



Lift a Brother Up - College and Career Readiness Program

Organizational Summary

Brothers on the Rise responsibly empowers male youth to achieve individual success, develop healthy relationships and contribute to a more just and equitable society. We do this through gender-responsive counseling and mentoring; literacy, life skills and leadership development; college and career readiness; as well as parent education and staff development. Since our founding in 2008, we have served over 500 youth ages 6-17 across 10 Oakland public schools and through our partnership with Oakland Parks and Recreation. Our programs develop boys into responsible, peaceful and productive young men.

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Lift A Brother Up is a College and Career Readiness initiative of **Brothers on the Rise**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to responsibly empowering urban male youth in Oakland, CA. The initiative is designed to prepare young men for successful entry into higher education and careers within the core human services fields of mental health, public health, and education, professions where males of color are greatly under-represented but vitally needed. Within these careers, **Lift A Brother Up** participants develop as specialists within the emerging field of boys and young men's empowerment work.

Target Population

- High school males in Oakland who have reached junior class standing
- Enrolled and attending an Oakland public school
- Encouraging students of color to participate

Enrollment Criteria

- Minimum 2.0 GPA (with considerations for teacher/counselor recommendation or other exceptional circumstances)
- Interest in studying and working within human services, and specifically with or on behalf of male youth
- Commitment to attend and complete program activities (course, internships, and occasional special events) over a year and a half period, the second half of Junior year and entire Senior year

Program Benefits for Partner Schools and Community Based Organizations

- Builds a community wide cohort of male students focused on career and college success
- Provides support for students' social and emotional needs, contributing to improved behavior
- Helps increase retention and graduation/completion rates at schools and programs

Important Dates

- Program begins February 1 with 1st course lasting through May 30 (Wed., 2:00-5:00PM)
- Summer internship: late June thru mid-August (internship schedules TBD with community partners, up to full-time, with required Thursday evening meetings at Laney)
- After-school schedule resumes in Fall for the 2012-2013 academic year (Wed., 2:00-5:00PM)

For further information or to request an application

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