

## College Tours 2008-2009

\_\_\_\_\_ 2009 HBCU College/University Visitation \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 Bayou Tour \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 Black Historical College and Cultural History Tour  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Testing Scores: SAT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chaperone  Student (Shirt Size:  Lg.  1X  2X  3X) \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Sweatshirt (\$10.00 extra)

### Brief History

The name "THURSTON GROUP" was first used in 1994 when L.A. Jenkins, a bus driver from North Thurston Public Schools, and nine male students from the District attended a Black Orientation Leadership Development (BOLD) conference, at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. The BOLD Conference leadership began referring to our group from Thurston County as the Thurston Group. The name evolved and was later expanded to "Thurston Group of the Greater Puget Sound."

In 1997, the THURSTON GROUP, formed a dynamic partnership with SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. This partnership took on the monumental task of forming and sponsoring its own Students of Color College/University Recruiting Weekend. This successful event has been helping students of color move on to higher education with monies to support their dreams. Since its introduction, the Thurston Group's Students of Color College/University Recruiting Weekend has awarded students with grants, scholarships and stipends.

1997-1998: over \$300,000	2003-2004: over \$ 750,000
1998-1999: over \$500,000	2004-2005: over \$ 344,00
1999-2000: over \$700,000	2005-2006: over \$1,126,080
2000-2001: over \$1,200,000	2006-2007: over \$ 1,130,000
2001-2002: over \$2,200,000	2007-2008: over \$ 398,000
2002-2003: over \$900,000	2008-2009:

The founders of the Thurston Group and L.A. Jenkins established the first THURSTON GROUP of Washington State Black College Tour in 1997. Since the first tour, L. A. Jenkins has organized three tours annually. These include: Bayou Classic Tour (November); Historical Black College Tour (HBCU's) during spring break (April) and the HBCU's college visitation (August). More than 95,000 miles have been traveled since 1997, with 80 of the 117 HBCU's visited. Thirty-one of the 80 campuses visited have been United Negro College Fund (UNCF) supported schools.

Within the last eight years there have been over 400 students from the Northwest attending HBCU's. These students come from participation in the Black College/University Committee Fair in Portland, Oregon; Seattle Black College/University Fair; The THURSTON GROUP Black College/University Fair in Vancouver B.C.; the Student of Color College/University Recruiting Weekend; and the HBCU local High School Recruiter Visitation Week.

In 2001, The THURSTON GROUP began the Reach Out Program. This program's purpose is to create a vehicle (for students through Articulation Agreements with Community Colleges) to provide opportunities for Students of Color to come back to the Northwest for "Student Internship" in the education and business fields and to seek employment opportunities. The Eight Elements of the Reach Out Program are as follows:

1. Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU's)
2. Community Colleges in Washington State
3. School Districts in Washington State
4. Washington State Colleges & Universities
5. Superintendent of Public Instruction
6. Businesses in Washington State
7. Churches in Washington State

# Thurston Group of Washington State®\*



## 2008 – 2009 School Year Calendar of Events & Tours Brochure

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**Calendar of Events**  
2008-2009

**HBCU & Cultural History Tour**  
April 1 – 12, 2009

**Bayou Classic Tour ?**  
November 21 – 30, 2008

**September, 2008**

Workshops to be announced

**October, 2008**

Workshops to be announced

**November 14-15, 2008**

Bremerton Family Community Conference 8am-4pm  
Portland College Fair 8am-2pm Nov. 15, 2008

**November 21-30, 2008**

Classic Bayou Tour  
Workshops to be announced

**February 2-6, 2009**

12th Annual HBCU's High School Visitations Week

**February 6, 2009**

Reach Out Program Student Teaching Internship

**February 7th, 2009**

12<sup>th</sup> Student of Color College Recruiting Day  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

12<sup>th</sup> Student of Color Banquet – 6:00 PM

**March 19th—21, 2009**

WABSE 16th Annual Conference  
Sea-Tac Marriot Hotel

**April 1 – 12, 2009**

HBCU's Cultural History Tour

\*\*Portfolio & College Tour Workshops presentation available  
For the youth and parents of your organization upon request

**Meetings**

**Business** every 3rd Saturday of the Even Months at 12:00 noon.

**Committee Meetings** every 3rd Saturday of the Odd Months.

**Workshops** time and dates to be announced.

Lacey Maintenance Service Center  
1200 College St SE  
Lacey, WA

**For information call:**

**Recruiting**

Barbara Clarkson at (360) 459-9067  
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Bobbie Keys at 1-888-734-5949

**College Tours**

Derrick Smith at (360) 455-0594

**Reach Out Program**

L. A. Jenkins at (360) 459-9357

This unique tour provides students with an exceptional overview of college and university life, in essence a first-hand look at campuses and dormitories (some colleges may allow an over-night). There will also be enjoyable learning events such as: opportunities to ask questions, note taking, sitting in on classes related to their chosen field of study, and to find out what it will take to matriculate successfully in the careers of their choice. Numerous opportunities will be available for students, parents, and chaperones to interact with registration/admission offices regarding financial aid, scholarships, grants, work-study and loans. Generally, ninety percent of the students participating in tours are awarded some form of financial support. This enriching collegiate and historical cultural tour will extend over a twelve day period. **A minimum of 25 people are needed to assure trip viability.**

\*UNCF colleges and Universities

**Tennessee**

\*Fisk University Tennessee State University

**Alabama**

Alabama A & M University Alabama State University  
\*Miles College \*Oakwood College  
\*Stillman College \*Talladega College  
\*Tuskegee University

**Georgia**

\*Clark Atlanta University Morehouse College  
\*Morris Brown College \*Spellman College

**Florida**

\*Edward Waters College \*Bethune-Cookman University  
\*Florida Memorial University Florida A & M University

**Depending on time availability two of these schools may be removed.**

**Cost of Tour**

**\$1,100 PER PERSON:** Covers overnight accommodations for 4 people of the same gender per room, continental breakfast, and land travel. T-Shirt/Sweatshirt (Choice: \$10 extra for sweatshirt). Lunch & Dinner meals are not included.

**\$100 Non-refundable deposit** is due February 7, 2009. Airfare is due February 27, 2009, (Due the economy additional \$400-\$500 cost above the tour registration fee and is based on Airfare Tickets at time of purchase).

**\$1000 final payment** due by March 6, 2009. Tour participants will depart from SeaTac Airport to Nashville, Tenn. on April 1, 2009 (night). Land travel will begin in Nashville, Tenn. to Florida. We will leave Florida and return to Seattle, WA on April 12, 2009.

This educational and cultural tour offers students an opportunity to delve into college life, a first hand look at campuses and dormitories. There may be exclusive options to talk with admission offices about financial aid, scholarships, grants, work study and loans. Students will enjoy the opportunity to sit in on various learning events, ask questions, take notes and ultimately find out what it will take to matriculate successfully in the career of their choice. This enriching tour experience will extend over an 10 day traveling period. Generally, ninety percent of the students participating in tours are awarded some form of financial support. **A minimum of 25 people are needed to assure trip viability.**

\*UNCF Colleges and Universities

**Louisiana**

Grambling State University Southern University/A&M College

\*Dillard University

\*Xavier University

**Mississippi**

\*Tougaloo College

Jackson State University

Alcorn State University

**Cost of Tour**

**\$1100 PER PERSON:** Covers overnight accommodations for 4 people of the same gender per room, continental breakfast, and land travel. T-Shirt/Sweatshirt (Choice: \$10 extra for sweatshirt). Cost also includes tickets to the ***Bayou Classic Game, Battle of the Bands, & Thanksgiving Dinner*** (Lunch & Dinner meals are not included).  
\$300 deposit due by September 15, 2008

**\$800 final payment** due by November 6, 2008. Airfare will be due by October 20, 2008 (Additional \$450-\$550 cost above the tour registration fee and is based on Airfare Tickets at time of purchase). This is based on group rate at the time of purchase. If the ticket is under \$450, the difference will be reimbursed back or could be credited to the remaining.

Tour participants will depart from Sea-Tac Airport Seattle, Washington, to Shreveport, Louisiana on the evening of November 20, 2008. The tour will proceed from Shreveport, Louisiana, Jackson, Mississippi concluding in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Participants return to Seattle, Washington the evening of November 30, 2008.