug. 3 Summer Kick Off | 11-12:30 PM

Join us in kicking off the Match Cycle in person at Summer Kick Off. Meet your mentee match and get to know each other!

Save the Date

Mix n' Mingle

July 20th
1 - 3 PM

Summer Kick-Off

August 3rd
11 AM - 12:30 PM

So now you're a mentor. What's next?

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

01 *Volunteer Application*

02 *Free Live Scan*

03 *Register and Complete a mentor
profile by visiting:*

www.heartofla.xinspire.com/

05 *Take a look and explore the
platform. Start connecting with
alumni!*





QUESTIONS?

Thank You



♥ **SAVE
THE DATE**

Heart of a Mentor
Network
Get Ready for the

**CONNECT
CYCLE**

Join us virtually at Heart of
LA's Spring Homecoming

04.06.24



**ORIENTATION
SESSION
@ 2 PM**



**MENTEE
MINGLE @
2:45 PM -
3:30 PM**

[Click here to
join us virtually
at Spring
Homecoming's
Orientation +
Mentee Mingle](#)

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05 *Attend our virtual Mentee Mingle
@ HOLA's Spring Homecoming!*



Saturday, April 6th

Connect Cycle Orientation @ 2 PM





Mentee Mingle @ 2:45 - 3:30 PM



HEART OF A MENTOR NETWORK

Connect Cycle Program Calendar



APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	NOTES
SPRING HOMCOMING KICK-OFF	HMN CHECK IN SESSION # 1	HMN CHECK IN SESSION # 2	HMN MIX + MINGLE	
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH	SATURDAY, MAY 18TH	MONDAY, JUNE 10TH	JULY 19TH OR 20TH	
				
2 PM - 3:30 PM	Click here to vote for preferred time	6:30 - 7 PM	Click here to vote for preferred time	
ORIENTATION + MENTEE MINGLE	FEEDBACK SESSION FOR MENTORS	FEEDBACK SESSION FOR MENTORS	HMN MIX + MINGLE	
Join us to kick off the Connect Cycle with an orientation and mentee mingle.	Join the College and Career Success Team for our first feedback session to share about your experience with the platform and program.	Join the College and Career Success Team for our second feedback session to share about your experience with the platform and program.	Meet mentors and mentees at Heart of a Mentor Network's Mixer. Enjoy lite refreshments and mingle with mentees.	
VIRTUAL	VIRTUAL	VIRTUAL	IN PERSON (Optional)	

GOALS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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