

APPENDIX V – 219



African American Student Services College Partnerships and Mentoring 2015-2016

ORGANIZATION	OBJECTIVE
University of Arizona Project SOAR	College of Education provide academic tutoring and mentoring to students
University of Arizona African American Student Affairs	Implement "A Road to College" mentoring program
University of Arizona Math Cats/Word Cats	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring
I Am You 360	Leadership development and exposure to college students and college campus
Pima Community College	Exposure to college campus and workshops about college
Tucson Chapter of the Links	Provide resources and STEM support focused on college awareness
Thrive Generations	Leadership development and exposure to TUSD graduates, college students and graduate level students
Tucson Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta	Provide leadership development, mentoring and exposure to TUSD alumni and college graduates
Trinity Baptist Church Men's Group	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring; exposure to TUSD alumni and college students
Education Enrichment Foundation	Provided support for the Black College Tour to several HBCUs

AASS Partnerships and Mentoring Programs 2015-2016

School	Organizations Name	On-Site Coordinator	Start Date	End Date	Days on site	# of Students	# of Mentors	Ratio/ Small Group	Field Trips	Objectives
Blenman ES	Read N Seed	Sandy Cohen/ Miles Warrior	8/2015	5/2016	M-F	Approx. 60	27	One on One Reading	N/A	Supporting reading skills
Blenman ES	Safe Routes to School Living Streets Alliance	Miles Warrior	8/2015	4/2016		School Wide	3	Class lessons	2	Promote walking and biking in the community, Health and Fitness lessons
Blenman ES	Bicas	Miles Warrior	2/4/16	2/5/16	2 Day	School Wide	5	N/A	N/A	Bike repair and safety
Blenman ES	Cold Wet Noses Hermitage No Kill Cat Shelter	Mile Warrior	2/16	2/16	1 Day	School Wide	4	In Class		Community Building through Pet Food Drive
Blenman ES		Miles Warrior	3/16	3/16	1	2 nd & 3 rd Grade Classroom	1	In Class		Civil Right in Tucson
Blenman ES	City of Tucson Suntran Transportation	Miles Warrior	1/16	5/16	10	1 st -4 th Grade Classrooms	2	In Class	YES	Student learned about City Transportation
Blenman ES	Pima County Public Library	Miles Warrior	4/16	5/16	10	1 st -4 th Grade Class	2	In Class	YES	Student learned about PCPL Services
Booth-Fickett K-8	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Ismail Abdi/ Ann Littleton	8/10/16	5/10/16	Monday Wed Thursday Friday	20	3	1 to 4 Reading/ Math	N/A	College of ED. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness.
Cholla HS	Mentoring Group	George Brown/ Mr. E. Butler Jr.	09/22/16	09/22/16	Tuesday	11	2	Group	N/A	Reading the book of Dr. Carson
Cholla HS	Mentoring Group	George Brown/ Mr. E. Butler Jr.	10/22/16	10/22/16	Thursday	10	2	Group	N/A	Express of what made Dr. Carson different.
Cholla HS	Mentoring Group	George Brown/ Mr. E. Butler Jr.	11/24/16	11/24/16	Tuesday	8	2	Group	N/A	Steps to Success
Cholla HS	Mentoring Group	George Brown/ Mr. E. Butler Jr.	01/19/16	01/19/16	Tuesday	7	2	Group	N/A	Raising to the Top
Cholla HS	Mentoring Group	George Brown/ Mr. E. Butler Jr.	03/10/16	03/10/16	Thursday	6	2	Group	N/A	Male Leadership
Doolen MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	9/15	12/15	Tuesday	7	2	1-1 and group	N/A	College of Ed. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness

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Doolen MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	9/15	12/15	Wed	4		1-1 and group	N/A	College of E. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness.
Doolen MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	9/15	12/15	Friday	4	1	Group	N/A	College of ED. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help. Goal setting and career readiness.
Doolen MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	2/16	5/16	Tuesday	9	2	1-1 and group	N/A	College of ED. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness.
Doolen MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Director Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	2/16	5/16	Wed	11	4	1-1 and group	N/A	College of ED. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness.
Doolen MS	Desert Men's Council/ Boys To Men	T. Greg Squires/ Director Fred Huang/ Doolen Intern & Facilitator Marilyn McGlory/ Coordinator	1/16	5/16	Thursday 6 th Period	6-12	2	Group	N/A	Site based program merged with the 21 st Century program for at risk boys. Focus on 7 th and 8 th grades this year. Student outcome, track through high school.
Doolen MS	21 st Century	Marilyn McGlory Success Maker Scheduling	8/2015	5/2016	M-F	Varies	2	Small Group	N/A	Assist with Tutoring
Gridley MS	21 st . Century	Marilyn McGlory Success Maker Scheduling	10/2015	5/2016	M-F	Varies	2	Small Group	N/A	Assist with Tutoring
Magee MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Nikki DeSouza/ Carolyn Breed	1 st . Quarter	4 th Quarter	Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday	1 st Quarter 25 2 nd Quarter 24	7 6	Group	N/A	College of Ed. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness
Mansfeld MS	University of Arizona Math Cats/Word Cats	Eric Brown/ Carol Mosconi	8/15	5/16	M-F	28	9	Small Group	1	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework, goal setting, STEM, and career readiness
Mansfeld MS	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Eric Brown/ Carol Mosconi	8/15	5/16	M-F	2	1	Small Group	N/A	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework, goal setting, STEM, and career readiness
Mansfeld MS	Arizona Mentor Society	Eric Brown/ Carol Mosconi	8/15	5/16	M-F	2	2	Small Group	N/A	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework, goal setting, STEM, and career readiness
Palo Verde HS	I Am You 360	Desiree Cook	10/5/15	5/10/15	Monday	Varied 30-35	2-3	Classroom Group	U of A	Provided mentoring services and leadership development, goal setting and career readiness.

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Palo Verde HS	Math Tutoring	Amy Gile	1/11/16	5/16/16	Monday	Varied 1-5	1	1-1 & Small Group	N/A	Math Tutoring
Palo Verde HS	Choices Leadership Training	Richard Langford	10/12/15	12/14/15	Monday	29	8	Group Mentoring	N/A	Character, Health, Opportunities, Information, Consequences, Education and Skills
Palo Verde HS	Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	Jimmy Hart	1/20/16	4/30/16	Tuesday	12-20	1	Group	N/A	Male Leadership Development
Palo Verde HS	Choices Leadership Training	Richard Langford	1/4/16	5/23/16 Monday	17	17	8	Group Mentoring	N/A	Character, Health, Opportunities, Information, Consequences, Education and Skills
Palo Verde HS	A Road To College	Richard Langford	8/19/15	8/19/15	Once	39	16	Group Mentoring	N/A	College Preparation
Palo Verde HS	Books and Breakfast	Richard Langford	10/24/15	3/12/16	Saturday			Group Mentoring	N/A	Introduction of new reading opportunities and discussion
Safford K-8	University of Arizona Male Mentor	Nikki DeSouza			Monday & Wed	4	1	Group	N/A	Provide academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting, etc.
Safford K-8	University of Arizona Project SOAR	Dr. Mary Irwin/ Justin Freitag/ Susan Morelos/ Nikki DeSouza	1 st Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	M-F	26	10	1-1 and group	N/S	College of ED. Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, goal setting and career readiness
Sahuaro HS	A Road To College	Richard Langford	8/19/15	8/19/15	Once	27	16	Group Mentoring	N/A	College Preparation
Secrist MS	I Am You 360	Desire Cook/ Amy Gile	2/17/19	5/18/16	Wed	School Wide	2	Group Mentoring	N/A	Provided mentoring services and leadership development, goal setting and career readiness.
Tucson HS	Choices Leadership Training	Richard Langford	2/1/16	3/28/16	Monday	25	8	Group Mentoring	N/A	Character, Health, Opportunities, Information, Consequences, Education and Skills
Tucson HS	A Road To College	Richard Langford	9/15	9/15	Once	18	6	Group Mentoring	N/A	College Preparation
Tucson HS	Tucson Alumnae Chapter Delta G.E.M.	Carmishun Coleman	9/18/15	5/13/16	Fridays	15 weekly	3	Group Mentoring	N/A	The Tucson Alumnae Chapter provided educational workshops and tutorials on life skills, health and much more
Tucson HS	University of Arizona MathCats	Christopher Brown	2/2/16	5/10/16	Tuesday	Varied 5-14 Weekly	4	Small Group	N/S	To help assist with math tutoring

Tucson HS	Trinity Baptist Church Men's Group	Sam Brown	2/2/16	5/10/16	Tuesday	Varied 5-14 Weekly	4-8	Small Group	N/A	To help students increase math understanding, and assist in other subject areas. To provide mentoring support
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Tucson HS	Thrive Generation	Taren Langford	2/8/16	3/14/16	Monday	Varied 20-33	4-6	Small Group	N/A	To help participants understand the importance of making good Choices and the outcome when you don't, Life Skills
Utterback MS	The Girls Project	Elaine Vickerman	2/29/16	5/5/16	Monday Thursday	15 Bi-Weekly	2	Group (only for girls)	N/A	The group covered topics about life challenges females would be facing as they matured, self esteem, friendships, dating, being assertive, making touch choices, planning for the future, sexual reproductive health etc....
Utterback MS	Anger Management Group	Tony Mosley	9/15	5/16	Wed	17 weekly	2	Group	N/A	Group sessions held to provide students with anger issues a place to talk, get coping skills, goal setting and a chance and place to express how they are feeling without being judged.
Utterback MS	Goodwill Good Guides	Valeria	8/11/15	5/17/16	Tuesday	5-10	4	1 on 1 and Group	1	Provided academic tutoring and mentoring services, homework help, one on one mentoring
Utterback MS	Desert Men's Council/Boys to Men	Eric Knight/ Tom Gibbons	8/14/16	5/02/16	Monday	10	2	1 to 3	N/A	The group covered topics about life challenges students were facing, academic performance, and various themes related to "The man you want to become"
Utterback MS	Lunch Time Homework Completion	Debbie Worthy	10/15	5/16	Tuesday Wed Thursday Friday	Varies	1	1 on 1 and Small Groups	N/A	Assist student with any unfinished homework needed to be completed and handed in for a grade during their lunch time.
Wright ES	STEMAZING	Miles Warrior	4/16	5/16	10	All K 1 1 st Grade 1 3 rd Class 1 4-5 ELL	1	In Class	NO	Student learned basic Rocket making skills including design, construct, and launching team building activities
District-Wide	State of Black Arizona	Nikki DeSouza	10/15	4/16	Monthly on Saturday	15-20 middle school students	1 - 3	Group Project-Based	N/A	STEM Focus, exposure to college students and graduates working in STEM.

Organizations highlighted in yellow provided weekly and/or every-other-week mentoring and tutoring support.

Mexican American Student Services**Mentor Volunteers 2015 – 2016**

Volunteer Name	College Student	Site	Which Program	Volunteer Fingerprinted
Deonna Pereira Cat Vierling Felicity Macdonald Gloria Damian	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Booth-Fickett	University of Arizona – Project SOAR	Yes
Crystal Narcho Arcelia Cornidez Duvia Aguirre	No	Booth-Fickett	Grrrrls Project	Yes
Pam Balogh	No	Cholla	GoodWill GoodGuides	Background Check
Audrey Chambers Kasey Goodall Nanci Ortiz Diana Sandoval Kaleigh Little Alvin Thai	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Doolen	University of Arizona – Project SOAR	Yes
T. Greg Squires Fred Huang	No	Doolen	Boys to Men	Yes
Irvin Velasquez Veronica Verduco	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Holladay	University of Arizona – Word Cat Math Cat	Yes
Mich Beuvink Byanka Padilla Desiree Gonzales Lauren Evans	No	Lynn Urquides	Girls Scouts of Southern Arizona	Yes
Caro Garcia Jorge Pizano	No	Maxwell	GoodWill GoodGuides	Background Check
Rachel Silver	No	Pistor	GoodWill GoodGuides	Background Check
Karla Aceves Mariana Mireles	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Pueblo	Saturday Math Tutoring	Yes

Mexican American Student Services**Mentor Volunteers 2015 – 2016**

Yomira Toyos Vanessa Espinoza Alexandra Osorio Zyaila Ornelas	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Pueblo Gardens	University of Arizona – Word Cat Math Cat	
Yomira Toyos Vanessa Espinoza	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Pueblo Gardens	Saturday Math Tutoring	Yes
Jerin Stoor	Yes – University of Arizona Student	Rincon	Saturday Math Tutoring	Yes
Nicole Ruggiero Taumyra Payes Andrew Buford	NO	Utterback	GoodWill GoodGuides	Background Check
Gloria Damian Alex Herrera Adrian Hinojos Carina Obermayr Logan Weiss Alan Williams Kelsey Cottrell Dustin Greenfield Geneva Kelly Karissa Pottorff	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Valencia	University of Arizona – Project SOAR	Yes, all fingerprinted
Mariana Mireles Svetlana Popvic Kirsten Foster Danielle Tune	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Valencia	University of Arizona – Word Cat Math Cat	Yes, all fingerprinted
Freddie	Yes – University of Arizona	Valencia	MESA	
Karla Aceves Danielle Tune Mariana Mireles	Yes – University of Arizona Students	Valencia	Saturday Math Tutoring	Yes
Mariana Mireles	Yes – University of Arizona Student	Valencia	After School Tutoring	Yes
Virginia Miller MiaMichelle Henry	NO	Valencia	Grrrls Project	Yes
Emily Judson	NO	Valencia	GoodWill GoodGuides	Background Check

Session 2 11:30 – 12:15

What and Who is TUSD Multicultural Student Services?
Teresia Albritton-African American Student Services, Joyce Tominaga-Asian Pacific American Student Services, Rashad Robinson-Mexican American Student Services, Robert Rodriquez-Native American Student Services
Room: A-101

Early Intervention: Getting My Child to College, A Parent's Perspective
Marie Cephers, President and Barbara Mosely, Education Director, SABCGSG
Room: C-211

Kids College (ages 6-8)
Sally, Jacunski, TUSD Magnet Office & Student Equity
Room: A234

Kids College (ages 9-11)
Miles Warrior, Student Success Specialist, TUSD African American Student Services
Room: A-231

So You Want to be an Athlete
Edgar Soto, Executive Director of Athletics, and PCC Athletes
Room: A126

The College Experience: Student Voices
Todd Poelstra, Coordinator, PCC Theater Production
Room: A-227

Paying for College: Financial Aid, Scholarships and More
Dan Wellborn, PCC Financial Aid Office
Room: A-222

Resources for Peer Education
David Rodriguez, Regional College Access Center
Room: A-102

**Welcome to the 6th Annual
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**Saturday, November 7, 2015
8:30 – 1:30 PM**

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Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast
Center for the Arts Courtyard
- 9:30 – 10:00am **Pledge of Allegiance**
Imani Watson, USA Track and Field National
Junior Olympian and Sewell ES Student
- Introductions and Welcome, Proscenium Theater**
Emcee – Joi Stirrup, Program Manager for
Enrollment Management
Pima Community College
- Welcome Remarks**
Dr. Morgan Phillips, President West Campus
Dr. H.T. Sanchez, Superintendent, TUSD
- Keynote Address**
Bruce Moses, Assistant Vice Chancellor for
Accreditation
Pima Community College
- Special Recognition**
- 10:15 – 10:30am Resource Fair (C/Santa Catalina Building)
- 10:30 – 11:15am Workshops – Session 1
- 11:30 – 12:10pm Workshops – Session 2
- 12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch (Cafeteria, A/Santa Rita Building)
Entertainment by “Los Toritos” Mariachi and
Folklorico, White Elementary School
- Resource Fair Exhibitors**
- Visit the resources tables and obtain information!
- Child Care Rooms: A-G19 and C-G28
Parent University Staff Room: Student Life Office

Workshops

Session 1 10:30 to 11:15

Your College Passport—From Admissions to Successful Completion of the First Semester

Shawn Graham, Program Coordinator, Enrollment
Management
Room: A-111

Kids College (ages 6-8)

Sally Jacunski, TUSD Magnet Office & Student Equity
Room: A-234

Kids College (ages 9-11)

Miles Warrior, TUSD Student Success Specialist
African American Student Services
Room: A-231

So You Want to be an Athlete

Edgar Soto, Executive Director of Athletics, and PCC Athletics
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The College Experience: Student Voices

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Paying for College: Financial Aid, Scholarships and More

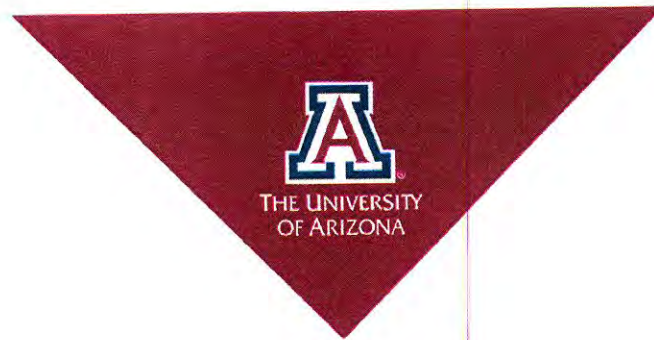
Dan Wellborn, PCC Financial Aid Office
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Resources for Peer Education

David Rodriguez, Regional College Access Center
Room: A-102

Advanced Learning Experiences for High School Students

Michael Konrad, Advanced Learning Experiences Director,
TUSD
Room: A-228



Advancing the Dream: African American College Day *February 20, 2016*

9:00am – 9:30am	Registration	<i>Diamond Atrium</i>
9:30am – 9:50am	Welcome <i>Rudy McCormick, Director Early Academic Outreach Hakim Bellamy, Spoken Word Artist</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
10:00am – 10:50am	Sample Lecture <i>Dr. Bryan Carter, Assistant Professor, Africana Studies</i>	<i>Gallagher Theatre</i>
11:00am – 11:50am	Admissions & Financial Aid	<i>Gallagher Theatre</i>
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Browse Session	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Lunch <i>Rap by Jay Patrick</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
1:10pm – 2:00pm	Student Panel & Parent Session	<i>Kiva/Gallagher</i>
2:10pm – 2:30pm	African American Student Affairs	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Counseling and Psych Services CAPS <i>Debra Cox-Howard, MC, LPC, LISAC, Substance Abuse Professional Counselor</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
3:00pm	Drop off Evaluations & Optional Tour	

Thank you for visiting today!
Please remember to return your Program Evaluation to a UA Representative

African American Student Services
Student Services Department
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dear Parent & Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child was chosen to participate in "A Road to College" partnership hosted by the TUSD African American Student Services Department and The University of Arizona African American Student Affairs Office. On August 19, 2015, during 2nd and 3rd periods, our students will participate in an engaging mini-conference facilitated by the University of Arizona African American Student Affairs (AASA) office and students involved in the Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) retention program.

The Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge retention program (B.L.A.C.K.) is the product of a strategic, collaborative initiative between the University of Arizona Dean of Students, Residence Life, and Academic Success and Achievement to increase student retention at the University of Arizona. The goals of this program are to:

- *Increase access to campus and community resources to African American students
- *Increase students' knowledge of ancestral history
- *Help students successfully navigate the university as an institution of higher learning
- *Provide personal, academic, and professional development and support, and
- *Provide a safe and welcoming place for students to engage in discourse about the Black community, obtain mentorship, and take pride in oneself.

Throughout the school year, B.L.A.C.K. will be engaging in activities on and off campus that will expose students to a range of experiences and provide diverse opportunities for students to get involved in their communities in meaningful ways. They have chosen TUSD and the African American Student Services Department to partner with helping our students strive for academic excellence.

B.L.A.C.K. students will discuss their journey to college, college life, study skills and what is working for them, provide mentorship to students and to begin developing positive connections and relationships with high school students through follow-up events.

The purpose of this initiative is to start the dialogue about the college going process, promote positive self-esteem, and enrich our school and community through education, outreach, and self-discipline. ***If you do not want your child to participate you can opt out by calling and leaving a message at 731-7148 or email richard.langford@tusd1.org.***

Sincerely,

Richard Langford
African American Student Services Department
Student Success Specialist

"Advocacy, Empowerment, Equity & Intervention"

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Tucson Unified Celebrates Black History Month

Tucson, AZ – The University of Arizona African American Student Affairs will host a Books, Black History and Breakfast in partnership with the Tucson Unified African American Student Services Department. The event will take place Saturday, February 20th at the Archer Center located at 1665 S. La Cholla Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85713.

Books, Black History and Breakfast will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. The free event is for elementary age students and their families. The Parks and Recreation Archer Center Team will host the breakfast for students and their families and the University of Arizona African American Student Affairs Office will engage students in learning about African and African American heritage. Members of the Tucson Unified African American Student Services Department will be on hand to give out reading materials, engage students in story-time and answer any questions about department services.

TUSD African American Student Services team member, Debra Jackson stated, “The collaboration with Parks and Recreation and the University of Arizona African American Student Affairs Office is a great opportunity for us to emphasize the importance of family literacy. We will also show a Black History Film for parents.”

Info: For additional information and questions about the press release contact the AASSD office at 584-7500.

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Student Equity and Intervention

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TUSD African American Student Services Collaborate with U of A and Links Organization for College and University Engagement



Members of Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) at the University of Arizona

College Collaboration

Three weeks into their college school year, 15 University of Arizona Freshmen merged onto the campuses of Palo Verde HS and Sahuaro HS to talk college planning with current juniors and seniors in TUSD. Several weeks later the college students met with Tucson High Magnet School students.

The college students had recently graduated from high school and were eager to share lessons learned with TUSD students. College students shared their life struggles and perseverance to enroll in a 4 year university and steps they took to ensure college entrance. During small group dialogue, college students discussed GPA, resumes, recommendation letters and test scores along with scholarships and healthy life choices. School administrators and college-career readiness counselors also added to the dialogue about the value of a college education.

The idea of connecting recent high school graduates that have entered college with our juniors and seniors was a result of the TUSD African American Student Services Department's ongoing dialogue with the University of Arizona's African American Student Affairs Office. The outcome is the establishment of "A Road to College" partnership. A Road to College gives University of Arizona 1st year college students, who are enrolled in Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) retention program, an



College Students dialogue with students at Sahuaro HS

opportunity to share their life experience, how they overcame obstacles to get to college and owning your future. The Building Leaders and Creating Knowledge retention program (B.L.A.C.K.) is the product of a strategic, collaborative initiative between the University of Arizona African American Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Residence Life, and Academic Success and Achievement to increase African American retention at the University of Arizona. Goals of the program focus on increasing access to campus and community resources for African American students, increasing knowledge of ancestral history and helping students successfully navigate the university as an institution of higher learning.



Palo Verde leadership talks with HS and college students

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The collaboration will result in additional events at Cholla High School and Rincon High School in the next few months. Continuation meetings at Palo Verde HS and Sahuaro HS will follow.

Members of B.L.A.C.K. will also lead the "Books, Black History and Breakfast events on October 24th in partnership with the TUSD AASSD.



U of A and Tucson High students discuss GPA

Links Partnership

On September 29th, members of the Links Organization, in collaboration with AASSD, met with over 200 participants at the Annual TUSD College Night. The Links and AASSD provided folders with resources for college, questions to ask college recruiters and scholarship information to more than 90 students and their families.



Retired TUSD educator Beverly Elliott (right) and members of the Links talk with TUSD students

For more information about this initiative please call our department at 584-7500 or call our lead person on this collaborative, Student Success Specialist Richard Langford at 731-7148 or email to richard.langford@tusd1.org.

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Tucson Students Visit Historical Black Colleges During Spring Break

Tucson, AZ – Students attending high school in Tucson Unified School District optimized their spring break by visiting historical black colleges and universities (HBCUs). While most students are glad to have a week away from school and academic learning environments, 9 TUSD students from Cholla, Palo Verde, Sabino, Santa Rita and Tucson High Schools participated in the African American Student Services led Historical Black College and Cultural Tour. Students flew into New Orleans, LA on March 19, 2016 in preparation for their visits to Xavier University, Dillard University and Southern University. At Xavier, students participated in a guided tour that ended with a conversation and photo with the Xavier University President. Xavier University is highly regarded and known for graduating more African American medical doctors than any other 4 year university in the United States.

During the Historical Black College and Cultural Tour students learned about STEM opportunities at Jackson State University (Mississippi), Fisk University (Tennessee), Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College (Tennessee). Students also visited Alabama A&M University, Tuskegee University and several colleges in Atlanta, GA including Spellman College and Morehouse University. When talking with students about the tour several expressed their deep appreciation for being able to learn about colleges and universities that show it is an expectation that African American students enroll in higher education.

Although students spent a lot of time on college campuses, the spring break experience would not have been complete without seeing some of the rich African American culture given to our great nation. Students toured the Nashville Civil Rights Museum, saw movie producer Tyler Perry up-close and personal and walked the grounds of the Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Underground Mall. According to African American Student Services Specialist, Debra Jackson, "Priceless...The Historical Black College and Cultural Tour was not just a tour. It was a journey of rich history that showed our forefathers worked hard so we might have the many opportunities that exist today. We traveled to experience and through the experience we gained an appreciation." Grace Boubeka, Santa Rita HS student, expressed her enthusiasm by sharing "Wow! What an incredible experience. I will never forget all that I saw, heard, and learned. It was truly amazing."

TUSD African American Student Services appreciates the many people, churches and organizations that donated to help make the tour possible. Special thanks to Delta Sigma Theta, Tucson Education Enrichment Foundation and the Tucson High Site Council.

Info: For additional information and questions contact the AASSD office at 584-7500.

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2016 Tucson Black College & Cultural Tour



The Tucson Black College and Cultural Tour sponsored by Tucson Unified School District's African American Student Services Department is a wonderful opportunity to visit Historical Black Colleges and Universities in the United States. This year we will be traveling through Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi. Students will be able to experience the college atmosphere of the South and learn the history and culture of several amazing colleges.

While on this tour, students will not only visit and tour colleges and universities, but will also be experiencing the rich cultural activities and events in the area.

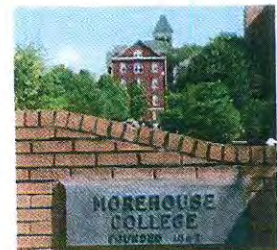
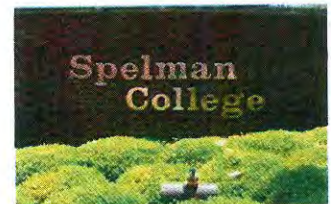
The tour will depart from Tucson or Phoenix on Sunday, March 20, 2016 and return Saturday, March 26, 2014. The tentative price for this trip is **\$1150 which may be reduced depending on the clubs fundraising efforts. It's not too late to attend the tour.**

For more information, please contact:

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- Schools**
- Dillard University
 - Xavier University
 - Grambling State University
 - Southern University
 - Jackson State University
 - Fisk University
 - Meharry Medical School
 - Tennessee State University
 - Alabama State University
 - Alabama A&M University
 - Tuskegee University
 - Spelman College
 - Morehouse College
 - Clark Atlanta University

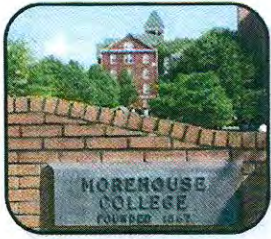


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Tucson Unified School District



March 20 - 26, 2016



This year the Tucson High Black Culture Club and TUSD African American Student Services will host a college tour that will travel through Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Students will experience the rich college atmosphere of the South and learn the history and culture of several amazing Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).



While on this tour students will meet with academic advisors, experience historical sites and visit museums.

Schools

Xavier University
Southern University
Jackson State University
Alabama State University
Tuskegee University
Grambling State University
Spelman College
Morehouse College
Clark Atlanta University
Alabama A&M University
Fisk University
Tennessee State University



If you are unable to attend the meeting or have additional questions, please feel free to contact Richard Langford @ 520-982-4022, richard.langford@tusd1.org, or Debra Jackson @ 520-906-8678, debra.jackson@tusd1.org for more details.



Nourishing the body and mind.

Books &



Breakfast

We will serve a healthy breakfast for the family while sharing African American literature, story time, activities and history for kindergarten through 5th grade students. Register online at www.tusd1.org/aastudies or call 584-7500.



8:15 a.m. Registration

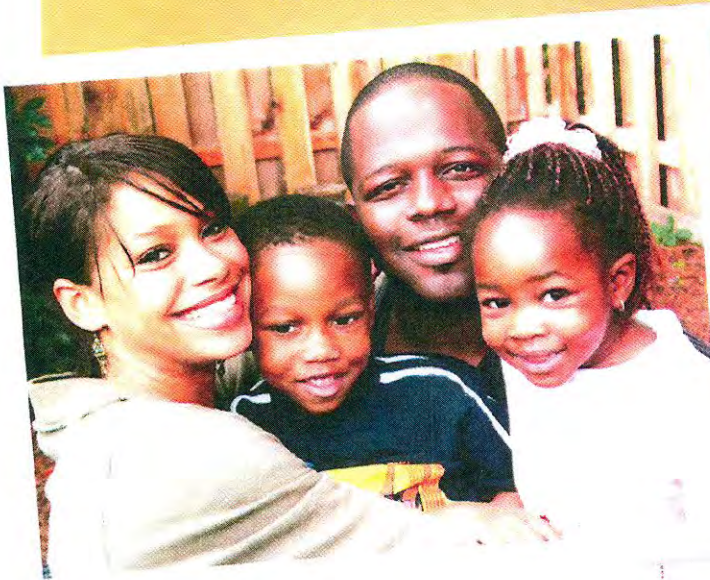
9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Book Session

October 24, 2015

Palo Verde High School Family Center
1302 S. Avenida Vega, Tucson AZ 85710
(Parking: 22nd Street – Family Center Entrance)

PARENT UNIVERSITY: *“Changing Lives, Building Community”*



**Saturday,
November 7, 2015**

8:30 a.m. (registration)
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (event)

**Pima Community College
West Campus
2202 W. Anklam Road**

- Open to families of TUSD students; Saturday is dedicated to YOU!
- A great opportunity for you to learn the ins and outs of Pima Community College and how you can help your kids get into college
- A special event that will strengthen our community
- **Special guest speaker** – Bruce Moses
Pima Community College Community Assistant Vice Chancellor for Accreditation
- Learn how families can help their kids succeed from grade school level to high school
- Childcare provided for TUSD families upon request (Deadline for requests Oct. 28, 2015).

Get ready to participate and choose from more than 10 exciting, short workshops designed to support you and your child's academic and personal success. Topics include:

- Let's Rap; "Kid Kollege"
- Qualifying for Scholarships
- University of Arizona Academic Outreach
- Empowering Kids and Developing Leaders
- What to Expect as a College Student-Athlete
- Transitions and Post-high school
- Parent Resources for College
- And more!

Fun Give-A-Way prizes and more! Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

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