



EMPOWERED SOUNDS

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Our Mission

The mission of Eagle Empowerment, Inc. is to enrich the lives of youth and families through education, mentorship and travel to broaden their thinking, enhance their insight, and visualize life's possibilities.

Core Values

- *Educational Enlightenment*
- *Leadership Development*
- *Integrity Building*
- *Quality of Service to Others*

Our Motto

EDUCATION IN
MOTION

The Brick and Mortar Library is Still Needed



Eagle Empowerment's activities for the first six months of 2023 have been outstanding. Students had a fascinating experience during their visit to the Historic Downtown Los Angeles Central Library. They were enthralled seeing and learning about the history, design and construction of the Bertram Goodhue building completed in 1926. It is a magnificent architectural structure!

Students were speechless when they took in the site of the enormous collection of books. The various sections of the library were awe-inspiring. It was electrifying to see how quickly students grab a tome after swiftly perusing the shelves. It was challenging to move students along once they secured a seat and began reading.

It was proven among EE students that the brick-and mortar library is still needed. We witnessed students mingling and connecting on similar subject matter. They saw a digital lab, a career center, and spoke with a library attendant who supplied information, resources, and direction. Gathering in-person, seeing mass volumes of books, and gaining information were indications that EE students were given impetus to flourish. Library cards were obtained, and books were check-out. Learning they could return their books at any local Los Angeles County Library sealed the excitement.



Students Awarded the Bernice Thompson Harris Memorial Scholarship

EE students Eric Babino and Ayante Parker were two of four students awarded the Bernice Thompson Harris Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded through the ministry of Bethel Unspeakable Joy Church. Eric will attend Bernardino Valley College. Ayante continues her studies at California State University Northridge. We congratulate both Eric and Ayante for their academic excellence!

Eagle Empowerment's Financial Literacy Academy & Empowerment 4 Generations



Eagle Empowerment's Financial Literacy Academy continues its partnership with Empowerment 4 Generations hosting in-person and Zoom Huddles for students. There were fun icebreakers and many activities for students and parents. Students are learning the importance of establishing and maintaining a budget. Stressing the the importance of saving for emergencies, special items, and wealth building, excited students, and parents.

Students are enjoying their Goalsetter banking accounts especially now that they have an investment account attached. Stock watching is new and enticing. Parents were energized to set S.M.A.R.T. (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic, **T**ime-bound) goals plus create a debt payment tracker and budget worksheet.



Congratulations, Jalen!



Jalen Carter, an outstanding EE student, who traveled across the country during Youth Tour 2015, graduated from the University of Iowa in May, with a degree in Creative Writing and a minor in Cinematography.

He successfully navigated four years of study through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was during spring break of his freshman year that he chose to travel to Georgia for shared time with his paternal grandmother and great aunt. COVID-19 locked him down in Georgia,

spending time with family and staying on track with his academic studies. He studied with diligence!

Jalen returned to campus to complete his Junior and Senior year as a Residence Assistant and cameraman for the university. He is excited exploring post-graduate opportunities to enhance his desire to create and capture stories. He is back in Los Angeles serving the community and mentoring EE students.

Plans for Youth Tour 2024

Youth Tour 2024 will be a 14-day regional bus tour. Students are flying round trip from Los Angeles, California to Nashville, Tennessee. Before leaving Nashville, they will tour the Historical Black College, Fisk University. Travel includes Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama. Atlanta, Georgia will be traversed before heading to Buford and Charleston, South Carolina. Wilmington, North Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia and Washington, DC are a part of the itinerary. A highlight is traveling through the Shenandoah Valley eyeing the panoramic views of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Eastern Tennessee as we return to Nashville for the flight back to Los Angeles. Students are enthused and ready to go!



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