

Legacy Roundtable Accelerated Summer Mathematics Academy Begins Recruitment for 2015 African American Male Summer Scholars “Rebuilding with New Partners”

For the past ten years, Riverside scholars engaged in the Legacy program have been required to attend community college campuses in Fontana, Walnut or San Jacinto after months of preparation for summer courses. Riverside City College (RCC) is now an option for Legacy Scholars who attend Riverside Unified School District middle and high schools, thanks to the efforts of RCC administrators and math department leaders.

Legacy Roundtable was inspired to launch the Accelerated Summer Mathematics Academy (ASMA) when observed numbers of African American males taking calculus in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. All potential scholars **must register online** beginning November 17, 2015 at **legacyroundtable.org** and submit all forms required on the Student Checklist, prior to entering tutoring sessions. Registration will close on December 31, 2015. Scholars will be eligible to receive three months of tutoring during Saturday sessions taught by Legacy Roundtable tutors February through April.

This same website will list the location of Legacy’s Program Orientation to be conducted at UC Riverside on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 9 am to 11:00 am, where parents can learn about the program and turn in completed registration forms. Math tutoring begins February 13, 2016 at UC Riverside in the Interdisciplinary Studies Building (INTS) room 1002. Legacy Roundtable offers a three phase program: intensive tutoring, summer courses and STEM exploration at the conclusion of classes.

During Phase 1 of the program scholars get assistance February through May on their current math classes as well as assistance with preparation for Community College Math Assessment tests. Results of this community college assessment test determine which community college courses a student may enter for credit. All entering scholars are tested to identify early weaknesses that are being carried forward and hampering progress in more difficult math courses. Tutoring is designed to focus on removing those specific weaknesses.

Phase 2 of the program occurs with participation of our community college partners. **Summer 2016 ASMA classes will include** a continued focus on Intermediate Algebra and more challenging math courses through Calculus. Students will take community college level classes that will replace a “full-year” of high school requirement in order to enroll into more rigorous math courses upon return to regular schools in fall 2016.

Summer courses last approximately six weeks and are taught by community college professors. Scholar performance on community college assessment tests and attendance during the February through May period determines who is allowed to proceed through the community college portion of the program. Scholars may take

community college classes at Mt. SAC (Walnut), Chaffey College (Fontana Center and Rancho Cucamonga Main Campus), Mt. San Jacinto (Menifee Campus), Moreno Valley College, Norco College and Riverside City College. Registration fees, books and summer tutoring costs are covered by Legacy Roundtable.

Phase three of the program includes a four-day stay at a residential housing dormitory with “real college” STEM and college application preparation work at the University of California’s Irvine campus; this activity is reserved as a reward for ALL scholars who complete summer mathematics classes.

Legacy Roundtable has made a commitment of enrolling 500 African American males into Calculus within the Inland Empire and San Gabriel Valley—all in the same year. Legacy pledges to ensure that each of these scholars is competitively eligible for top colleges and universities throughout California and the nation if they continue habits gained through participation and use college preparation guidance provided by Legacy partners. Legacy Roundtable is sponsored by the Council of African American Parents, a non-profit organization.

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