Dir. Of Academics Cindy Martin leading STEM activities
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Harnessing the power of community to Teach, Reach and Keep youth on the path to success.

Born out of the merger between Mentoring to Manhood, Inc. and Community Tutoring, Inc. Community Youth Advance harnesses the power of community and transforms out-of-school time through academic support, mentoring and career pathways programming. Through our mission pillars to **Teach** (academics), **Reach** (mentoring) and **Keep** (career pathways), we provide extended-day learning, experiential and character building experiences to more than 650 K – 12th grade students in Prince George's County and beyond.

Our programs support students of all learning levels, as well as parents and families. With the help of our partners, sponsors, donors and the greater Prince George's Community, we offer training/professional development, SAT/ACT prep and special programs to aid our youth in preparing for life after graduation.
What an amazing year it was for Community Youth Advance! We welcomed nonprofit leader Danielle Milner Middlebrooks as our Executive Director. She is a champion of our local students and has spearheaded our growth and success internally and externally.

We’ve spent time reflecting on our 2019 achievements and defining our areas of focus for 2020 as we build on the tremendous success of our students:

• 86% of students improved in-class Math grades
• 91% of Mentees reported feeling loved and nurtured
• 98% On-Time Graduation Rate
• 100% of students report feeling prepared for life and academic success

As we journey through 2020 together, we are celebrating 15 years of service to youth and families in Prince George’s County and Washington, DC. We’ve also committed resources to deepening our impact by:

• Growing community-based tutoring to ensure more students have access to high quality academic support services.
• Increasing youth-led leadership opportunities in middle and high school to ensure students are equipped with the character and leadership skills needed for the 21st century.
• Expanding life and career counseling for high school students to ensure students have a plan for their future.

We are entering our second year as part of the Venture Philanthropy Partners Ready 4 Work and youthConnect programs, which have enabled us to strengthen our infrastructure and enhance our impact. We are expanding our relationships with Bowie State University and The University of Maryland, The Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce, The Meyer and Chick-fil-A Foundations and so many more. We encourage you to get involved! Donate, volunteer and join us for our upcoming events including our 15th Anniversary Celebration this November.

Thank you for being a member of the Community Youth Advance Family. Your support is the foundation on which our students build their success. We’re looking forward to building bigger, stronger and deeper with you this year.

Sincerely,

Danielle Milner Middlebrooks
Executive Director

Marcus Daniels, NAI Michael
Board Chairman
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STEM ACTIVITIES

Students participate in hands-on STEAM activities during the school year and summer.

MENTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT

By combining mentoring and academic support, CYA seeks to effect positive change in youth inside and outside the classroom.
Mentoring to Manhood (M2M) was founded in 2005 by four men concerned about the future of young boys in the African American Community. To date, M2M has supported more than 200 boys in navigating their journey to Manhood.

MENTEE STORY
My name is Jordan Baxter; I am 14 years old and I have Autism. I currently run track, take martial arts every day, and I attend Mentoring to Manhood.

I have been attending the M2M since I was seven years old with my older brother Malik. His mentor was Mr. Steve who wanted to bring me along to expose me to the program. When I first begin the program I was very shy, timid and non-sociable.

Attending M2M has helped me develop my social skills—example my mom allows me to attend field trips without her coming along. I can now talk to the other guys without feeling like anyone is judging or making fun of me. My former mentor Mr. Nightengale would talk to me all the time about just being myself and consistently telling me I can do anything I want to do. He would ask me “you fry your eggs today”.

He would ask me that because I was not allowed to be on the stove unattended. Until he spoke with my mom and she allow me to fry my egg. (smile) Rest in Peace Sir. I have been assigned a new Mentor Mr. Neal and he is a great guy. When he can he attends my track meets and practices and provides me with helpful tips. We also text message a lot because I am not too big about talking on the phone.

M2M has helped come out of my shyness and become more sociable and has inspired me to have a voice I didn’t know I had. When I attend the program, I now engage in conversations with my other peers and the Mentors. I love attending the fall Gala because I can dress up and look handsome. Being raised by a single mom, this mentoring program has helped me overcome my fears and put me on the right track to become an Entrepreneur.

Photo: Jordan and his current mentor Mr. Neal at his track meet.
The Lily Sisterhood Girls Mentoring program stands in the gaps of literacy, character and personal development, academic achievement and professional preparedness for young women. Our program delivers fun and interactive lessons aimed at developing critical thinking skills, self-awareness, a positive self-image, and authentic self-confidence.

Our pilot cohort of girls – Lily Sisterhood@ Brookland – began in Fall 2017 in partnership with DC Public Schools, Brookland Middle School and Communities in Schools DC Lily Sisterhood@ Brookland follows a school-based model with targeted programming during the school day, and experiential learning trips during out of school time.
SABRINA, RISING 3RD GRADER

Hello! My name is Sabrina and I’m in the Newton’s Thinkers program at Judge Sylvania Woods Elementary School. Newton’s Thinkers has helped me because math used to be really hard for me to understand, but now that I am working with the teachers in the after-school program they have made it easier by teaching me different ways to do math. My grades got a lot better also because I became more confident about doing the work. My favorite after school enrichment was culinary class because I got to bake healthy snacks. We also made homemade ice cream with fresh fruit which was yummy!

GISELLE, RISING 2ND GRADER

This program has helped me in school because I’ve been able to improve in my math. It’s also fun because I’ve learned how to build a restaurant. The field trips are really fun. They are fun because I learn and see new places. My favorite one was the movie theater because I had never been there before.

Mom’s Feedback

This after school program has helped Giselle in reading and in math. She has learned how to read in front of her classmates and be more outgoing. Also, after Giselle joined the program in spring it helped her bring her math grade up. During the spring closing ceremony, she also received a certificate for most improved in math and most improved in reading.

JUNIOR LEADER – ERIN BARNES, 9TH GRADE

I’ve been a part of the Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) for 3 years now. In the time that I have been part of this program, I have been granted new opportunities such as speaking engagements and educational trips. This year, I have participated in CYA’s tutoring program. The tutors provided are very helpful and knowledgeable.

In fact, I was shocked to meet tutors who are active in my school and who know my current teachers and principal.

Not only does JLA provide many educational programs, but they provide fun and exciting activities where I get to socialize and build relationships with the other JLA members.
School Year
2018–2019 Statistics

- **687** youth served.
- **98%** on-time high school graduation rate
- **7** school and community-based locations.
- **150+** active teachers, tutors and mentors
- **100%** 6th grade day school math grade improvement*
- **100%** mentees report feeling more confident and responsible inside & outside the classroom

*among students who attended After School and Saturday School programs regularly.
Revenue by Source

- INDIVIDUAL: $36,854.00
- GOVERNMENT: $780,229.00
- FOUNDATIONS: $190,043.00
- CORPORATIONS: $7,481.00
- UNITED WAY/CFC: $5,774.00
- SPECIAL EVENTS: $47,987.00

**TOTAL**: $1,068,368.00

Expense By Program

- ACADEMICS: $586,770.00
- ADMINISTRATION: $114,950.00
- FUNDRAISING: $43,827.00
- MENTORING: $59,821.00

**TOTAL**: $805,368.00
Members of the CYA team including (l to r) Board Member & Chick-fil-A Owner/Operator Keith Singletary, Mentoring to Manhood Participant Timothy Patterson, Director of Academics Cindy Martin and Director of Pathways Programs Kevin Robbs photo’d at the 2019 Chick-fil-A Foundation True Inspiration Awards. As the 2019 S. Truett Cathey honoree, Community Youth Advance received a $100,000 grant to expand academic and supportive services for our mentees. Timothy was also presented with a check to cover the costs of summer engineering programs, allowing him to explore his passion and support his decisions in picking a major.
Community Youth Advance

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVANCE MENTORING & ACADEMICS

Graduation

Save the Date

Saturday
June 6, 2020
Our annual Mentoring Graduation was held at Ark of Safety Christian Church and featured the first graduating cohort of our Lily Girls Mentoring program.
Celebrating 15 Years of Teaching, Reaching, and Keeping Youth on the path to success!

Join us for our 15th Annual Gala
November 6, 2020
College Park Marriott • 3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD 20783
Our 2019 Youth Who Make The Difference Dinner honored young people making a difference in their homes, schools, churches and communities at large. We were honored to host our event on the campus of Bowie State University and have Bowie State President Dr. Aminta Breaux, Prince George’s County Public Schools CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and Prince George’s County Restaurateur Angela Fray serve as award presenters. The awards show also featured student performances from Dem Raider Boys, Kelvin Dukes and FAME Jazz. Join us for our 15th Anniversary Celebration on November 6, 2020 for an evening of celebrating tremendous student successes and growth over the past 15 years.
GET INVOLVED

Community Youth Advance harnesses the power of community to **Teach, Reach** and **Keep** youth on the path to success. We can’t do that without YOU! Ignite your passion and get involved today!

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**Tamara Williams**, Consultant

**Therman Evans**, National Education Association

**Taylor Martin**, Student

*Note: Jeron Davis of RJL Equity Partners and Sterling Owens of Sodexo joined the CYA Board of Directors in 2020.*

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**Community Youth Advance**  
**Leadership Team**

**Danielle M. Middlebrooks**  
*Executive Director*

**Daon Johnson**  
*Director of Mentorship*

**Cindy Martin**  
*Director of Academics*

**Kevin Robbs**  
*Director of Pathways Programs*

**Danyale Speight**  
*Operations & Communications Coordinator*

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Thank you to our partners who have invested $10,000 or more to help Teach, Reach and Keep youth on the path to success.

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Mentoring requires empowering the mentee to develop their own strengths, beliefs, and personal attributes. Our mentors are passionate and equipped to help young people achieve success. Consider donating your time and talent to supporting youth today. Visit www.cyadvance.org to learn more.