CHRISTIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Innovative Youth Empowerment



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Mission Statement

To engage youth by providing dynamic programs and workshops in the schools that speak directly to their interests and the needs of the school/community while also equipping them simultaneously with educational and character-building workshops, ultimately empowering the holistic student for success and leadership in today's society.



Curriculum Options Outline

Events: Creating memories and building relationships with exciting and uplifting social gatherings.

Intentional Living- weekly gatherings involving music, food, and games including a brief inspirational message revolving around various topics about living your best life.

Getting Out - monthly social gatherings at the movies, a restaurant, museum, etc., that enforces strong and healthy relationships with leaders.

*Programs: Providing extra-curricular unique opportunities for youth to excel educationally beyond high school, explore career options, and hone in on their skills, talents, and gifts.

Gifts & Talents- Bi-weekly, youth will have a plethora of teams to dive into such as dance, step, media, drama, sports, and cooking classes. Some of these will even be performed in front of an audience!

Health Hop- Weekly gathering of hip hop aerobics classes ending with sessions on how to lead a healthy lifestyle both physically and emotionally.

Making Men- Weekly gatherings of male youth focusing on male-based topics to provide a safe setting for them to talk, grow, and learn how to become respectable and admired men in today's society.

Future Females- Weekly gatherings of female youth focusing on female-based topics to provide a safe setting for them to talk, grow, and learn how to become respectable and admired women in today's society.

Tutoring Time- Twice a Week, youth will be able to receive tutoring on a specific subject the may be struggling with or for an upcoming test. All students will have to provide progress reports to their leaders.

Juvenile Restoration- Going into the juvenile centers to inspire, uplift, and empower the youth who are there as well as meeting with former detainees.

Claiming Careers- Bi-monthly gatherings where youth will be able to hear from guest speakers/performers of their desired career choices. They will be able to ask questions and find out some of the paths they need to take to achieve that career. We will also go behind the scenes at some businesses/companies to have them get a closer look of what it takes to be in that career.

*Workshops: Teaching youth to raise the bar and grow into admired young leaders and positive influences in their communities who are making an intentional change.

Leadership Development- A select few youth will begin the process of being trained to become leaders within the organization as well as in their communities. They will undergo a 6-week program that will hone in on their leadership skills, complete assignments, and end with a final presentation. At the end, they will become Junior Leaders in the organization helping to run one of our programs, events, workshops, or community involvements.

College Counts- Monthly, High School students will be able to meet with leaders who will help them to begin locking down their college choice based on what they would like to major in. They will be guided on how to apply, write essays, and apply for scholarships. They will also go on many college tours.

Elite Etiquette- Monthly gatherings focused on providing tips and advice on how to dress, communicate, and/or carry yourself whether it be in a professional setting, and upscale restaurant, job/college interview, or business meeting.

Police Patrol- Monthly gatherings with actual police officers discussing how to handle yourself accordingly if ever stopped by a police officer while driving or in public. Also providing an open forum for youth to ask questions and discuss some of the issues they are hearing about or facing in their own communities.

*Community: Providing youth with the opportunities to lead and make a difference starting within their own communities, amongst their peers, and communities abroad.

Linking Arms - We as an organization will be sure to link arms with community residents and community leaders, so that we may know and support the needs and concerns of the communities we are reaching.

Giving Back- Youth will have various opportunities to give back to their communities while also receiving community service hours for their school such as helping out with the food pantries, homeless shelters, and beautification projects.

Missions- A few youth will be chosen to travel abroad and use their gifts and talents to inspire youth across the world.

Ceremony- Annually, High School youth who are graduating will also be apart of our very own moving up ceremony where we can also hear their testimony of how this organization helped them along the way.

Executive Director:

Sirece Thomas



As a product of strong youth programs, Sirece has a unique insight and ability to reach and impact the youth of today. As a former Area Director with Young Life, a Business Manager with the NYC DOE, Site Supervisor at the Jamaica Queens YMCA After-School Teen Program, and a key youth leader of a step/dance team, Sirece has acquired a unique set of skills and experience from leadership to program development to youth mentorship. She has spent much of her life counseling and guiding the younger generation through their many personal trials through enticing programs, the arts, and by primarily building personal and impacting relationships. Sirece has always found herself in a position encouraging younger people to set themselves apart from all the negativity that surrounds them in the streets, their schools, and even many times in their own homes. She has a passion to empower youth to raise their standards and become positive influences and trendsetters within their own communities. Media also has a significant impact on our youth today and Sirece aspires to be a positive influence to them through broadcast television and radio, leveraging her experience from serving as the 2010-2011 Face of FOX 43 TV in Hampton Roads, VA. "I truly believe I have been prepared for such a time and opportunity as this and I am eagerly looking forward to continuing to contribute to something much greater than myself."