



AL WOOTEN JR.
YOUTH CENTER

EST. 1990 **CATCH THE VISION!**

26TH ANNUAL

CATCH THE VISION AWARDS DINNER

CELEBRATING OUR *29th* ANNIVERSARY!

HONORING

**STEVEN &
DEBRA OH**

*For their long-term
investments in
our youth!*



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019 | 6-9PM

HOTEL CASA DEL MAR, SANTA MONICA

In Appreciation for
Steven and Debra Oh

For your outstanding service,
concern and support for the
Wooten Center

John & Eveyln Lapham

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Thank you to our honorees Steven and Debra Oh and to everyone who contributed to the success of our 26th annual Vision Awards Dinner fundraiser. We honor you!

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Making a difference
for life...

Catch the Vision!

**Drs. Constance &
Bernard James**

Presented to
Steven and Debra Oh

2019 VISION AWARD

To express our deep appreciation for the outstanding support you have afforded the Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center in our efforts to serve our youth in South Los Angeles.

Paul & Melinda Wetmore

BOARD & STAFF

Thank you to our very caring and dedicated board of directors and staff for your commitment to good citizenship and academic excellence for our students!

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Congratulations
Steven and Debra Oh.

We honor your commitment to
supporting good citizenship
and academic excellence at
the Al Wooten Jr.
Youth Center.



OUR HONOREES

STEVEN & DEBRA OH



Steven and Debra at the center in front of the plaque naming our basketball court Lapham Court after John Lapham, a long-time Wooten board member and friend of the Ohs.



Steven at College Day showing currency from around the world to Wooten students.



Steven at our Wooten Golf Classic

The Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center is pleased to present our 26th annual Vision Award to Steven and Debra Oh. Steven and Debra are long-time supporters of educational initiatives including the Wooten Center. They have been faithful donors at the center for more than 10 years, including a \$50,000 gift this year!

Financial gifts are wonderful and needed but it's not the only reason we chose Steven and Debra as our honorees. It's also because of the care and commitment they have shown.

The Ohs come faithfully to our golf and dinner fundraisers, always asking about our kids' welfare, always buying our remaining auction items way above the asking price to ensure we made a profit (Steven's office is full of the items!). Their smiles and encouraging words have been an inspiration for our staff who missed the Ohs the few times when they could not make an event the past 10 years.

We lost about half of our income after the 2009 recession. Steven and Debra were among those who despite any challenges they may have faced continued to support the center when they heard we were close to shutting down. When we asked Steven to share his investment wisdom with our students he did so without question. Unanimous vote to honor them this year!

Steven is a portfolio manager at PineBridge Investments. Debra is a photographer, former teacher and volunteer docent for the Los Angeles Audubon Ballona Wetlands Education Program. We love and appreciate them and are very pleased to celebrate the significant impact they have made for our youth.



SAA interiors + architecture is proud to contribute to the Wooten Center in their mission to provide support for academic excellence in our youth!

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Wooten staff selected the following 2019 Student Achievers for their exemplary performance in good citizenship and academic excellence, our mission. The students will speak and receive medals during tonight's dinner program. All are enrolled in our CollegeTrek Afterschool Program.

We congratulate them for their great work. Looking forward to greater and greater success!



Steven Brown
Good Sportsmanship



Justin Gray
*Academic Excellence
Science*



Alexia Cadena
*Academic
Excellence
Writing*



Kierah House
*Academic Excellence
Math*



Johnathon Castillo
Good Citizenship



Candice Parks
*Academic Excellence
Reading*

Thank you! Your support has been significant in allowing the center to continue offering assistance to the youth and families of South Los Angeles.

**Christopher & Karen
Jennings**

OUR HISTORY



To Myrtle - Congratulations on your great work!


Mrs. Rumph with President Barack Obama at the White House on August 4, 2010 receiving one of 13 Presidential Citizens Medals, our nation's second highest civilian honor, for her work at the Wooten Center

The Wooten Center is celebrating 28 years of service. We are continuing the work of Myrtle Faye Rumph, who founded our youth center in 1990 to help other people avoid her son's fate. Mrs. Rumph passed away on January 7, 2015. She was 83 and suffered heart failure.

According to police, 35-year-old Alton Wooten Jr. was the innocent victim of a gang initiation. Within weeks of her son's murder in 1989, Mrs. Rumph began holding meetings in her home with family and friends wanting to find solutions to the gang crisis in their community. They developed a plan to open a youth center to provide alternatives to gang activity in South Los Angeles.

After three months of meetings and a year venturing out taking kids at a local church community center on field trips, Mrs. Rumph rented a storefront at 91st and Western next door to the moving and storage company she owned with her husband Harris. With the help from family and friends, she opened a youth center for boys and girls ages 8-18.

The first participants were four pre-teen boys who used to hang out on the corner in front of Mrs. Rumph's business. Today, the Wooten Center is still on Western Ave., although in five buildings the center owns across the street from the original site. We are providing more than 350 students with the opportunity to nurture their dreams, participate in academic enrichment and recreational programs, learn important social skills and graduate from high school and college.



Faye with her children (l to r) Arthur, Alton and Barbara at their apartment in Los Angeles, c. 1963



Faye Family Room dedication on Feb 27, 2015

OUR MISSION

"The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe and nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence."

AL WOOTEN JR. YOUTH CENTER

SUMMER FUN CAMP 2019

AERONAUTICS: ROCKETS, PLANES, SCOOTERS!

Explore the world of aeronautics. See how we fly!

GRADES 3-9 REGISTRATION \$30
Free registration with applications submitted online before June 1

TUITION \$65/WK PER STUDENT
\$60/WK PER STUDENT
for families with 3 or more children enrolled from the same household

**JUNE 17-AUGUST 2 (7 WEEKS)
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-6PM**
LOCATION: AL WOOTEN JR. YOUTH CENTER @ MANN UCLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
7001 S. ST. ANDREWS PL., LOS ANGELES, CA 90047

ALSO: Aeronautics Guest Mentors, World Languages and Culture, Study Lab (math and language arts), Science Lab (robotics and engineering), Quiet Reading, Visual Arts, Junior Achievement, Singing, Dance, Music Production, Film Production, Soccer, Basketball, Swim Lessons, Field Trips and more!!
*Shawn Patterson Memorial Basketball Camp
June 17-21, 10am-noon*

Tuition includes t-shirt, daily lunch and snack, and all field trips except final amusement park.

Our programs are funded by The Ahmanson Foundation, KROQ Radio, The Weingart Foundation, The Crail-Johnson Foundation, The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, The Green Foundation, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, AEG Community Foundation, Invest in Others Foundation, Wooten board members and other friends.

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Thank you for your partnership
for our annual



Making a difference for life!

Scott Miller, Ph.D.

OUR PROGRAMS

College preparation should not wait for high school. The Wooten Center starts at grade 3 to prepare students to adopt skills needed to complete their journey to higher education. We provide free afterschool and low-cost summer programs for more than 350 students in grades 3-12 at the center and other sites.

Thank you to all who have supported our work helping our youth improve and excel in school and life. For more information, visit www.wootencenter.org. For updates on our activities, go to Contacts to join our mailing list and/or "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wootencenter.



Science Lab



Free SAT-prep workshop



Piano

THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR THREE PROGRAMS:

CollegeTrek Afterschool Program

Activities: Homework assistance, assessments and tutoring in reading and math, science lab, cooking, percussions, piano, music and video production, gardening, arts and crafts, basketball, field trips, College and Career Day and other college readiness activities.

Summer Fun Camp

Activities: All of the above afterschool activities plus project-based labs in reading, writing, math and science. STEM classes have included coding, computer animation, aerospace engineering and robotics for 21st century learning. This summer, students will explore the world of aeronautics as a career option.

MyCollegeTrek

Activities for teens only: SAT-prep workshops, college tours and scholarships, internships and discussion groups, Juvenile Justice Jeopardy digital game teaching teens about juvenile law and how to properly exercise their rights.

SHAWN PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our silent auction features an opportunity to send students to our Summer Fun Camp, "Aeronautics: Rockets, Planes, Scooters!" Guest mentors will help expose our students to college and career options for people who want to work in aeronautics. All bids for the auction item are a winner!

The cost is \$455 per student for the full seven weeks. Wooten board member Dr. Scott Miller started the scholarship fund in memory of his friend, killed in gun violence like Al Wooten. Send a kid to summer camp! Donate tonight or online at www.wootencenter.org/donate. Thank you on behalf of Shawn, Scott and the kids.

Thanks to the Staff, Board,
and all the supporters for your
critical roles in continuing the
Vision and the vital mission of
the Wooten Center to make a
difference in the community
and lives of youths.

Debra & Steve Oh

PROGRAM

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HOTEL CASA DEL MAR, SANTA MONICA

Music by Steel Rollin' Jazz Band

6-7PM, Reception & Auction

7-8PM, Dinner

8-9PM, Program

Master of Ceremonies: Paul Wetmore, Wooten Board Chairperson

Introduction of Emcee

Welcome

Acknowledgements

Our History

Our Programs

Student Achievement Awards

Parent Comments

Friend Comments

Introduction of Honoree

Vision Award Presentation to Steven and Debra Oh

Closing Remarks

*Silent auction winners may proceed to the auction area to pick up their items.
Please use the payment slip on the table to pay by card. Thank you for your support.*

Thank you to all guests for joining us tonight.

Congratulations to Steven & Debra Oh, Vision Award Honorees

Thank you for investing in
students at the
Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center.
Making a difference!

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Steven and Debra Oh
for making a significant
impact in the lives of
children and youth

Greg Geiser

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betterment of the
Al Wooten Jr.
Youth Center
is greatly appreciated.

Gary & Karen Wagner

2019 VISION AWARD
Presented to
Steven and Debra Oh
Congratulations!



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Congratulations to the
Al Wooten Jr.
Youth Center
for another successful
year of serving youth in
South Los Angeles.

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Kara Rossi**

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In memory of our friend
Gary Stewart...

John and Kathy Talley-Jones
honor and celebrate
Wooten youth!

I am incredibly proud of
Wooten youth and the success
we see each year. Celebrate!

Amy Johnson

Congratulations
Steven and Debra Oh.

Thank you for
your service.

The Wells Fargo logo consists of a solid red square with the words "WELLS" and "FARGO" stacked vertically in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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Congratulations to
our good friends
Steven and Debra Oh.
Our best wishes to the
Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center.

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Congratulations for another year of inspiring service to the youth of Los Angeles.

**Elizabeth and David
McFadzean**



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