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CEO'S CORNER

Our academic school year is ending in June. We are very thankful for the success and accomplishments of students and mentors. Many challenges were resolved and academic victories are on the horizon. Jalen Carter is featured for his amazing achievements. He is on the path to fulfill many dreams. Daijah, Geovanny, Maleah and Malik were selected to research and plan Eagle Empowerment's first parent educational trip, Youth Tour 2019. CFO William Walter Marshall is warmly appreciated for his outstanding contributions to students. Additionally, we celebrate parents who are working diligently to help reach organizations goals. Chana, Sherrill and Todzia are motivating forces who keeps us moving. Lives are being enriched and we are motivated to serve our community.

Carol Houston

STUDENT LEADERS PLAN EDUCATIONAL TOUR FOR PARENTS



Malik, Geovanny, Maleah & Daijah

Daijah, Geovanny, Maleah and Malik are galvanized about Youth Tour 2018. They have a magnificent occasion to plan an educational trip for parents. The Board of Directors determined that parents should have a glimpse of the awesome opportunities their children are experiencing through instructive travel. Therefore, it was mandated that Youth Tour 2019 include parents. Students and parents were elated about this year's excursion.

Youth Tour 2019 mandate was shared with student alums. They immediately began to suggest various cities of exploration. Chicago, Illinois was chosen. These students were selected to perform the research and planning. Here are some interesting facts about our leaders: Daijha is in the 6th grade studying at Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES). Her favorite subject is English. She is a member of the Inglewood Flyers, a community track team. Geovanny is in the 9th grade at Verbum Dei High School. His favorite subject is Biology. His occupational goal is to become a cardiovascular surgeon. He plays the viola and runs cross-country track. Malik and Maleah are twins. They are in the

10th grade at Lakewood High School. Maleah's favorite subject is Emergency Response. She enjoys learning different procedures to help save lives of people in need. She loves playing basketball. Malik's favorite subject is Math. He enjoys solving problems and coding. Malik's desire is to someday develop computer games. This preparation tour will be an exciting challenge for these students. Setting up an educational trip for their parents is a challenging, yet stimulating feat.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILLIAM WALTER MARSHALL

Chief Financial Officer William Walter Marshall, affectionately known as Walter is an enthusiastic member of the Board of Directors of

Eagle Empowerment. Behind his vivacious smile is a man of great insight and motivation. The joy of being a board member allows Walter to share his knowledge, wisdom and life experiences. His knowledge of audio and video technology gives him the opportunity to prod children to discover their creative gifting. Walter brings much needed support to each student. He has an eye to spot talent in children and give suggestions how those talents can be developed.

Two observations are noted. One—Walter noticed a young boy listening to music. From time to time this boy would sing. Soon it was discovered that this student had a desire to be a sound technician. Walter made it possible for him to begin working as a sound technician in a church and singing in the school chorus and church choir. Two—Walter heard a young boy mention he had a desire to play keyboards. He contacted a friend who owns a recording studio with several instruments and asked if this friend would assist the young boy in his desire to play keyboards. Of course the answer was yes. It is hard to turn down Walter's approach and winsome smile!

Walter stated, "as a board member of Eagle Empowerment, I am allowed to interact with businesses,

CFO William Walter Marshall

educators and other non-profits to bridge the gap between vision and application." He inspires children to become viable assets to the community. Walter is preparing students for the future. This great work brings joy to his life!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Chana, Sherrill & Todzia

We are proud, excited and thankful to announce the formation of our newest commission—PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL. The goal of this body is to ignite parents for personal growth through their advice-giving. Parents serving on the council will participate in various meetings enhancing collaboration with the board and students regarding our many programs.

The creation of the Parent Advisory Council is a direct result of Eagle Empowerment's strategic five-year plan. Parents will participate in various excursions designed to promote child and parent bonding.

We are thrilled to spotlight three parents who will spearhead the Parent Advisory Council—Chana Ephriam, Todzia Houston and Sherrill Weathers. Each parent has a child currently active in our various programs and services. Every child has participated in our Youth Tours throughout the past years. Chana, Sherrill and Todzia's children are the leaders for Youth Tour 2018.

These parents are leading by example. Todzia received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from UCLA. She has two Master's degrees-one in Educational Administration and the other in Criminal Justice Administration. She is an elementary school teacher. Her passion is to encourage and inspire students to progress academically and socially. Sherrill received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She works as a Special Education Aid for KIPP Los Angeles Schools. Her dedication to excellence is evident in the progress of her students. Chana received her Associate of Arts in Culinary Arts. She enjoys working in restaurants and serving the community as a Uber and Lyft driver.

Each parent enjoys nurturing their aspiring child. Observing them dream and accomplishing their goals is awe-inspiring.

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## JALEN CARTER ADVANCING TOWARD ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Jalen Carter is having an excellent year at Da Vinci Communications High School. He is in the 11th grade. His many challenging classes include Honors English, Honors Biology, Pre-calculus, Strategic Communications, Peer Mentors and Spanish 3. He has an A in Biology and English, a B in Pre-calculus, and a B+ in Strategic Communications. Strategic Communications is a course which teaches the necessary skills to become proficient in the Strategic Communications field. Last semester Jalen received his second Principal's Award for having a G.P.A. above 3.8. He enjoys playing basketball and running track. Jalen ran Cross Country and received the Student Athlete of the Year award.

Jalen was a participant in Westmont College TRAILHEAD 2017 summer program. This experience motivated him to keep his eyes on academic accomplishments that will open doors to college. This summer Jalen will participate in Deer Hill Expeditions. He will experience community service projects with Native American families. His travels and educational exposure will take him to the wilderness and mountains of Colorado and Utah.

Jalen is determined to attend college and study Film, Creative Writing and History. His aspiration is to be a professional in the entertainment industry either as a writer or director.

#### **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

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