

# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Mission: Dressing underserved youth and young adults in confidence, clothing and competency.



#### PROJECT: ALL DRESSED UP!

Dress The Part, Inc. is dressing students for prom! We are providing prom dresses to underserved students in the Sacramento area. Dresses will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. We did not forget about the gentlemen's attire, assistance is available for all formal attire.

All participants must be between the ages of 14-21 to receive assistance with a dress or formal attire. All dresses and formal attire have been generously donated by the community and are new or gently worn. If you or someone you know is in need of prom attire please click the button below to view or share the application.

Apply Here

#### 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

Dress the Part. Inc. awards two annual scholarships: the Dress the Part, Inc. Scholarship and the Larry E. Spigner Scholarship. The recipient of each scholarship will receive \$500 in scholarship funds to be used for educational-related purposes. The Dress the Part, Inc. Scholarship is specifically awarded to a deserving Sacramento Area high school senior who meets the scholarship criteria, to help financially in their journey to achieve success during their postsecondary education. The Larry E. Spigner Scholarship was created in the memory of the late Larry E. Spigner, community leader and beloved father of our Executive Director and Founder. The Larry E. Spigner Scholarship is awarded to any high school senior that best meets the scholarship criteria, regardless of their geographic location.

Apply between: May 16, 2022 – June 15, 2022

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## FREE VIRTUAL CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Dress The Part, Inc. will be offering free job preparation classes for students during the 2022-2023 school year. If you have not already, please subscribe to our mailing list to be notified of DTP's latest updates or check our website.

Coming Soon!

#### BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!!

Aja Holmes, PhD.



New Position, New City!

Dr. Aja Holmes, who is one of the Dress the Part, Inc. Board Member, has accepted a position at the University of San Francisco as the Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Community Living. She started there on July 6, 2021. She has three areas under her direction: Residence Life, Off-Campus Life and Basic Need- Food Pantry. She also moved to a new city, San Francisco. She is excited to live in a new city with such a history as San Francisco. She has worked in higher education for over 20 years and this position will expand her portfolio and leadership skills.

A little more about Dr. Aja Holmes....

Aja C. Holmes, Ph.D., is the Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Community Living at University of San Francisco. Aja was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She did her undergraduate and masters at Illinois State University and her doctorate at Iowa State University. She is the proud older sister of one brother and an aunt to three nieces and one nephew. She is also the godparent to one awesome little boy. Aja is an avid reader, loves to travel, a lover of a good bowl of chili and Chicago style pizza is the best! She has lived on both coasts but since she grew up in snow, she is enjoying the west coast. Aja is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc., since 2001 and has served in a number of chapter officers' position and committees. Aja has been in the field of student affairs for over 20 years. Her functional area is Housing and Residential Life. Her area of expertise is supervision skill development among student affairs professional. Aja is a founding member and past editorial board member of the Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis (JCTP) and currently on the editorial board for the Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity. Aja served as a content expert for National Housing Training Institute (NHTI) Curriculum Development. She is on the governing board of American College Student Educators International (ACPA), an active member of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and Women of Western Association of College and University Housing Officers (WACUHO).

Dress The Part, Inc. is proud to have Dr. Aja Holmes as a member and honored that she continues to serve DTP in her new city!





