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ARKANSAS COMMITMENT

Committed to Knowledge, Leadership & Opportunity



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Leadership Development For Black Students.

MISSION STATEMENT

To assist African-American students with acquiring the knowledge, skills, and professional experience necessary for effective community leadership.

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Executive Director's Notes

Participants of the Arkansas Commitment (AC) Program continue to excel academically as the school year reached the first quarter grading period. Following the path of numerous alumni, our juniors and seniors hold many leadership positions within their schools and community organizations. The seniors have received extensive assistance with preparing their college applications, admission essays, and resumes allowing them to submit their applications to institutions around the country. Juniors have received glimpses of the college search process through sessions covering general information about admissions and institutions, the annual college symposium, college fairs, and admission visits to their high schools. Monthly meetings with the freshmen and sophomores explore developing a four year academic plan, self evaluation with regards to their extra-curricular activities and interests, and group discussions and writing journals about local, national and international events and issues.

Monthly Highlights

The AC Program collected and donated 1,060 items to ten families for the Thanksgiving holiday as their monthly community service project in partnership with Ridgeroad Charter Middle School.

Mr. Arnold Woods, Director of Financial Aid at Grinnell College (IA), conducted a financial aid workshop for our juniors, seniors, and families.

Members of the Parent Advisory Group have been selected for the Class of 2009: Mrs. Marsha Davis, Mr. Stanley Hill, Ms. Bobbie Long, Mrs. Shanda Macon Mrs. Lolita Montgomery, Mrs. LaSonya Owens

Seniors experienced aspects of campus life by visiting over twenty different institutions including: Bowdoin, Carleton, Colby, Colorado College, Davidson, Harvard, Kenyon, Lewis and Clark, Oberlin, Pomona, Richmond, Sewanee, Swarthmore, Williams.

Azijan Bogard, senior at J.A. Fair High School, was nominated to represent Arkansas at the National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington, D.C.

John Lung'aho, senior at Parkview Magnet High School, signed a Division 1 soccer scholarship at North Carolina State University.

Jazmin Martin and Raven Richard, seniors at Parkview Magnet High School, were the only two African-American females that qualified for the state golf tournament.

Blake Givens, senior at Little Rock Central High School, was recently inducted as a member of the french horn section into the Academy Orchestra, which is part of the Arkansas symphony.