

# NEWSLETTER

*Quarterly Newsletter: January-April  
May Edition*



● *Girard College Phila PA*

## The News

Vuots started the year with its annual MLK day celebration at Girard College with Global Citizen 365. VUOTS & Men of Courage honored Zaade Murdock as our Deserving student of the year.

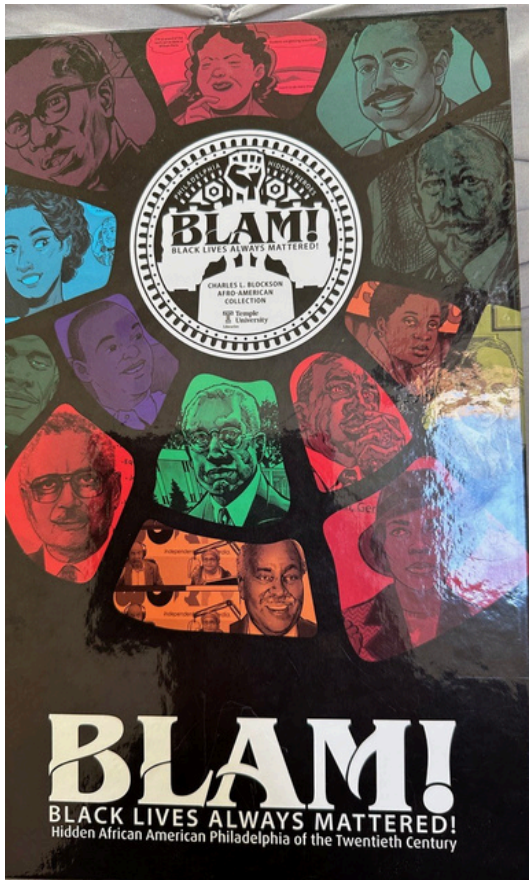
We also honored for the first time a deserving adult. Named as VUOTS Youth Advocate of the year. VUOTS had the pleasure of working with URBN Seek and Apro's Creations as collaborative partners for our MLK Jr. Day 2024 of Service Celebration.

With their support, VUOTS was able to give away 50 MLK Jr. Civic Engagement Activity Booklets to youth. Along with 50 art & crafts sets. Hosted by Apro's Creation. Plus Apro's Creations gave VUOTS

MLK Jr. Honorees a painting each from her Black Art Collection. This event was amazing. Of course our on the ground staff, " Donte Timbers and Allen Bratton " did an amazing job setting up and connecting with the community and media .

# BLAM! BLACK LIVES ALWAYS MATTERED

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Then we opened Black History Month at Men of Courage. Meeting every second and fourth Saturday. for for 3 months. To explore various educational topics. We also utilized our BLAM! books as a civic engagement literacy tool. This year we started off serving and educating urban youth in Philadelphia PA. Using BLAM! books as a literacy component and for local civic engagement education.

VUOTS is happy to say that a wonderful partnership has been made with MOC & VUOTS as it is both our mission to educate and empower. VUOTS has completed three months at this location and transitioned to another location as part of it's intiatives to "Teach Philly" & "Reach Philly"



● *Germantown Theater, \* Men of Couraage Location  
VUOTS Serviced MOC From Feb.- April 2024*

# It's That time of Year, VUOTS Spring Tutoring Begins

This year VUOTS began its spring tutoring at two locations. Beginning in April and closing June. On Mondays VUOTS is at the Tree House with As I Plant this Seed, Seedlings program offering free tutoring to students in grades k-8. All students that registered for the Seedling program also received a BLAM!

On Tuesdays VUOTS is at Simons Recreation Center offering free tutoring to students in grades k-8. All students at this location as well received BLAM! books.

VUOTS wants to thank Shoprite at 2471 W Cheltenham Ave Suite A, Wyncote, PA 19095 for donating snacks and drinks to us to for students during tutoring.

We also want to thank the Leon H. Sullivan Charitable Trust. for partnering with us on their initiative to get students out to the Philadelphia international airport



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# MORE NEWS

In March VUOTS also hosted its first documentary screening. Our feature film was "Pardon Me" by Shuja More in partnership with Jarue Lawson. We had the wonderful pleasure of having Brandon Flood a key feature in the documentary. Sit on the panel. We were able to answer questions around pardons and expungement. This event was a way for VUOTS to support the reentry community directly.

VUOTS is so excited to be working on so many different ways to reach and teach the community of Philadelphia. Currently, VUOTS is working on the final version of it's documentary on Ace's Veterans Museum. In partnership with Scribe & Aces Veteran Museum. This two year project will be coming to a close soon. We can only hope that our documentary will be played on WHYY 12 Precious Place Series for 2024.

## What's to Come

In May VUOTS will finishing trips to the Rev. Leon H. Sullivan Exhibition at the PHL Airport. We also be finishing spring tutoring. Then VUOTS will be preparing for it's annual Juneteenth celebration with John House on the 6300 Block of germantown Avenue. Please stay tune for our next quarterly updated. Which will come out in September of 2024. We thank you for your support!

