



WELCOME TO

*The OJS
Birthday Bash!*

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & OJS REUNION

JAN | 16 | 6 PM

MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ART
628 ALAMITOS AVE.
LONG BEACH, CA 90802

Welcome!

Greetings OJS Supporters, Alumni, and Friends,

We are deeply honored to gather with you today to celebrate 30 incredible years of Operation Jump Start! Back in 1994, OJS began as a small mentoring program with just nine students and nine mentors, driven by the vision of transforming the lives of Long Beach youth. Through dedication, resilience, and impactful programming, OJS has flourished into an organization that touches the lives of hundreds of students and families every year.

As team members of Operation Jump Start, we have had the privilege of witnessing OJS's impact firsthand. Many of us have been part of this journey for 5, 10, even 15 years, and some of us have experienced OJS's transformative power as scholars ourselves. It is both humbling and inspiring to see how this program continues to open doors and change lives—a legacy we feel honored to uphold.

This work is only possible because of people like you. Whether you're a longtime supporter, a current or former student, a past or present mentor, or a new friend, your contributions have left an indelible mark on OJS. As we look to the future, we invite you to continue walking alongside us as we enter the next chapter of the OJS story. By donating, participating in our silent auction, or becoming a mentor, you help ensure that the next 30 years will be even brighter than the last.

Thank you for being here and for being part of the magic that makes OJS so extraordinary.

With gratitude and admiration,

The Operation Jump Start Team





Thank you for being here!

6PM Cocktail Hour

Grab a drink, hors d'oeuvres, and join us as we mingle and tour the incredible Museum of Latin American Art.

Guided tours lead by trained MOLAA docents available until 7PM.

7PM Program Begins

A Journey Through OJS: Past, Present, and Future

The Past: A brief look at the history of OJS.

Legacy of Service Award presented to surprise guests.

The Present: A snapshot of the current state of OJS.

Legacy in Mentoring Award presented to Ellen Schwartz and Jazzminn Henry

OJS Mentor Honor

Presented to all current and former mentors.

HDR Grant Presentation

Presented by OJS Board President, Mark Christoffels

The Future: Envisioning the Next Chapter of OJS

Transformational Impact Award presented to a surprise guest.

Closing Remarks

7:45PM Mingle!

Join in sharing hugs, smiles, and stories with OJS community members—both new and old—as we round out the evening honoring this special milestone.

Talk to an OJS team member to find out how you can get involved in making the next 30 years of OJS a success!



Our Leadership

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Become an OJS Hero...

Join the Giving Circle

The Giving Circle is OJS' recurring monthly supporters' group. Your monthly gift in any amount provides underserved youth opportunities to flourish through academic support, mentoring, and exposure to a broader world.

Monthly support has been proven to be one of the most effective methods to promote change. They allow us to rely on some consistency when it comes to individual contributions. As a monthly donor, you ultimately help us save time and money — which gets invested in direct student support instead of pursuing new donors each year.

Make a Sustained Impact Today

\$500/MO

Sends 6 students to an experience of a lifetime through our Exposure to a Broader World program, expanding their horizons. (Only \$16.66/day)

\$250/MO

Supports an interactive career fair where students learn about different career opportunities and how to network. (Only \$8.33/day)

\$100/MO

Funds one cultural or community service event outing for 50 OJS scholars and their mentors. (Only \$3.33/day)

\$50/MO

Funds transportation for 50 OJS scholars and mentors to visit a college or university. (Only \$1.66/day)

\$25/MO

Supports one session of bi-weekly Junior or Senior Supper Club, the yearlong college prep curriculum delivered in a family-dinner setting. (Only \$0.83/day)



Don't forget to click 'Make this donation monthly' to join The Giving Circle!

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Become a Mentor!

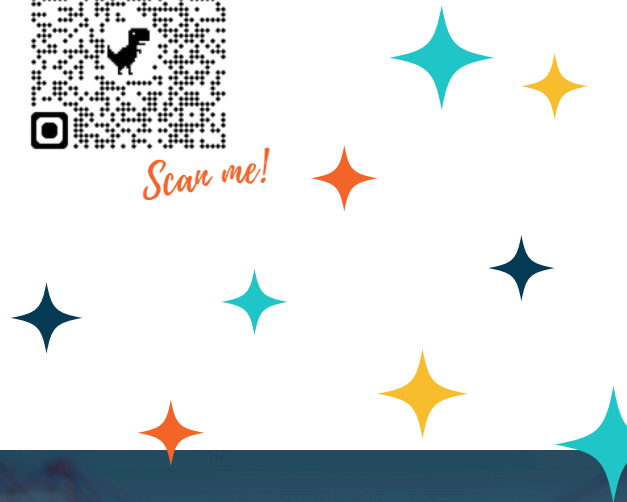
Becoming an OJS mentor is one of the most impactful ways to support Long Beach youth and their futures. If you're looking for a meaningful way to make a difference, we warmly invite you to join us as a mentor—or refer someone who would be a fantastic fit! Together, we can empower our students to reach their full potential.



Learn More



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Happy Anniversary

The Port of Long Beach salutes Operation Jump Start – congratulations on 30 years of empowering students. Thank you for providing these pathways to success!



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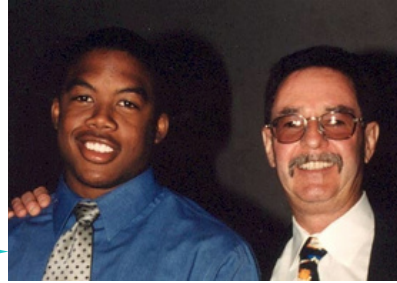
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Thank you!



30 Years

OPERATION JUMP START

Since 1994, Operation Jump Start has provided academic resources and mentoring to Long Beach youth who wouldn't have it otherwise. A college education changes more than a life - it changes the legacy of an entire community.

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