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**LOS ANGELES, CA:** Actor, Stand-Up Comedian and Game Show Host Cedric The Entertainer, Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson (“The Steve Harvey Show”), Television Host and Author Shaun Robinson and Actress Uzo Aduba (“Orange Is The New Black”) join the list of stellar celebrities who’ll be empowering and inspiring Black High School students during their one-of- a-kind Rites Of Passage celebration.The virtual graduation will take place on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm Pacific Standard Time (PST). The event will laud Black students’ excellence while celebrating Black pride, unity, and diversity.

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Visit [www.blackgrad.net](http://www.blackgrad.net) to register for this event.

The highly anticipated once-in-a-lifetime, grassroots-oriented Black high school graduation will celebrate the 2021 graduates giving them the opportunity to enjoy an extraordinary celebration of their achievements during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “2021 Black High School Graduation: Rites of Passage” will feature a unique virtual experience for all the high school graduates who register to participate – along with their families, friends and community. The 90-minute event recognizes the diversity of Black experience and richness of Black talent. The nationwide event will also celebrate and financially reward students for their accomplishments, aspirations and academic excellence. Allies of the Black community are welcomed to take part in the celebration and enjoy a variety of performances and uplifting messages.

Highlights of the virtual “2021 Black High School Graduation” will include musical performances by well-known celebrities and up-and-coming young talent, comedy, a bi-coastal DJ battle, scholarship presentations, student recognitions, and real talk about the world that Black 2021 graduates are about to enter.

**About the Black College Expo**

Black College Expo™ (BCE) is a trademark program of National College Resources Foundation (NCRF), a 501c3 non-profit organization that functions daily as a full-service student outreach program in various schools throughout California. BCE was founded in 1999 by Dr. Theresa Price as a vital link between minorities and college admissions. NCRF's mission is to curtail high school dropout rate and increase degree and/or certificate enrollment among underserved and underrepresented students by providing them with social emotional and mentoring support to access to college, careers and beyond. BCE has helped over 500,000 students get into college, and helped students connect with over 1 billion dollars in scholarships and grants for students to attend college. Follow and visit BCE at [www.ncrfoundation.org](http://www.ncrfoundation.org).

**About Los Angeles Urban League**

Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL) serves, educates and empowers African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self-reliance and civil rights by providing targeted social programs and advocating for issues that benefit our communities. The Los Angeles Urban League, founded in 1921, is a flagship affiliate of the National Urban League, founded in New York City in 1910. It is one of about 90 affiliates in the United States. The Los Angeles Urban League helps thousands of Angelenos annually through its programs focusing on education, entrepreneurship, job training and placement.

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