

We partner with private school students to build racial literacy, provide regular racial socialization, education and support in the interest of giving them a greater chance to thrive in a private school setting.



WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Make an immediate difference in your own experience
- Join a network that understands how our mission impacts all
- Become eligible for leadership opportunities within PSV
- Enjoy social events with students from various private schools

HOW TO GET STARTED

- Subscribe to our emails
- Follow us on IG, Facebook & LinkedIn @PrivateSchoolVillage & @SomosPSV
- Complete & return the PSV Volunteer Form & attend a kick-off meeting

YOUR INVOLVEMENT SUPPORTS

Student Well Being/Belonging

- The impact of isolation is akin to smoking 11 cigarettes a day according to the Surgeon General. Racial socialization is the antidote.

Inclusive & Equitable Communities

- Student engagement impacts their own experience (e.g. creates experiences that are equitable and inclusive)

Systemic & Institutional Policy & Process Change

- Student education, engagement & advocacy yields awareness and creates momentum to support needs

OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS

All programs are available to those in PSV-sponsoring schools and select programming is available for non-sponsoring schools

PreK-8th Grade Social Pods

Grade level social pods are parent led and grouped by grades. They meet at least 5 times a school year (if not more, depending on the planned activity). Clusters of pods enjoy activities to give children opportunities to connect while also building cultural pride and knowledge.

High School Leadership Program

The PSV High School Leadership Program has three core areas for Black high school students in grades 9 through 12. This includes: High School Executive Board, High School Grade-Level Social Pods, and High School Student Ambassadors. These interconnected areas work to support, resource, and educate students across private schools by increasing racial socialization, building community pride, and identifying ways to help prepare students for anticipatory experiences when in predominantly white institutions, in particular, so that they thrive.

The 'Summer Camp' Program

This program celebrates the memory of Summer Medford, a rising 10th-grader at Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences who lived life to the fullest. The program works to increase exposure to and representation in summer programs so that Black and Brown students continue to "see" themselves during the summer months. Additionally, the program promotes the participation in specific group travel opportunities that increase exposure beyond PSVs current footprint.

Racial Literacy Skill Building Sessions

In partnership with credible organizations and experts, PSV provides opportunities for parents, students, and administrators to learn about racial literacy and build this powerful, life-long skill. Whether it's hearing from experts like Dr. Howard Stevenson or Dr. Jamila Lyiscott or a more practical training session series provided by The Lion's Story, PSV knows that racial literacy skills are essential to thriving in private schools.

The Village Scholarship

The Village Scholarship (TVS) is a partial scholarship for outstanding elementary school private school students from low-income households. The Village Scholarship provides direct financial assistance to families that identify as underserved or from an underrepresented community.