# HARVEST TIME



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### IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK, LOCAL PROFESSIONALS TAKE TIME TO INVEST IN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT CAREER, LIFE IOURNEYS AND MORE.

On Thursday, February 22nd, 2018, 3 Seeds Mentoring Group's Upward Bound students had the opportunity to practice their networking skills by speaking with prominent professionals from across the Chicagoland area. The purpose of the networking event was to exchange of information, and advice via an informational interview process that assisted the students in attaining future goals and careers. Prior to the mixer, students attended workshops in efforts to prepare for the event. Making the most of their conversations and learning ways to manage their nerves associated with meeting new people, the students acquired information to successfully navigate the event. Students were eager to mingle with professionals who worked in the fields of education, marketing, medicine,



CHICAGOLAND PROFESSIONALS AND UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS POSE DURING THE PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MIXER.

publishing and more. During the Networking Mixer, students retrieved contact information and business cards from knowledgeable professionals who are all well respected in their fields, who were open and willing to share and contribute to the advancement of the students.

#### A DAY WITH THE FIGHTING IRISH

3 SEEDS MENTEES VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME ON JANUARY 25TH, 2018 AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THE FIGHTING IRISH PRIDE.



On January 25th, 2018 3 Seeds Mentoring Group visited the prestigious University of Notre Dame. Students were given a campus tour, where they visited historical sites and meet with admission representatives about life on campus and the culture of the university. Students also met with the University's Trio Director and TRiO students to learn how it feels to be a student of color at the University of Notre Dame.

#### MATH TUTORING GETS A BOOST!

WYATT RUSH REVIEWING GEOMETRY WITH UB FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES



Wyatt Rush visited Hillcrest High School twice a week to provide group tutoring and one-to-one tutoring services. He provided a vital and multifaceted role in supporting students' academic learning. With his, assistance students' motivation to learn increased as they became independent learners.



# SUCCESS IS A MINDSTATE: CARING AND SHARING LIFE TIPS

HILLCREST 2018 YOUTH MALE SUMMIT PARTNER WITH 3 SEEDS MENTORING GROUP TO INSPIRE AND REINFORCE POSITIVITY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

On January 24th, 2018, 3 Seeds Mentoring Group and Hillcrest High School partnered to create a Male Youth Summit "The Power of Choice". With more than 50 professional presenters present, the Male Youth Summit objective was to address social issues and concerns for young men are dealing with in today's society. "The Power of Choice" is saying communicating to these young men to let them know they have more options for success than they currently believe. The Youth Male Summitt featured workshops that were centered around Social, Emotional and Behavioral issues, in addition to, College and career readiness workshops and workshops specifically dealing with authority

and authority figures. With over 95% of the male population from Hillcrest in attendance, students enjoyed meaningful conversations and spoken word artist Real Talk Raps performances relating to young male struggles. There was a wide variety of professional men who voluntered their time to conduct workshops including law enforcement officers, corporate executives, educational administrators, and engineers. The majority of the presenters were from the south suburban area so they have a genuine intrest in supporting the young men in this community. The young men were very engaged throughout the event and the professionals were able to make genuine connections because most of them shared similiar stories when it came to how they grew up.

#### SOLVE FOR X = PARCC PREPARED

PRAIRIE HILLS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR STANDARDIZED MATH TEST IN A FUN FUELED MATH COMPETITION.



The first annual Prairie Hills Solve for X math competition involved over 15 students who competed to raise their current math scores. Through multiple afterschool activities, quizzes and workshops that were completely math centered, after the completion of the program, students were much more confident as the approached their standardized math test, PARCC.

## MONEY MATTERS

AN INNOVATIVE METHOD FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN INSIGHT AND INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL LITERACY THROUGH THE GAME OF JEOPARDY.



3 Seeds offers monthly educational workshops for students to obtain needed and practical knowledge. What are the fundamentals of building credits? Student answer questions regarding many elements of financial literacy like loans, checking and credit during the Financial Literacy Jeopardy. An interactive approach of teaching the matters of money, students left with a new bank of information to make better decisions that make sense financially.



## GEORGIA ON MY MIND

STUDENTS EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO 3 SEEDS 1ST ANNUAL SPRING BREAK COLLEGE TRIP FULL OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Visiting or touring a campus can be pivotal in a student's decision to apply to or attend a school. Students traveling on the tours can not only expect to experience college-life but also receive information on curriculum, entrance requirements, financial aid and scholarship resources. During spring break, 3 Seeds hosted their first-annual college tour for top performing Upward Bound students. We traveled over 700 miles to Atlanta, Georgia. Within a four-day span, students had the opportunity to visit Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology. While visiting the students were presented with the opportunity to learn from college admissions officials, current students, members of the NPHC and representatives from various student groups on campus. In addition to the campus tours, students experienced various cultural and team-building activities. Overwhelm with emotions at The Center for Civil and Human Rights students participated in an interactive lunch counter exhibit that provided a physical experience that showed how it felt to sit in during a non-violent protest.

# UPWARD BOUND GOES TO LAW SCHOOL!

LAW IN ACTION, UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS SPEND A DAY DEVELOPING SKILLS AND CONNECTING WITH NORTHWESTERN LAW STUDENTS THROUGH PRACTICAL AND MEMORABLE ACTIVITIES.

The Black Law Student Association of Northwestern's Pritzker School of Law invited Upward Bound students to visit their downtown Chicago campus to learn about Street Law, an organization that develops and presents materials to classrooms and community programs to educate young people about law and government. Students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with current professionals with one of the most memorable activities being a mock trail where they debated points from The Case of Joseph A. Baily (Virginia, 1983). Jamiah Bell-Ray, TRiO Upward Bound student reflected that, "I was able to discuss law with the black law students. I saw minorities such as myself accomplish something. In my eyes, I've never seen something so phenomenal".

