

# Bowman High School

African-American College Night, September 21<sup>st</sup>



On Wednesday night, September 21<sup>st</sup>, over 300 students, parents, and community members attended the African-American College Night hosted by Valencia High School. The goal for the event was to “assist students and their families in planning for college.”

Thirty Bowman students and their families attended this informative and exciting event. The parent coordinator of this exceptional college night experience, Mrs. Maisah Howard, arranged for dynamic speakers from UCLA, USC, CSUN, Hampton University, and the Princeton Review to present college admission’s strategies. Before the event, families were treated to a complimentary dinner, including delicious cupcakes for dessert. Following the presentations, table visitations were set up in the quad and included representatives from the above colleges, as well as from Spelman College and Morehouse and Howard Universities.

Representatives from UC Riverside, DeVry, the College Board, and financial aid programs were also available with additional information and assistance.

Bowman senior Britney Brooks thoroughly enjoyed the event. She said “I knew that college was very expensive, but I learned how I could

get some help. There are many grants available especially for me. I learned how to start the process for receiving a grant, and they gave me a free calculator, too!” Britney summed up her thoughts by saying “I learned a lot of interesting ideas about college, and I am motivated to raise the bar for myself. The representative from Howard University told me that if I want to go to a university, then I can.”

Student Myles Crew enjoyed hearing from college reps from UCLA and USC. He said “What I learned from the representatives from the different schools is that I should take school more seriously!” Myles attended with his mother, and they both enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the requirements of attending college. In the conclusion to the essay Myles wrote about the experience, he said “Finally, I learned that anyone can get into college. You just have to put a lot of time and effort into the process.”



Bowman junior Taalibah Muhammad was very interested in Spelman College, which she did not realize before the event is a women’s college. She was also impressed with Hampton College’s beautiful campus and their innovative medical and nursing programs. Taalibah responded “I learned that I can’t just apply to one college. I have to have other choices, and a Plan B and Plan C!”