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## HBCU COLLEGE FAIR IGNITES HILLCREST

INSPIRING FUTURE SCHOLARS THROUGH MUSIC AND MORE.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 3 Seeds Mentoring Group partnered with The Phi Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to host an unforgettable HBCU College Fair at Hillcrest High School. The event drew over 1,000 students and families, offering them a unique opportunity to explore their academic futures in an inspiring and energetic environment. The college fair captured the essence of HBCU culture from the moment guests arrived. A live marching band filled the air with lively music, while majorettes danced in sync, creating an atmosphere reminiscent of an authentic HBCU homecoming. This electric energy set the perfect backdrop for the day, immersing attendees in the vibrant spirit of historically Black colleges and universities. A standout moment was the powerful performance by Chicago-based spoken word artist, K-Love, whose heartfelt poetry left the crowd moved and inspired. Her words of motivation encouraged students to pursue their academic dreams and reach their fullest potential. Throughout the day, students had the chance to speak directly with representatives from various HBCUs, learning about admissions processes, scholarships, and the life-changing opportunities that await them. The event served not only as an educational resource but as a beacon of empowerment and hope for future scholars. This memorable day highlighted the importance of education, culture, and community, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.



## LIVE COVERAGE FROM THE 100BMC

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES AND SHOWCASING THEIR SKILLS..



Our students had an amazing experience attending the 100 Black Men of Chicago College Fair, where they interviewed the organization's Chairman, Mr. Carl Tutt. He shared insights on the fair's rich history and the organization's focus on scholarships and mentoring Chicago's youth. For the first time, our students recorded live interviews with college representatives and attendees, showcasing their professionalism. Their efforts earned high praise, and they even created a dynamic recap video, highlighting the valuable information they gathered.

## UNDERSTANDING TRAFFIC SAFETY

PARTNERING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT.



We recently sat down with members of the State Police and NOBLE to record an exciting podcast about our upcoming traffic safety and reconstruction program for Upward Bound students. NOBLE, known for its leadership in addressing law enforcement issues and serving community needs, provided valuable insights. This marks one of our first community partner interviews, and we're excited to expand our podcast series. We look forward to training more students on interviewing and editing as we spotlight professionals from various career fields.



## STUDENTS EXAMINE ALIEN BLOOD AT UW MADISON

HANDS-ON FORENSICS BRINGS LEARNING TO LIFE

Our students had an unforgettable experience at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Bio Lab, where they participated in an exciting forensic science investigation called "Alien Blood." This immersive activity allowed students to step into the shoes of real-life scientists, using advanced molecular biology tools like micropipettes and gel electrophoresis. With eight different crime scene scenarios, students analyzed DNA evidence in their group's gel to determine whether or not to convict a suspect.

The hands-on learning not only gave them a deeper understanding of DNA migration but also reinforced the importance of critical thinking and teamwork. The simulation was designed to be safe to

handle, providing a tactile, engaging experience for all participants. Beyond the lab, students also toured the UW-Madison campus, connecting their classroom knowledge to real-world applications in science. Seeing the university's state-of-the-art facilities inspired many to consider future possibilities in science and higher education.

We're grateful for this incredible opportunity, which allowed our students to explore STEM in a dynamic, interactive way. This experience sparked curiosity and excitement for science, leaving a lasting impression on our future scholars. We look forward to more opportunities like this that inspire both learning and discovery!

## STUDENTS TOUR UW-MADISON CAMPUS

EXPLORING FUTURE POSSIBILITIES THROUGH SCIENCE.



Our middle school students had an opportunity to visit the University of Illinois at Chicago. This trip was designed to inspire and motivate our young learners by giving them a glimpse of college life and the boundless opportunities that higher education can offer. Our students explored campus and visited key landmarks, including the student resource center and a lecture hall. This first-hand experience gave them a feel of the vibrant college environment.

## BRIGHT FUTURES DAY OF SERVICE

GIVING BACK THROUGH CRAFTS AND CONNECTION.



Our Bright Futures Day of Service was a heartwarming success as our students volunteered at a local daycare, spending quality time with young children. They led fun crafts and activities, building meaningful connections with the kids and offering a positive influence. The students had an incredible time, and the daycare staff expressed immense gratitude for our efforts to invest in their children. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back in a way that truly made a difference!

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL TRIO DAY

EMPOWERING FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY.

Every year, our community honors National TRIO Day on the fourth Saturday in February, dedicating this day to raise awareness about the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults striving to improve their lives. This year, our students participated in the annual TRIO Day event, which featured phenomenal workshops focused on college and career readiness. The topics covered ranged from scholarship opportunities to resume building, equipping our students with valuable skills and insights for their future. The keynote speaker was especially dynamic, inspiring attendees with powerful stories and motivating them to pursue their educational goals passionately. The energy and enthusiasm in the room were contagious, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose among participants. Our students left the event feeling empowered and excited about their potential. As they reflected on the valuable experiences gained, many expressed their eagerness to return next year for more workshops and inspiration. TRIO Day truly embodies the spirit of hope and determination, reminding us all of the importance of investing in the talent and dreams of our young people. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

## SNEAKER BALL: WHERE STYLE MEETS HUSTLE

STUDENT GET A CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS WHILE SHOWCASING THEIR UNIQUE STYLE.

In February, our Sneaker Ball Networking Event took place at the Union Street Gallery in Chicago Heights, creating a vibrant atmosphere for students and professionals alike. Attendees dressed to impress, sporting their favorite stylish gym shoes, showcasing their unique flair while enjoying a night dedicated to networking and inspiration.

A diverse group of professionals shared their journeys, providing invaluable insights into their careers and the paths they took to reach their current positions. This exchange of experiences fostered meaningful connections and motivated our students to pursue their dreams with confidence.

The ambiance was further enhanced by the stunning artwork displayed throughout the gallery, making everyone feel sophisticated and inspired. Conversations flowed as participants connected over their shared experiences, making this event a truly memorable occasion.

