



Since we have found out the plan for the start of the school year, we will be supporting some of the students from John Marshall High School with the virtual learning at Six Points Innovation Center (6PIC). This will help to provide positive and appropriate socialization with peers and adults.

Some of the students need a different environment that may be more conducive to work/learn being that the actual school is not an option. So, we've been working to working to create this environment for the youth, COVID safe.

The youth will all have computers and headphones so that they are in their separate classrooms without disturbing each other during class times.

Welcome Class of
2021



3RD QUARTER - SEPTEMBER 2020 EDITION

What a summer it has been! We made our way through the winter, only to find ourselves stuck in seasons where we can't share times with our loved ones, enjoy those well needed vacations, or being able to enjoy some of our most enjoyable summer activities. Instead of breaking out our swimsuits we had to break out the masks and carry a 6 ft stick. But it's not all bad, we're able to get back to our old routines of sitting down and eating together, talking with each other and maybe even playing a few games together as a family again. No? OK, we'll, let me tell you what's going on around Saving Our Youth VA.



Youth Empowerment thru Eviction Research (YEER)

This quarter Dr. Coston worked with the youth on police data - what we have access to, what we don't have access to (the politics of that...), how it can be used to support mapping to show the overlap between gun violence and evictions.

Dr. Odera joined in a meeting to support the youth in thinking about how they will conduct field interviews in the community they selected, which is Mosby Court. She helped them think through things like: how they will access the community, how will they approach folks, how will they ask questions about sensitive topics, how they will keep themselves & community members safe (from COVID-19) while collecting data, etc.



Along with our regular bagged groceries, we started delivering hot meals to some of our youth's families in August and will continue through October 28th. We also received a grant from the City of Richmond to include items like milk, eggs, orange juice and fruit.



Graduating this year

We have 8 seniors in our regular programming this year, so we'll be really busy this school year with college/trade school planning for our college bound students and preparing others to enter the job field. Our Volunteer Higher Education Coordinators will turn the page on the college planning manuals to their 12th grade college planning activities.



Message from the Executive Director

As an African American growing up in the 60s, I have certain feelings when it comes to systematic racism and racial justice. But age plays a factor in young people's perceptions so how do the youth of today process what's going on right now with the removal of the statues, police brutality, and racial justice as a whole? How do they process a life where their parents have to sit them down and teach them how to be overly cautious so that they don't become victims of racial discrimination as they see it play out with others constantly, still today? And on top of that, how do they process the new normal of wearing masks and having virtual classes where the racial achievement gap could become even worse than it is now.

I'm sure you want me to give you the answers to those questions today, but I will not. I'm going to let the youth speak for themselves. In the next issue (December), there will be a link for you to click on and see what the youth themselves have to say.

In the meantime, from all of us here at Saving Our Youth VA, **SHARE**.

Be **Safe**;

Be **Happy**;

Appreciate what God has given you;

Remember those in need;

Ensure that your actions speak louder than your words

Jo White
Executive Director

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a fighting chance.*

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