

Why The Dream Academy?

“Our work and vision give our dreamers the following tools for success.”

- Dreamers receive added exposure needed to compete at a global level. The Academy is open to students in specified grades so that our dreamers are comfortable in diverse settings and are confident with themselves and others from various backgrounds.
- Dreamers have an opportunity to take classes from college professors, industry professionals, and community leaders.
- Dreamers receive extensive parental involvement and a strong male presence.
- The Dream Academy is an independently funded non-profit with minimal cost associated for participants.
- Dreamers are placed in small group mentoring sessions which are led by professional community volunteers.
- The program provides academic counseling and assistance with placement in highly ranked independent schools and colleges.



Supporting the Vision

Support Financially:

- Make financial donations via the website: <https://dreamacademypgf.org>
- Mail check to:
Pleasant Grove Foundation, Inc,
PO Box 1441
Cary, NC 27511-9998
- Provide matching funds/gifts
- Support/sponsor fundraisers as scheduled on the website

Support corporately and personally:

- Provide company sponsorships of job shadowing
- Provide summer jobs for high school students and internships for college students
- Make In-kind donations
- Share professional talents as guest lecturers and/or volunteers

For more information, please call 919-378-1255.

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Where Dreamers Believe and Achieve



“**Building the next generation of leaders with the help of the Pleasant Grove Foundation.**”

What is The Dream Academy?

- Established in 2012, The Dream Academy is an academic and professional enrichment program that provides students in grades 4 – 12 an opportunity to identify, cultivate, develop, and realize their dreams in an encouraging and supportive environment. Monitoring and support of students continues throughout their college experience via professional development and workplace readiness.
- Based on the best practices across city, state, and national enrichment programs, a customized curriculum to address the needs of today's youth is necessary. Students will be equipped with life and business skills " necessary to compete and prosper in a global economy."
- The customized curriculum/strategic programs focus on four pillars:
 - Personal, social, and cultural awareness
 - Academic and professional exploration and development.
 - Health and financial well being
 - Citizenship via community service engagement.
- Students participate in an interactive and shared learning environment that encourages self-discovery, leadership, career exploration, and academic excellence. " It is a community initiative and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or disability.

Mission

"Our mission is to prepare students and young adults for successful competition in the global market through strategic programs and life."



Vision

"Every student and young adult will cultivate, develop, and realize their academic and professional dreams in an encouraging and supportive environment."



Goal

"Our goal is to equip students with life and business skills necessary to compete and prosper in a global economy."



Accomplishments

- 115 Dreamers currently enrolled
- 2 Sites – Including one in a Wake County Public School
- 100% High school graduation and college placement
- 98.5% Promotion Rate
- 41 Dreamers enrolled at a 2-week summer academic enrichment program in partnership with Cary Academy
- Over \$330,000 awarded by independent schools to Dreamers during 2019/2020 academic year
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- \$25,000 Grant from Lenovo and Cary Academy
- \$5,000 Donation from the Goodnight Educational Foundation
- \$3,500 Donation from Pleasant Grove Church
- Community partnership with top ranked schools (Cary Academy, St. David's School, Carolina Friends School, The Duke School, and St. Timothy's School)
- College road trips
- Quarterly community service projects
- Community partnership with Triangle Independent School Consortium to promote the benefits of independent school education