



July 26, 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We would like to invite you to attend an event at City Hall on **Friday, Aug. 6** featuring the research of high school students from across Los Angeles. This summer, students from Crenshaw, Locke, Manual Arts, Roosevelt, and Wilson high schools have been participating in a seminar sponsored by UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access (IDEA) known as the Council of Youth Research. Our students have been examining the state of education in California 10 years after the filing of the *Williams* court case that guaranteed every student an adequate education. They have distributed nearly 1,000 surveys and have conducted interviews with many students, teachers, principals, leaders of community organizations, and state politicians in order to develop findings that they are prepared to share about the quality of education in California schools.

IDEA seminar students will present what they have learned in the form of PowerPoint presentations and video documentaries. Their findings provide important lessons about the quality of education that all students in California deserve.

The seminar is sponsored by UCLA IDEA and has been directed by UCLA Professors Ernest Morrell and John Rogers since 1999. Past seminar topics include youth political participation, budget cuts and the experiences of students of color in post-*Brown* Los Angeles schools. They have been featured in local and national media.

## EVENT DETAILS

**Event:** UCLA/IDEA Council of Youth Research Summer Presentations

**Date:** Friday, Aug. 6, 2010

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with reception to follow

**Location:** Los Angeles City Hall, Tom Bradley Room (26<sup>th</sup> Floor), 200 N. Spring St.

**RSVP:** Please call Carolyn Castelli at (310) 825-7407. For free parking, please give automobile make, model and license plate number.

Thank you,

Professors Ernest Morrell and John Rogers

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