

East Lake Foundation Welcomes the Bank of America Student Leaders

By Keval Bollavaram

The Bank of America Student Leader Program recognizes and rewards high school junior and senior students for their passion and commitment to community service by placing them in paid summer internships across the U.S. The East Lake Foundation is thrilled to have five student leaders join us for the summer. Chosen from more than 300 applicants throughout the Metro-Atlanta area, these students have dozens of accolades between them, but what's most remarkable is how quickly they forged a close bond and dedication to serve the East Lake Community.

- Keval Bollavaram – A rising senior at The Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology who aims to better the community through biomedical research.
- Alarin Carthan – Will attend George Washington University in Washington, DC in the fall where she will major in biomedical engineering
- Tahir Murray – A rising senior at The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee who has a passion for helping others and hopes to find opportunities to impact his community.
- Jaquelin Rosas – Will be attending Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, where she will study nursing.



- Erin Zeigler - A rising senior at Dunwoody High School who aspires to start her own successful non-profit organization.

These talented students will be working on various Foundation initiatives learning best practices in nonprofit administration. As part of their internship, several articles in this edition of our Community Vision, including this article, were written by our Bank of America Student Leaders. ■

Hosea Williams & Second Avenue's Revival

By Erin Zeigler



Hosea Williams and Second Avenue is the street corner that not only holds the community's checkered past, but also its revival. The intersection that connects the East Lake, Oakhurst, and Kirkwood neighborhoods is now being developed as a destination for upbeat family dining, transforming its image from that of its precarious state only a few decades ago. According to the project's development overview, Hosea + 2nd will house restaurants and other commercial properties - sure to give it a vibrant, community-oriented vibe.

For many residents, the promise of new eateries is the most enticing aspect of the renovations. So far, The Greater Good BBQ and Poor Hendrix have been confirmed and are under construction. Greater

Good BBQ aims to open later this summer, and Poor Hendrix in the fall. The cuisine of the two restaurants juxtapose sharply, with southern barbeque and classic pastries and cuisines offered by each respectively. Both, however, aim to create a sense of community. While the architecture and appearance of the corner will be contemporary in design, it will pay homage to the street car days of the community. ■

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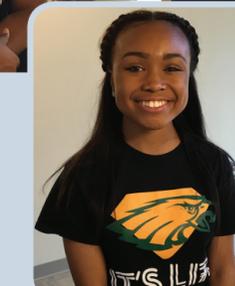
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Drew Welcomes First Senior Class

On July 27th, Drew Charter School will welcome its first senior class, the Class of 2017, completing the cradle-to-college pipeline in the East Lake community, an integral part of the neighborhood's holistic revitalization.

The Class of 2017 includes scholars, athletes, engineers, musicians and artists, all of whom have bright futures post high school. Drew expects to graduate 100% of the Class of 2017.

Drew's innovative Project-Based Learning (PBL) approach with the integration of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) curriculum empowers all students to reach their full potential and is eliminating the achievement gap. Test scores confirm that Drew students continue to outperform their peers across the district and state and achieve remarkable results.

This incredibly special senior class, the Legacy Class, will provide the rest of Drew's student body with an outstanding example to follow for years to come. Go Eagles! ■

Drew Alumnus, Jeffrey Martin, Joins Drew Team



Jeffrey Martin was a member of Drew's 8th Grade Class of 2005. He experienced firsthand the transformation of the East Lake community during his four years at Drew Charter School. After graduating from Drew, Jeffrey attended The Paideia School and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where he graded with a Bachelor's of Science in Economics

and a minor in Urban Studies. While studying at Penn, he served as a teaching assistant at a high school in Philadelphia through the Netter Center, which sparked his immediate interest in education upon graduation.

Martin continued his education at Brown University where he studied Urban Education Policy while working with Teach for America in Providence, Rhode Island. From his time in the classroom, he recognized a great need for technology

and entrepreneurship to be taught in the K-12 school environment and set out to develop a company that would provide these important skills.

In September 2015, Martin established honorCode, a company that provides training to schools to incorporate web development into the K-12 classroom. Martin's innovative business caught the attention of Drew's administration. Starting this fall, honorCode will provide direct instruction to teachers through professional development and direct instruction to students in K-12 classrooms and through an after-school pilot program in the high school.

"I'm excited about working with Drew, first as an Alumnus and second, because Drew is a place that truly values the outcomes of their students," said Jeffrey Martin. "honorCode is very excited to be a thought partner with Drew and looks forward to engaging students by connecting what they are learning in the classroom to what's happening in the real world." ■

Aaron James Joins the East Lake Foundation as Vice President of Development



The East Lake Foundation is proud to introduce veteran development professional Aaron James as Vice President of Development. James is responsible for creating and implementing a five-year development strategy and leads

the Foundation's development team.

James is well-known and respected in the development and academic fields, with 15 years of experience. Most recently, James served as Vice President of Development and Education at the Georgia Aquarium where he was responsible for enhancing its

mission through strategic planning of its fundraising and general member cultivation. He managed the annual, capital, planned giving, and sponsorship programs for the Aquarium and was responsible for developing the formal, long-range fundraising strategy.

Prior to the Georgia Aquarium, James worked in development, admissions and financial aid roles for a variety of independent schools across the country.

"We are very excited to have Aaron join our East Lake Foundation team," said Daniel Shoy, Jr., President of the East Lake Foundation. "His experience and proven record of success in development and education will translate well to the holistic community revitalization work we do in the East Lake community." ■

The East Lake Foundation is nationally known for its integrated approach to community revitalization that focuses on three pillars: **cradle-to-college education**, **mixed-income housing** and **community wellness**. The Foundation serves as the lead organization working closely with its partners within and across these pillars to benefit our youth and their families. To make a donation, call **404.373.4351** or visit **eastlakefoundation.org**.

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East Lake Foundation Receives \$70,000 from the Walmart Foundation

The East Lake Foundation is excited to announce a \$70,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to assist with the Resident and Community Support Program (RCSP) in The Villages of East Lake. The grant from the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program will provide residents with employment readiness and financial education services.

"We are grateful to the Walmart Foundation for renewing their support of our work through this generous grant," said Daniel Shoy, Jr., president of the East Lake Foundation. "With this



important financial support, the Resident and Community Support Program at The Villages of East Lake will continue to provide employment and financial assistance to families to improve their overall economic stability."

"Walmart is excited to continue to support the East Lake Foundation," said Glen Wilkins, Georgia's director of public affairs and government relations at Walmart. "Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to supporting programs that provide educational opportunities and improve their communities." ■

Start:ME East Lake: Empowering East Lake Entrepreneurs



professional services, catering, health and beauty products, home repair, art, home décor and more.

To celebrate the East Lake participants that completed this year's program, the Start: ME Program Showcase was held on Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-8:00 PM at Agnes Scott College in Decatur. The event featured a marketplace for entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services, unique foods sourced from program participants who are local chefs and bakers, a keynote address from Leona Barr-Davenport (President and CEO, Atlanta Business League), and loan investment announcements.

Three East Lake participants were selected by their cohort peers to receive loans of up to \$10,000 to help start or grow their businesses in East Lake and Kirkwood over the next 3 years. The 2016 loan recipients from East Lake are:

- **Mia Canada of That's a Wrap!**
Luxury gift wrapping boutique nestled in the heart of the historic Kirkwood.
- **Sailauna Scott – Madison of Scott-Madison Makeup & Photographer**
On-site full makeup application and portrait photography
- **Ebon L. Harris, Sr. of Cleanganics**
Environmentally friendly residential and commercial cleaning services. ■

In its second year, Start:ME East Lake was a tremendous success. The program, a partnership between Social Enterprise @ Goizueta at Emory University with Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) and the East Lake Foundation, supports a cohort of 17 promising micro-entrepreneurs in the East Lake and Kirkwood communities. This year's 14-week program, which ran from January through April, offered business training, mentorship support and early-stage financing to the cohort to develop viable and sustainable enterprises. Businesses represented in the 2016 East Lake Cohort included education and

East Lake Golf Club front, back nines to be reversed for TOUR Championship

With an eye on creating even more excitement around the finishing stretch of not only the TOUR Championship, but the entire 2015-16 PGA TOUR season, East Lake Golf Club will be reversing the 9s for the tournament, providing more risk/reward opportunities as the 10th year of the FedExCup culminates on September 21-25, 2016.

With the new routing, the final five holes now have more potential for lead changes. This potential swing in scores with the FedExCup on the line will provide an even more exciting tournament for fans and players alike.

"Many of the world's historic courses go through transitions as the game of golf changes with time. I'm confident this transition will respect and highlight the rich tradition and history of East Lake Golf Club," said Tom Cousins, Chairman of the East Lake Golf Club. "We look forward to a fantastic conclusion of the TOUR Championship as the leaders compete on a new finishing stretch of challenging holes and conclude with the spectacular view of our iconic clubhouse from the new par-5 18th hole."

The Tour Championship provides vital financial support to the East Lake Foundation each year. In 2015, this signature event contributed \$1.9 million to the East Lake Foundation and The First Tee® of East Lake. ■



Congratulations CREW Teens Graduates!



In May, current and former East Lake Foundation CREW Teens attended the final Moving Beyond the Bridge ceremony, celebrating this year's high school graduates and recipients of the Tom and Ann Cousins Scholarship. The ceremony signifies that the teens have successfully navigated high school and are now "moving beyond the bridge" of the CREW Teens support program.

CREW Teens (Creating Responsible, Educated, Working Teens) was established to support high school students who were Drew Charter School alumni prior to Drew offering high school classes. The program provided experiences and tools to enable students to earn high school and



college degrees and successfully enter the workforce.

Since Drew will welcome its first senior class in the 2016-2017 school year, the services offered by the CREW Teens program and additional services will be available through Drew's College and Career Readiness Program.

Thank you to our donors and sponsors who made the 2015-16 school year a success: Georgia-Pacific Foundation, US Bank, Elavon, Atlanta Foundation, Wells Fargo and the Jack & Anne Glenn Foundation

Congratulations to all of these hard-working scholars. ■

Interested in supporting Drew's College and Career Readiness Program? Contact Aaron James at 404-974-4508 or ajames@eastlakefoundation.org for more information.

Drew's Cross Country Team Takes Home Gold

By Tahir Murray

No seniors? No problem. Drew Charter School's young Cross Country team ran their way to their first Cross Country State Championship in the Class A Public Division. This was the second year Drew competed in the Cross-Country state championship, but this year's competition resulted in a 1st place trophy and championship rings.

The rainy, damp, and muddy course in Carrollton, GA was certainly a challenge for the eager team along with the other 13 schools in their division. Despite the weather conditions, Drew's team dominated their opponents. Out of the 96 athletes who competed in this division's race, five of the seven Eagle runners placed in the top 20 of the competition.

The top five runners from Drew, Henry Cox, Jeremiah Furlow, Isaiah DuBose, Joseph Jones, and Roland Blanding, crushed the leaderboard. This Eagles team beat the second place team, Georgia Military College, by 50 points! Hats off and kudos to the Eagles team for their tremendous efforts. Best of luck to them as they defend their title this coming fall. ■



Drew Students Enjoy STEAM Camp

By Erin Zeigler



When summer comes around, many young people envision a couple months of sleeping late and playing in the pool. However, for some children of Drew Charter School Elementary Academy, the summer schedule is much different. Instead of watching TV or playing video games, the students are welcomed back into their

school environment for a day camp. Drew's STEAM Camp seamlessly blends science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics into a fun and interactive experience that features exciting activities like building race cars and tie dying t-shirts. Each activity captivates the campers and reinforces elements of the curriculum, while adding a fun twist.

The camp, which runs for four weeks and ends right before the beginning of the school year, provides a place for students, kindergarten through second grade, to continue to develop skills during a gap in the academic year. Each week boasts a different "theme" or core on which the curriculum is based. Themes such as week one's "legos" are then extended into each of the three major rotations; the literary center, the cafeteria, and subject based learning.

Thanks to the terrific staff, along with learning about robotics, coding, and building structures, students have had an amazingly fun summer of learning at STEAM camp! ■

