

Saving Our Youth



*Higher Education
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April 2023 Newsletter

The first section of this month's newsletter is dedicated to Antajuan Hawkins.

We Miss You Antajuan!



Gone Too Soon!

We are mourning the tragic death of one of our own. 20 years old Antajuan Hawkins, part of the Saving Our Youth family.

Antajuan was a devoted member of Saving Our Youth. He participated in almost everything that we did. Just 2 days before he departed this life, he was with us at the National African American Museum in DC.

Antajuan was loved by so many people, including his family members, classmates, and his St. Giles Family Members. We all will truly miss him but he will be in our hearts forever.

Leading Our Ladies Graduation

February 25, 2023



The Leading Our Ladies Training and Development Program (LOL) was a six-month leadership experience for young adult women of color aged 16-20 who want to grow socially and personally.

The modules were on self-understanding, healthy relationships, emotional and physical wellness, and life lessons to prepare participants for the future.

Certificate

A certificate of completion and \$200 for personal development was awarded to each graduate during the service.

Program Objectives

The Leading Our Ladies (LOL) content included lectures, workshops, and experiential learning designed to:

- Engage young women through practice-in-action and self-reflection to empower, educate, and unite them.
- Strengthen bonds of sisterhood through the use of tools that would reinforce integrity, self-esteem, and self-worth.
- Motivate young women to be the best version of themselves so they can make a direct and lasting impact on others.





Our Students Participated in a Development of 'Design Richmond' workshop with Storefront for Community Design.

Storefront for Community Design launched the development of *Design Richmond: An interactive guide to exploring and shaping our city*. The interactive guide and activity book empowers our students to become active participants in the design of their communities. The comprehensive community-developed guide will also support the Richmond 300 Master Plan.



The fall semester City Builders took a walk through the city to learn about equitable transportation and discover solutions for Richmond. In the last few weeks of the program, participants teamed with design mentors to design safety solutions for the high traffic area at N 2nd St. and E Broad Street.

Ways to give

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