WHAT WE AIM TO DO

TGS assists students in their goal of attaining a bachelor’s degree or master’s degree, assist in their career development, and assist in developing self-sufficiency through programs and services.

We are committed to supporting current and former foster youth who attend the University of Southern California and to building a regional network that creates new pathways for college-bound students exiting the foster care system. Through providing comprehensive support services, the Trojan Guardian Scholar program helps enable students who attend the University of Southern California to experience the campus to its fullest and to achieve their goals of academic excellence, self-sufficiency, and successful professional careers in their desired fields.
**OUR PROGRAMS**

1. **SENIOR TAKE FIVE’S**
Seniors are given an opportunity to complete a virtual program with bi-weekly blurbs and challenges that are designed to give our scholars tools & resources needed for a successful transition post grad & beyond. Completing the program will qualify seniors for a graduation package!

2. **SOPHOMORE GPS**
A virtual program to help and guide our Sophomore scholars through their academic experience at USC. The program is designed with five bi-weekly challenges for scholars to navigate their resources within our Trojan community. Completing Sophomore GPS will qualify scholars for opportunity funding such as conference fees.

3. **SELF-CARE W/TGS**
Monthly 1-hour workshops dedicated to our scholars for some self-care. These workshops provide a space to gain tips and resources as well as an opportunity to share their experience thus promoting a sense of community with fellow scholars.

"TGS supported me through helping me afford books I needed for class, support a summer internship, and provide a safe space to seek help with academic, emotional, or emergency issues."

-JACQUELINE B.
CLASS OF 2018"
AND MORE...

ON CAMPUS SUPPORT & SERVICES:

- Individual counseling & referrals to Health & Mental Health
- Assistance applying for financial aid
- Help identifying and maintaining scholarships
- Budget workshops and financial counseling
- Potential year-round on-campus housing
- Supplemental academic mentoring
- Registration and enrollment assistance
- Internship, fellowship, and career counseling
- Peer mentoring and student programming
- Cohort social events and holiday dinners
- Linkages to internal and external community partners
- Summer Fellowship, Opportunity, & Emergency Funding

The Trojan Guardian Scholars program provides a variety of wrap-around support services for students attending USC. TGS as an organization does not provide direct scholarships; however, it does provide comprehensive support in navigating, obtaining, and maintaining various forms of financial support available to current and former foster youth.

“TGS has given me the social capital that I have always needed during my time at USC. They have supported my mental, physical, & financial health. TGS has allowed me to focus on the things that matter, my academic & personal growth. ”

-Ashley M.
Class of 2018
"There is really no way to articulate how impactful TGS has been on my academic and personal journey throughout USC. TGS has shown me that despite my circumstances of being in the foster youth system I could persevere and accomplish anything I set my mind too. More specifically, it has given me a supported community of individuals on campus."
-Mellina S.
Class of 2018

As my internship is coming to an end, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for everything you have taught me throughout my placement here. You have enriched my learning experience at USC in various ways including challenges and the great opportunity of working with you throughout your academic progress. I am grateful that you reached out and sought TGS resources to support your journey. Whether you came to monthly meetings, Self Care with TGS, holiday events, or checked in via email, you took the time out of your busy schedules to seek help and support. I hope you continue participating with TGS, connecting with fellow scholars, and continue building on our wonderful community to help you achieve academic success. Don't forget to reach out to our Assistant Dean, Mary Ho maryho@usc.edu and our incoming Program Assistant for support. Lastly, keep an eye out for TGS emails!

Thank you and Fight On!
Karla Mazariego
MSW, Class of 2018