

HISTORY

The Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program began in 1986 as the Tanner Project. Funded by a three-year federal grant, the program's objective is to increase the number of African American students enrolling in college. Since the program's inception it has evolved into a comprehensive community/district co-funded support program for high school students and their parents.

The program has successfully graduated a number of African American Vallejo students who are now returning to the community as doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, and business professionals to help a new generation of students to pursue their college dreams. The program is a cornerstone of the Vallejo City Unified School District's plan, Vision 20/20, which calls for innovative programs to meet the needs and ensure the success of all students.

The WBAS program has been recognized and featured by KTVU-FOX and KGO-ABC television, and has been honored by the Del Monte Corporation and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for its exemplary achievements.

In 2007, WBA Scholars completed a community service project by donating \$500 of their own money to help a New Orleans family victimized by Hurricane Katrina.



"You have to give back. Whether it's your time, your energy, your money. It doesn't matter what it is, but you have to give back."
WBA Scholar

Men of all ages prepare their most delicious recipes for the annual "100 Men Who Can Cook" fundraiser which has grown significantly in popularity. Hundreds of people attend to show their support for the program.



During the Spring Conference, seniors who graduate from the Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program are honored with a special medal presented to them by their parent or guardian.



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TANNER QUEST

There is much in life I want to do
There is much that I want to be
It's just that I didn't really know
How to get the best from me

Is there help around the corner
As in years that passed before?
Ah, yes, but the room is crowded
Students standing up by the door

From the classroom came a message
"All mortgaged dreams left here,
You must find that inner heading,
Following all that you hold dear."

I'd received much information
Tried to sort this from the rest
I had found that something special
Fondly called - the Tanner quest

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:
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Willie B. Adkins Scholars



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Scholarship Program

Every year the Parent Network Committee of the Willie B. Adkins Program awards one or more scholarships to deserving students. The criterion that is used to make this determination is based on personal and educational information, enrollment status, grade point average, and financial need. The Willie B. Adkins Scholarship Program is proud of the scholar's accomplishments and wishes the recipient all the best in the pursuit of their dream.

Spring Conference

Hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., this conference features the educational opportunities presented at California's Junior/Community College System.

Winter Conference

Hosted by Vallejo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., this conference features experiences shared by former Adkins students who are presently in college.

Out of State College Tour

Students will tour historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in southern and eastern states to broaden their options.

Funding Activities

The "100 Men Who Can Cook" event is held annually to raise funds for the Out of State College Tour. The event has become a favorite in the City of Vallejo, and is highly anticipated and supported by the community.

Community Service

Adkins Scholars are required to perform 30 hours of community volunteer service during the school year. Working students will be required to volunteer 20 hours.

Tutoring

Tutorial services are available every Monday on an as needed basis. Help is on hand to assist in all subject areas.

Values/Moral Spirituality and Other Areas of Sensitivity

- Rites of Passage Training
- Image Sessions (Standard English usage and exceptions behavior)
- Solving conflicts without confrontation
- Expected behavior and attitudes in regular school
- Learning to use support systems
- Planned parenthood training
- Sexuality discussion sessions

Program Elements

- SAT/ACT Preparation
- Assessment
- Pre-test Practice
- Individual Consultation
- Career/Personal Counseling
- Health/Medical Care
- Paths Through High School
- Study Skills/Groups
- Dressing for Success
- Learning Strategies
- Tutoring and Academic Preparation
- Guest Speakers
- Supportive Services

One-on-one counseling/advising



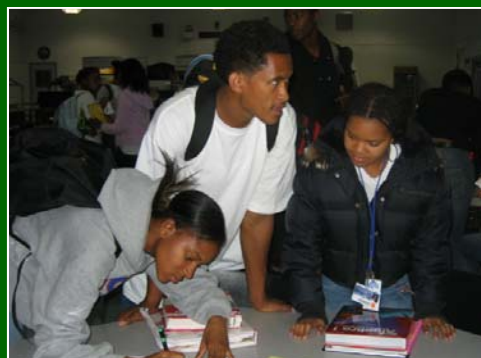
Public speaking



Tutoring



Peer networking



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