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## INFORMATION

Rosa Parks Program for Community  
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[www.college.ucla.edu/up/aap/teachers/index.html](http://www.college.ucla.edu/up/aap/teachers/index.html)

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*Improving Communities One  
Student at a Time*



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## INSPIRATION

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On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama to a white passenger. This simple, yet defiant act sparked a citywide boycott of the bus system by African Americans. This boycott also helped Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. rise to prominence as a civil rights leader, and ultimately resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation on city buses. Mrs. Parks' legacy continues to inspire new generations in the struggle for racial equality and social justice, and inspired the creation of this program to facilitate progress on a local and national level.

## VISION

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UCLA's Academic Advancement Program (AAP) created the Rosa Parks Program for Community Development (RPP) to assist undergraduate students enter and succeed in graduate and professional schools. Our philosophy is to provide needed mentoring and counseling services to students to assist them in becoming the future leaders and advocates for under-

served communities throughout the country.

The RPP works closely with UCLA professional schools to increase the number of AAP students entering graduate and post-baccalaureate programs.

## SERVICES

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### *Advising & Mentoring*

AAP students can meet with current UCLA graduate students on a regular basis for counseling either by appointment, or during scheduled drop-in hours. Mentors will discuss the students' interests, and help identify existing graduate programs that fit the students' desires. Mentors also assist the students in planning appropriate undergraduate courses, and provide guidance in directing the students' test scheduling, extra-curricular activities, and internships.

### *Round Table Discussions*

On a regular basis the RPP will sponsor Faculty Round Tables, where students and faculty members gather to discuss educational and career opportunities, as well as current topics of concern to students of color and disadvantaged students. Topics will focus on opportunities within academia, specifically in the fields of Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Physical & Life Sciences, and Professional schools.

### *Internships & Field Studies*

The RPP works to place interested students in professional internships designed to enhance the understanding of issues facing troubled communities, and to provide valuable experience in the process of social and community work

### *Graduate & Professional School Admissions*

Assisting students in the application to graduate programs is a major part of the RPP. Our mentors and counselors will work with you to ensure that your application is ready, from helping you prepare for standardized tests to working with you on the creation of your letter of intent.

## AFFILIATIONS

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The RPP works closely with the following UCLA professional schools and programs:

- Public Health
- Public Policy
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- Social Welfare
- Urban Planning