

S.T.A.T.S

Scholars Taking Action through Talent Search

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Educational Talent Search
Cedar Rapids



In memory of Shawn Nupolu

Our program was devastated to hear of the passing of our scholar Shawn Nupolu late this April. Shawn was an 8th grader at Roosevelt Creative Corridor Business Academy. He was an incredibly talented student and athlete, but he was best known for his kindness. He was an incredible person who was loved by so many. Our sincerest thoughts go out to all those affected by this loss. To shine light on Shawn's life, we wanted to share a few words from his teachers.

"I got to know Shawn when he was in 6th grade, and now have him as an 8th grader. He is one of those students that always comes to class with a friendly greeting. I appreciate that. His personality is one that attracts people. He is nice, funny, and also outgoing. I see a lot of people gravitate towards him. I rarely hear him say anything negative. Shawn comes to class and does his work almost all the time. Between home life and athletics, I think that some days he comes to school very tired. He is quick to apologize or correct his behavior if he is not focused. Shows a lot of maturity to recognize those behaviors at his age. Shawn is the type of student that I would want to represent RCCBA."

Liam Fitzpatrick, Shawn's social studies teacher
written in fall of 2022

"It's hard for me to find adequate words to describe Shawn Nupolu or the impact he has left on our community, on our lives. Shawn lit up any room he walked into. Even those who didn't know him well have a positive story or memory with him. Not only was he kind and respectful, but he was also a talented athlete, artist, and writer. I'm sure he would excel in anything he tried, especially because he knew the value of commitment and hard work. When we talked in class today one of the students said it perfectly - Shawn knew what it meant to "keep going" and now that's what we have to do. When things got hard, he kept going. In order to reach his goals, he kept going. He was a warrior, and his legacy will keep going. His classmates would describe him as kind, genuine, funny, trustworthy, and as having a heart of gold. He got along with everyone, and was loved by all who knew him. Our lives are all better because he was a part of them."

Haley Broadie - Shawn's math teacher

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF



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We have lots of exciting things to update you all on since our last newsletter! For starters, ETSCR would like to welcome our newest staff members Mary and Amit! They have become an invaluable part of our team since their arrival. Tutoring and social media are also new additions to the program. Keep reading to find out about our latest featured trips, graduating seniors, and what's to come for ETSCR.

VIRTUAL TUTORING

ETSCR offers virtual tutoring to our scholars! This semester, math and science tutoring was available weeknights at our scholars' requests, and it will continue through the end of school year. Tutoring is a great way to advance student success and increase retention. We are thankful Amit joined us this semester, and to Mary for handling scheduling and being the point of contact for students. Tutoring will also be continued next semester! We hope to expand the tutoring areas available to our scholars this fall.

HIRING NEW POSITIONS

Interested in working for ETSCR? We are currently looking to hire tutors for fall and an assistant for our summer program(see page 6). We are looking for applicants who are highly motivated and enjoy working hands-on with students. Qualified individuals can apply at jobs.uni.edu. For more information visit the links below.

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FEATURED TRIPS

College Visit Days



This semester, our scholars visited private and community colleges for our College Visit Days. They learned about associate degrees, certificate programs, and private universities as well as the application and admissions processes of these institutions. During these tours, students were encouraged to ask questions to expand their knowledge on various paths of study.

Places Attended:

- Kirkwood Regional Center
- Simpson College
- Luther College
- La'James Intl. College
- Coe College
- NewBoCo
- NewBo City Market
- ISU Go Further STEM Conference
- Kirkwood Community College



Middle and high school field trips were also offered this semester! They included field trips to NewBoCo and NewBo City Market, and ISU's STEAM Day for middle school girls! These trips gave scholars a hands-on learning experience outside of the classroom.

FEATURED TRIPS

Black College Expo

March 31 - April 2, 2023

Chicago State University | Chicago, IL



Our program traveled to Chicago for two nights this April to attend the annual Black College Expo. At the Expo, students had the opportunity to receive scholarships, listen to special guest speaker Kel Mitchell, and apply to colleges right on the spot! Amanda Beckett and Shakerra Brunson, two Jefferson students, received \$1,000 scholarships from this event! Our scholars got to explore downtown Chicago after the Expo as well. They visited the Bean, shopped downtown, and took a riverboat cruise on the Chicago River. Many of our students said they enjoyed the boat ride! We plan to continue this tradition for the years to come!

WEEKEND RECAP!!

- Listened to guest speaker Kel Mitchell talk and give awards
- Visited admission representatives from more than **50 colleges and universities**
- Two of our scholars received \$1,000 scholarships from the Black College Expo!
- Stayed for 2 nights in Chicago





GRADUATING SENIORS

Washington High School

Fatima Alzahraa Abdalla
Aliyah Austin
Kaylynn Bensaad
Jasmine Dominguez
Antwone Grisby
Dalton Hojka
Tyra Jackson
Merak James
Nkingi Kiruhura
Naiauna Leech
Asende Mabele
Jensin McMickle
Zachary Novak
Chance Nyandegeya
Alexander Raymundo
Emma Roby
Kenyon Sales
Makiyla Smith
Leonna Sosar
Krisalyn Stancliff
Markies Stewart Jr
Tamia Taylor
Miles Thompson
Tai Trinh

Jefferson High School

Angelique Akimana
David Alex
Yao Amegandjin
Sean Aschenbrenner
Adeline Asifiwe
Amanda Beckett
Rayionah Billings
Jude Biber
Austyn Bower
Darian Boyd Jr.
Sophia Braggs
Amaia Brown
Shukuru Budederi
Anastazia Byondo
Ashrim Edgar
Destiny Fairley
Gift Gonpue
Giftee Gonpue
Brianna Hopp-Mays
Micheline Kanyere
Adonis Kuundu
Charlotte Lokinu
Ani Lona
Bryanna Long
Jocelyn Loveless
Mugwaneza Mugisha
Malikia Mwamikazi
Esta Neema
Joselyne Nihabwimpundu
Martine Niwe
Onezime Nkurunziza
Anna Ntole
Nakiza Nyankundwa
Haeven Ott
Sunsha Pierre
Anthony Slick
Mateyo Smallwood
Davonte Townsend
Neola Washington
Arthur White



WHAT'S NEXT?



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Summer program

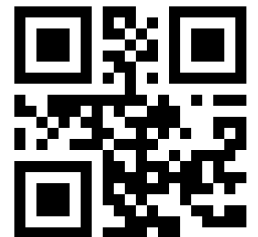
June 19-30, 2023
for incoming ETSCR freshmen

EASE THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL BY:

- building friendships with your peers
- enhancing academic skills
- learning time management skills
- engaging in enrichment and cultural activities
- and so much more!

We'll be back!

Don't worry- we aren't going anywhere! ETSCR has many exciting events planned for the 2023-24 school year. We will continue our College Visit Days and have even more activities to offer our scholars! As the new school year approaches, we will be accepting new students into our program. If you or someone you know is interested, apply at the link or QR code to the right. But for now, have an amazing and relaxing summer! We can't wait to see you this fall.



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