

Saturday Business Institute

Overview

The Riordan Programs' Saturday Business Institute (SBI) is a school site-based program modeled after The Riordan Scholars program. There are currently three high school sites DaVinci Design High School, Alliance Marc & Eva Stern Math and Science High School, and King Drew Medical Magnet High School. The Saturday Business Institute initiatives are designed to provide college and business exposure to 9th and 10th graders and to create a pipeline to our Riordan Scholars Program. Approximately 20-25 students are selected for the SBI program. Student participants are selected by the high schools.

Logistics

The Riordan Programs will provide four sessions of the Saturday Business Institute at the partner high school. The timeframe of each session is 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. 4-6 Mentors are selected and trained to attend each session and provide instruction based on predetermined curriculum. Dates of SBI session are scheduled in coordination with high school administrators. The program is free for all participants.

About Riordan Scholars: Participants in the Riordan Scholars Programs are Los Angeles-area high school students who gather one Saturday a month during the academic year. Transportation to UCLA, meals, and materials is provided by the Riordan Programs for all participants. Best of all, the scholars are also paired with Anderson MBA candidates for one-on-one mentoring sessions that go far beyond spreadsheets and business plans. Our expected outcome is that each of our Riordan Scholars will apply and obtain admissions to a higher education institution; establish a foundation of financial literacy through the stock market and real estate curriculum; and gain exposure to variety of careers in business. More specifically:

- Each Riordan Scholar will understand the stock market via a five-month research analyst project. Every year, our Scholars learn about publicly traded companies.
- Riordan Scholar seniors participate in a Real Estate and a Human Resource Organizational Behavior Lecture Series.
- Each Riordan Scholar receives one-on-one college counseling to chart out the necessary steps for college admission.
- Since its inception the Scholars Program has served more than 1500 students, all of whom have gone on to college, and many of whom have gone on to America's top universities, including Stanford, Yale, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, U.C. Berkeley and U.C. Los Angeles.
- Scholars receive intensive personalized college prep and SAT Instruction.
- They also receive one-on-one mentoring from UCLA Anderson MBA student volunteers, who introduce Scholars to professional careers and help each Scholar develop a College Action Plan.
- The classroom curriculum is designed to improve students' leadership and critical thinking skills; help students gain an understanding of university life; and improve students' financial literacy of key concepts in world financial markets.
- Visit Riordan alumni working at elite think tanks such as Apple, Google, Intel as part of the Northern California College Tour to UC Berkeley and Stanford.