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BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Chairperson Message

Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Class of 2017!! Dream Big!

The first two Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships were awarded in 2013. The recipients were Nikia Ewell from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA and Christian Carter from Dunbar High School in Washington, DC. Both scholarships were renewable ones for the four years of undergraduate study, provided they met certain criteria established by the BKB Foundation. They both met, and exceeded, the criteria for renewal of their scholarships, and graduated in May of this year.



Christian Carter



Nikia Ewell

Christian graduated from Sacred Heart University with a B.A. in Media Arts concentrating in Broadcast Journalism with a 3.2 GPA. He will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Digital Multimedia Production this fall semester. He also will hold a Graduate Assistant position with WSHU Radio where he will have the opportunity to learn and train as an on-air newscaster.

Nikia completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Virginia with a 3.65 GPA. She majored in Sociology as well as worked on getting her teaching degree. This upcoming fall she will be entering UVA's Curry School of Education in their 5th year Master's Program (in continuation of the last 2 years of teacher preparation training, also done at Curry). She will be receiving her Master's in Elementary Education (K-6th grade). The main portion of her 5th year will be her teaching internship, which will be done in Charlottesville at Woodbrook Elementary School.

We wish them the very best as they move on to the next phase of their lives. The BKB Foundation is proud to have helped with their journey, and we are looking forward to seeing their impact on our world.

Doris Betts

Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships

Awarding scholarships to deserving students in the VA/MD/DC area is something that is very rewarding for us. We are excited about helping these young people continue with their education so they can one day take what they have learned and teach others.

This year the recipient from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA was Nancy Hernandez. Nancy plans on attending Virginia State University and her anticipated major is Elementary Education. Thanks to Becky Smith Crowne for representing the BKB Foundation at the Awards Ceremony and presenting the award to Nancy.



Nancy Hernandez



Jazel Pierson

Another scholarship was awarded to Jazel Pierson from Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, MD. Jazel will be attending Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

She plans on majoring in elementary education and minor in special education.

We wish Nancy and Jazel much success in their pursuit of higher education.

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HART MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY DUKE EXPERIENCE

On February 2nd and 3rd, eight students from Hart Middle School in Washington, DC visited Duke's campus via an educational enrichment program provided by the Brian K. Betts Foundation (BKB). The BKB Foundation continues the legacy of Brian K. Betts, a passionate advocate for children's education, through its College Connection Program. BKB's College Connection Program brings middle school students from underprivileged communities to visit university campuses across the east coast. This program is designed to inspire students to strive for excellence and to better appreciate the importance of education. The 5th annual BKB College Connection program included a campus visit to Duke.

The Hart Middle School students were Albert, Steffen, Miracle, Tyler, Melody, Jasmine, Antawan, and Wayne. They traveled to Durham on Thursday morning with two counselors from Hart Middle School. The trip began with tours of the K Center and the Duke Hall Of Fame to learn about the history of Duke Athletics. They made their way across campus to the Duke Immersive Virtual Environment (DiVE), for a visit to the virtual reality room. Antawan, who is interested in Robotics and Computer Engineering, stated that he, "Enjoyed the virtual reality room although it felt weird being in there and feeling like you are flying around—it was fun".

After the visit to the DiVE, the middle school students met with their student-athlete mentors, Alyssa Chillano (Field Hockey), Keyston Fuller (Football), Sarah Furey (Field Hockey), Quentin Harris (Football), Tracey Jander (Track), Jaylen Miller (Football), Chris Taylor (Football) and Jordan Tucker (Volleyball), for dinner in the new Blue Devil Tower. Tracy Jander, a freshman on the Duke track team, remarked, "I loved getting to see the excitement the kids had on their visit. It reminded me of how excited I was when I came to visit Duke and how privileged I am to be at one of the best universities." The day came to a conclusion after the group and their mentors cheered on the Duke Women's basketball team to a victory over Clemson in Cameron Indoor Stadium (65-37).

The next day began bright and early as they kicked



off the day with a meeting with Sam Carpenter from the Admissions Office. Mr. Carpenter discussed with the group what the admissions process is like for prospective students, and what it would take to attend Duke University. The group then took a tour of the Yoh Football Center, where they met former Duke Football All-American, Devon Edwards. They then received a tour of the Innovation Co-Lab Studio, where they were shown how 3D-printed models are developed and produced. Mitchell Green, the lab manager, gave the group a tour as they learned some of the practical uses of 3-D printing, such as creating a light holder for your bike or developing a book bag hanger.

After the tour of the Innovation Co-Lab Studio the middle school students attended lunch with some of the student-athletes in the West Union Dining Hall. They finished the trip by pushing their physical and mental boundaries by climbing the Rock Wall in the Wilson Center.

After an awesome two days of exploring Duke University, the Hart Middle School students returned to their Washington, DC homes on Friday afternoon.



LOIEDERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT JHU

A group of students from A. Mario Loiederman Middle School attended a BKB Foundation sponsored College Connection trip to John Hopkins University (JHU) in Baltimore, MD on April 21, 2017.

After arriving at JHU, their day started with a presentation from the admissions department. They spoke about academic choices, research opportunities and student life. The students were also able to hear about experiences in these areas from the student athlete hosts. After the presentation, the students were taken on a tour of the campus. The tour included stops in the library and some academic buildings, highlighted by a view of a robotic surgery lab and the university's archaeological museum.

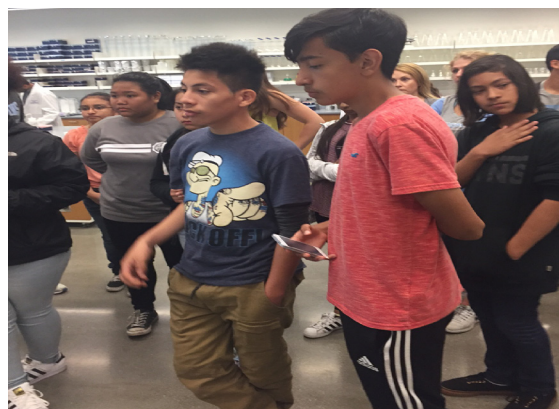
Later, one student commented "I liked the Archaeological museum that we visited. It was so fascinating to see the old things like a mummy, their daily life and what they used it for."



The students had the opportunity to have lunch in the JHU dining hall, which always seems to be a highlight of the day for them. After lunch, the students took a tour of a dorm room of one of the JHU hosts. After the tour, the students got a great opportunity to observe JHU students taking part in a Protein Engineering and Biochemistry Lab. The professor welcomed the students into the lab as she described the experiment to take place and some of the JHU students even explained the steps in the experiment to the Loiederman students as they conducted the experiment.

The students were then given a tour of the athletic facilities at JHU, including locker rooms and

training rooms. The JHU Athletic Director was kind enough to stop by and meet with the students as well. The students received Johns Hopkins t-shirts and posters before heading off to watch the Baseball team take on Franklin & Marshall. After the baseball game, the students came back to the athlete's lounge for pizza and to sum up the day.



Effective July 10th, the Community Foundation for the National Region (CFNCR) is Greater Washington Community Foundation (The Brian K. Betts Foundation For Educational Enrichment is a component fund under the foundation).

The new address is:

1325 G. Street NW, Suite 480, Washington, DC 20005.

New website is:

THECOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the Third Annual Bowling For Students Fundraiser. The event will be held on October 7, 2017 from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. at the Bowl America Bull Run in Manassas, VA. The cost is still only \$25.00 for two games and that includes shoe rental. There will be a silent auction, raffles, cosmic bowling, door prizes, DJ and much more. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fun for the entire family. All proceeds go toward helping award DC/VA/MD students with scholarships, college connection trips and other educational programs. More details will be coming soon on our website WWW.BKBFOUNDATION.ORG, Facebook and Instagram.

DONATION PROCESS

The Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment strives to help students further their education and become successful in all aspects of their lives. We do this through scholarships, college connection trips and other educational programs to benefit students. Donations and support from individuals and sponsors help us accomplish this goal.

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