



Academic UpRise, Inc.



Elder Eddie Pierson, III
Founder/President/CEO

Greetings and Welcome to Academic UpRise Webpage.

Imagine seeing 100% of African American and Latino seniors, marching down the aisle of graduation halls, and then to top it off, all of them having been accepted to a four year college. Wouldn't that be exciting? I believe it can be done!

All of our students should have at least a moment of that experience even if they chose a technical career path to travel. As we work in partnership with other organizations such as, the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD)+Long Beach City College (LBCC)+California State University Long Beach (CSULB), our goal is to help prepared students to take and pass the California High School Exit Examination, which is required by the state as part of the criteria for receiving a high school diploma upon graduation.

As a visionary, Academic UpRise, Inc. in 2001, when the State of California contemplated the implementation of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), and many districts were in a quandary across the state, Academic UpRise was prepared to put in place what they called "CAHSEE Prep Sessions, using their One-on-One concept to assist students who might have problems passing the exam. AU, was the first organization of its kind in LA County to have a mechanism in place to take care of such a monumental task, and has been successful in helping students pass the exam and graduate who might not have done so without AU's assistance.

Since 2001, AU continue to hold Educational Symposiums and EXPO's at various schools, community centers, churches and hotels, to inform students, parents and the community at large, of educational resources available to help enhance learning, and how to secure scholarships for college and technical endeavors. The symposium workshops are designed to help parents understand the importance of parental involvement and engagement in their childrens educational persuit from elementary to and through college. Parents, this is an important responsibility!

As parents, *"We are the foundation that helps to stabilize our children, and the glue that helps to hold them together, as they process life as they see it, and they see it through us."* Elder Eddie Pierson, III

Join us this year on: November 18th - Luncheon; November 19th - Closing the Achievement GAP Workshops; November 20th - Breakout Group Discussions and Adoption of Action Items.

All Symposium sessions will be held at Long Beach City College, PCC Campus. Looking to see you there!