

# EDUCATIONAL STUDENT TOURS

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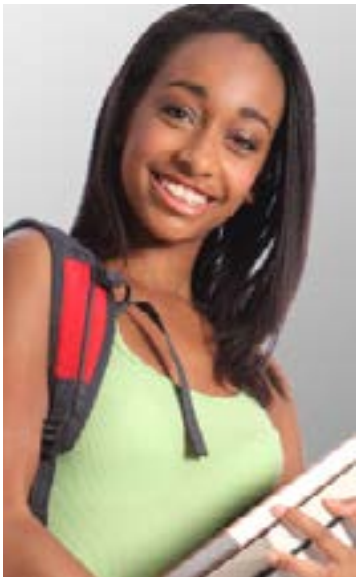
## The History and Vision

In the fall of 1987, an idea was born that was destined to have a tremendous impact on black students throughout California and beyond. In 1987, Gregory and Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye conducted their first black college tour. Even though only 35 students participated, the first tour was a huge success. The students on that tour discovered things that they could only have imagined before. They found colleges with institutional missions completely dedicated to serving black students.

After 15 years of conducting our tours, we filed Articles of Incorporation and bylaws to create Educational Student Tours, Incorporated, a 501 (c) (3) California nonprofit for charitable purposes to reach out to two populations who historically have not received as much help as they should—foster and low-income youth. We know that by positively impacting a student's access to an educational opportunity, you improve that young people's overall quality of life. As we all know, education is the way out of poverty.

## Our Mission

The mission of Educational Student Tours, Inc. is to create the opportunity for foster and low-income tour participants to attend four-year Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in order to transform their lives.



## What We Do

- Assistance with finding the right college
- Assistance with college, financial aid, year-round housing and scholarship applications
- Assistance with writing personal statements and college essays
- Financial aid workshops
- Comprehensive tours of historically black colleges and universities
- Mentoring during four years of college

## Why We Do It

Los Angeles is home to 34,847 children in the foster care system. Of that number, 8,312 are currently in high school. Data shows that nationally the percent of foster youth who will obtain a bachelor's degree is 2 to 9%. Some of the barriers that make it difficult to plan for college careers include: being newly emancipated from foster care without family or financial support; homelessness and poverty.

Our program is designed to overcome that statistic by providing students with connections to a caring adult and colleges with supportive environments. EST is also helping low-income students residing in single-family households. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the proportion of black children living in a single-parent home is 55 percent. Living with a single parent reduces a child's chances of graduating from college. Proactively, we created our non-profit to address these societal issues.

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