Fall/Winter 2022

High School Academic Support Program Newsletter

The High School Academic Support Program observed its 30th Anniversary on September 15, 2021. It has been very rewarding to assist over 6000 teens in their college admissions process. In September 1991, we begin hosting FREE SAT Prep Classes and assisted high school seniors with their college applications, essays, financial aid and prom planning. Over the past three decades we have provided free college tours, community service opportunities, mentoring, job placement, scholarship sources, hosted college fairs and cultural and social events. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have hosted virtual college information sessions and Pandemic Relief Pop Up Expos for Teens where we distributed chrome books and tablets, job listings for teens, scholarship applications, personal care items, masks, hand sanitizer, eyewear to reduce eyestrain during remote learning, memberships to LA Fitness to reduce stress and anxiety, food packages and gift cards to reduce food insecurity in their homes. We thank our supporters and community partners. The Victoria Foundation, Community Foundation of NJ, Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, Newark Public Library, Urban League of Essex County, Newark Board of Education and the Bessie Green Community for your support. We are truly proud of our current and former students who have excelled in the military, law enforcement, STEM fields, education, law, business, entrepreneurship, music industry and professional sports. We salute you! To our program volunteers, chaperones, tutors and mentors.

Lyndon Brown, Program Director

Erika Jackson, Co-Director



MENTORING/COMMUNITY SERVICE/SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES/FREE SAT PREP/FAFSA/PROFESSIONAL /COLLEGE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE









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THE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM MOURNS THE LOSS OF WILHELMINA HOLDER

The High School Academic Support Program was stunned by the sudden passing of Ms. Wilhelmina Holder on April 30, 2022. Ms. Holder was a co-founder of the High School Academic Support Program in 1992 and served tirelessly as an advocoate for students and families, tutored and mentored teens and guided more than 6, 000 college bound students in their pursuit of higher education. Scholarship Searches, SAT Instruction and Mentoring were an integral part of Ms. Holder's dedication. She wrote several publications including: "Stop Leaving money on the Table"-A Scholarship Guide, Surviving your Freshman Year of College, and Parental Rights for Students with

Disabilities. Hundreds of mourners gathered to say farewell to Ms. Holder and a memorial cookout and Book Bag Giveaway was held at the Springfield Branck Library in Newark. Ms. Holder received countless awards and recognitions over the years and was a member of numerous community and civic organiizations including: The Newark Trust, Newark Public Schools' Secondary Parent Council, Essex County PTA, Newark Aliance for Newark Public Schools, SEPAC, NAACP, Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association, Secretary for the 13th Avenue School PTA and the West Side High School PTA. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.















Johnnie Brooker receives \$40,000 Scholarship from the Community Foundation of New Jersey



Congratulations to **Johnnie Brooker, III (St. Peter's Prep '01)** who received a **\$40,000 scholarship** from the Community Foundation of New Jersey to continue his education at Marquette University in Wisconsin where he also received a Full Academic Scholarship for his tuition. Johnnie is currently a sophomore at Marquette where he is majoring in Sports Broadcasting.



Congratulations to **Arun Uthayasooriyan** (University High School '22) who recently received a **\$10,000 Scholarship** from the Alfred J. Speaks Scholarship. Arun is a Fresman at NJIT where he is a member of the Track Team. Congrats Arun!!

OUR CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES :

GILMER MEJIA-NEWARK TECH.-MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

CHRISTIAN BENNETT-UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL-THE COLLEGE OF NJ

CHRISTOPHER PEREZ-DONALD PAYNE TECH.-BARRY UNIVERSITY (MIAMI)

ALEXANDER RIVERA-TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL-RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

SEKOU SOUMAHORO-WEST SIDE HIGH-KEAN UNIVERSITY

CHELSEA MENSAH-MALCOLM X SHABAZZ -MORGAN STATE

MILES MCEACHIN-SCIENCE PARK-HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

KEAIRA FIELD-ARTS -HIGH-MONTCLAIR STATE

JAVON TERRY-MALCOLM X SHABAZZ-LINCOLN





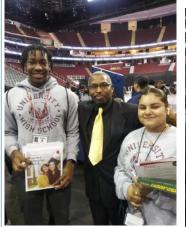
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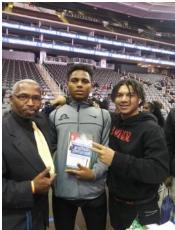


















PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2022



2022 Breast Cancer Walk-Newark



Back to School Bookbag Giveaway/Cookout



Clothing & Coat Distribution Newark Homeless Shelter-11/22/2022





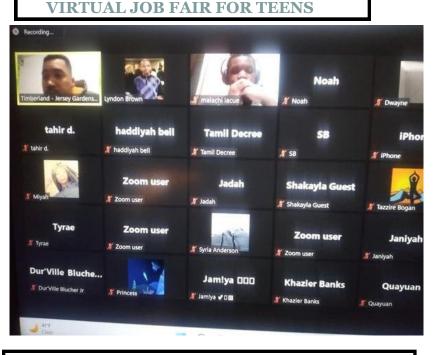
Class of 2022 Graduates Breakfast



Class of 2023 Orientation Breakfast-7/4/2022



The Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair was a huge success at NJIT. There were numerous and various colleges from across the country and hundreds of high school teens from the Tri-State Area who received numerous college acceptances. The High School Academic Support Program was on hand to distribute college scholarship applications, SAT and College Recruitment books, flyers and information for our upcoming events which include: Job Fair for teens, College Recruitment for high school athletes and College Scholarship Virtual Session, and Career Exploration sessions for teens.



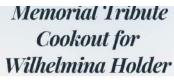
Kudos to all of our teens who participated in our virtual teen job fair this evening. We. hosted 98 participants from various high schools including: Barringer, West Side, Newark Tech, Science Park, East Side, Irvington, Orange High, East Orange Campus, Central, North Star, Kipp, Newark LAB, IYO, Ferris High, Eagle Academy, Malcolm X Shabazz, Arts, Weequahic, Payne Tech, University, Fresh Start, Arts High and American History High School .

WILHELMINA HOLDER BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY/COOKOUT-8/17/2022











Memorial Tributes Backpack School Supply Giveaway Balloon Release Food, Dessert, and beverages. Wednesday, August 17, 2022 4 - 7 pm At the Springfield Branch Library 50 Hayes Street, Newark

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Seasons Greetings from the High School Academic Support Program. We invite you to follow us on Facebook/High School Academic Support or visit our website for updates and information at https://highschoolacademicsupport.com/