



Dr. Lawrence A. Rasheed is a native San Diegan. He is a life long learner who has been in education for over the past 20 years. He has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; in addition, he also has administrative experience, as well as teaching ESL to adult students. Recently he taught ESL and English at Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord, California.

Dr. Rasheed received his Bachelor's degree in English from The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and his teaching credentials from Project Pipe Line/Fortune School of Education (Sacramento, California). He has a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction and a doctorate in Administration and Educational Leadership from The University of The Pacific in Stockton, California. He is currently completing his second Master's in Literacy Education from California State San Marcos.

Dr. Rasheed's proclivity to assist African American males led him to become the founder of R.A.A.M.P. (Reaching African American Male's Potential). The program was founded in 1993 and was implemented in several schools within the San Diego Unified School District. R.A.A.M.P. was later implemented in Antioch Middle School in 2007-2008. Subsequently, R.A.A.M.P. Charter Academy emerged. It was originally intended to be a single-gender school for African American males. Dr. Rasheed now continues his passion and calling to ameliorate African American males; while symbiotically conveying and championing positive perception of their social, academical, and personal accomplishments. P.O.W.E.R. (Providing (W)holistic Educational Resources) Consulting and G.R.I.O.T. (Greatness Rediscovered In Our Time) Mentoring gestalt, both serve as a conduit to continue Dr. Rasheed's role in the "village" of altruistically affirming and assisting African American males.

Dr. Rasheed is associated with several community, civic, fraternal, and professional organizations: National Association for the Advancement for Colored People (NAACP), National Urban League; National Council Teachers of English (NCTE); California Alliance of African American Educators (CAAAE); The Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC; American Educational Research Association (AERA), Association of California School Administrators (ACSA); and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.