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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

As the new Executive Director of Arkansas Commitment (AC), one of the goals of the program is to provide monthly updates about the activities of AC and our talented students. Over the past year AC has undergone various restructuring, reestablishing of relationships, and expansion to best prepare students for their college search and future leadership endeavors. The AC Program currently has approximately 160 students in 9th through 12th grades representing every public high school in all three school districts, various walks of life, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The alumni of the Class of 2009 are well into their college experiences throughout the country; we have students attending Vanderbilt University, Pomona College, Spelman College, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville Honors College, Washington University in St. Louis, and Wellesley to name a few. Members of that class were valedictorians, a Gates Millennium Scholar, student body presidents, musicians, community activists, dancers, journalists, and held additional leadership roles.

The Class of 2010 has tackled their college search and application process with many students traveling from the Northeast to the West taking the opportunity to visit colleges during fly-in programs.

Monthly Highlights

The AC Program proudly announces that three seniors were named National Achievement Scholar Semi-finalists and others were commended for their performance.

Seniors and juniors of the AC Program supported the Race for the Cure as part of their community service projects. Students have previously volunteered for events with City Year, Our House, Rice Depot, and the Thea Foundation. Our students are committed to giving back and making their presence known in the community.

Stephen Green, a senior in the Program, helped coordinate and lead the "Enough is Enough" youth rally against teen violence at the state capitol on October 18.

The AC Program held its annual college symposium with representatives from Bowdoin, Colby, Davidson, Kenyon, Morehouse, Oberlin, Rice, Sewanee, Vanderbilt, Washington University in St. Louis, and Wellesley in attendance. We have also conducted sessions with Dartmouth, Pomona, Richmond, and Williams with Carleton coming in November.

The AC Program website has recently undergone a significant redesign. Please visit www.arkansascommitment.org to learn more about the Program, follow our students, and discover ways to be involved.