



NCRF

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Highlights

A Holiday Message from NCRF

Founder and CEO Dr. Theresa Price

As we transition into our 26th year of Expos and other impactful programs, we are incredibly grateful for your partnership! We invite you to celebrate with us as we "Reach for the Stars" to honor students and a slate of extraordinary individuals at our 12th Annual Gala & Fundraiser on December 7th at LA Trade Tech College, in the Culinary Arts Building. With the holidays approaching, we are uplifted by your continued commitment to help us change students' lives! Many thanks to you and your families in this Season of Blessings from the entire NCRF Family!

A Special Night to Reach for the Stars

NCRF's 12th Annual Gala and Fundraiser
Saturday, December 7th



2025 EXPO SCHEDULE

Expanding College Access Across the Country

NCRF is launching our 26th season of expos in January beginning in Portland (1/16), Seattle (1/18) and San Diego (1/30). We are thrilled to be hosting the 26th Annual Black College Expo™, on Feb 1st at SoFi Stadium as part of an exciting weekend in conjunction with Honda and Battle of the Bands. In our ongoing mission to break down barriers to education for underserved and underrepresented youth across the country, we will also be hosting expos in Fresno, Oakland, Miami, DC/Maryland, North Carolina, Atlanta and Chicago. For more information and to register to attend or exhibit, visit our College Expos Page at NCRFoundation.org.

2025 Expo Calendar			
	<u>PORTLAND, OR</u>	Self Enhancement, Inc. Center	JAN. 16, 2025
	<u>SEATTLE</u>	RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	JAN. 18, 2025
	<u>SAN DIEGO</u>	MLK CENTER AT BAYVIEW	Thurs. JAN. 30, 2025
	<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	SoFi Stadium	FEB. 01, 2025
NEW LOCATION	EXPO: 9:00 to 1:30 In partnership with HONDA & BATTLE OF THE BANDS		
	<u>FRESNO, CA</u>	VALDEZ HALL	Mon. FEB. 03, 2025
	<u>OAKLAND</u>	OAKLAND MARRIOTT CITY CENTER	FEB. 08, 2025
	<u>MIAMI</u>	FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY	MAR. 08, 2025
	<u>DC/MARYLAND</u>	WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER	MAR. 15, 2025
	<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY	Thurs. MAR 20. 2025
	<u>ATLANTA</u>	COBB GALLERIA	MAR. 22, 2025
	<u>CHICAGO</u>	CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY	APR. 5, 2025



NCRF STEAM INITIATIVE

Annual STEAM Expo Recap

NCRF hosted its 11th Annual STEAM Expo on October 4th on the Los Angeles Trade Tech campus and it was a STEAM sensation for students of all ages! With over 50 scientific exhibitors, trade schools, colleges and universities and over 2,500 students in attendance, it was a day full of exploration and excitement as attendees celebrated the discovery of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Aviation, Agriculture, Aerospace and Math.





THE MOVEMENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (TMEP) FEATURED EVENT

Hispanic Heritage Festival Highlights Hispanic Culture

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, TMEP engaged with students at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Lynwood to host an Hispanic Heritage Festival. By sharing with the students the cultural significance of “Papel Picado” and flowers in Mexican culture, they were able to pair an enriching learning opportunity with elements of fun and festivity with music, games and prizes. To commemorate the day, students were given the opportunity to create their own pieces of art to take home. The event was aligned with TMEP's mission to guide elementary, middle, and high school students towards positive post-secondary pursuits and confront the disparities in the educational system by being a positive on-campus presence providing comprehensive social, emotional and academic support.



STUDENT ATHLETE PROGRAM (SAP)

Two Events for Student Athletes in December

Virtual Recruiting Seminar (Session 2 of 4)

On December 8, 2024; January 5 and February 9, 2025, student athletes can join the next sessions of our four-part virtual seminar series, *Your Journey to Playing at the Collegiate Level*. The

Dec. 8th session, *Are You a 5-Star Athlete?* will focus on what it takes to catch the eye of college coaches and how to enhance your recruitment profile. The additional sessions: *Are You Prepared: Eligibility & Academics* on Jan. 5th and *Sealing the Deal: Advocate for Yourself* on Feb. 9th.

Register for Recruiting Seminar Sessions here:

Contact Information: chenita@ncrfoundation.org or sap@ncrfoundation.org

NCRF Track & Field Winter Invitational

The 2nd Annual Track & Field Winter Invitational, hosted by NCRF/SAP at Lynwood High School on December 14, 2024, is a must-attend event for high school student athletes. This USATF-sanctioned meet provides a platform for athletes to showcase their abilities and earn times eligible for National and World Records, while also catching the attention of collegiate recruiters.

Register for NCRF Track & Field Winter Invitational at bit.ly/3CVMekQ



INTERNSHIPS & CAREERS

2024: A Year of Impact and Growth

One of Internships & Careers standout initiatives in 2024 was the launch of the *How to Land a Dream Job*. This multi-part virtual series is designed to motivate young leaders to envision a bright future and actively pursue it. Each session features industry experts sharing insight on essential career development topics, including *Mapping Out a Career Path*, *Starting and Branding Your Business*, *Interviewing Like a Pro*, and *Mastering the Art of Public Speaking*. The program's reach is already building a community of students eager to take charge of their futures.

We are also excited to announce the launch of our new *Talent Recruitment Portal* powered by *Matchplicity*, a platform designed to connect college students, early career job seekers, and others with employers eager to increase diversity and source emerging talent. To learn more about joining the portal and finding your perfect match, visit the *Internships & Careers* section under Programs on the NCRF website at www.ncrfoundation.org.

Recordings of workshops and highlights from these enriching experiences are available on our NCRF TV YouTube Channel at youtube.com/c/NCRFTVNetwork/

We encourage you to visit and learn from these valuable free resources.

