***Fast Facts***

**WHAT:** Students Run America, dba Students Run LA **(**SRLA) is an after-school mentoring and physical fitness program for at-risk middle and high school students in Los Angeles. The program prepares them to complete the ASICS LA Marathon in March. While running is the core activity of the program, SRLA students learn how to set and achieve goals, and that hard work, discipline, and perseverance lead to success at the marathon and in life.

**WHO:**

* Approximately 3,200 students in 2012/13
* More than 51,000 students since the program began in 1989
* 55% Male; 45% Female
* 82% Latino; 8 %White; 7% Asian; 2% African American; 1% Other
* Predominantly students from low-income families
* 500 **Volunteer** teacher/leaders

**WHY:**

* **Because the results are spectacular:**
* More than 95% of the students who start the marathon**, finish it**
* More than 95% of the seniors who run the marathon graduate high school (compared to a 60% rate for Los Angeles County)
* External evaluations show that students participating in SRLA:
	+ Enjoy school and learning
	+ Think school is not a waste of time
	+ Are sure they will succeed when they set a goal
	+ Are able to deal with their problems
	+ Make better plans for after high school
	+ Think that teachers believe they can learn

**WHERE:** At 175 middle and high schools and community sites throughout the Greater Los Angeles Area, including:

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| * Hollywood
 | * Glendale
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| * Downtown
 | * San Fernando Valley
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| * East Los Angeles
 | * Orange County
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| * West Los Angeles
 | * San Bernardino County
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| * South Los Angeles
 | * South Bay
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**WHEN:** 3 to 4 days per week and weekends from September through March.