Jaquelin Rosas – Will be attending Mary Baldwin College

Tahir Murray – A rising senior at The McCallie School

Alarin Carthan – Will attend George Washington

Hosea Williams & Second Avenue’s Revival

Aaron James

The East Lake Foundation Launches New Development Professional

The East Lake Foundation Appoints New Development Professional

The East Lake Foundation Joins the East Lake Foundation as Vice President of Development

Drew Welcomes First Senior Class

Jeffrey Alvard was a member of Drew’s 8th Grade Class of 2005. He established and transformed 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 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a minor in Italian Studies. While attending Drew, Jeffrey served as a teaching assistant at a high school in Philadelphia through the Cities Seminar, which sparked his immediate interest in education upon graduation. After completing his education at Brown University where he studied economics and towards a career in education, he worked as a Case Manager for America in Progress, Rhode Island. From his time in the classroom, he recognized the 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, Alvard established homeCode, a company that provides coding schools for K-12 students and after-school programs for K-12 students. Alvard is the co-founder and CEO of homeCode. Starting his fall, homeCode will provide direct instruction to teachers through professional development and direct instruction to students K-12 through an after-school pilot program in the high school.

“I’m excited about working with Drew, first of all as an alumna and second as a business owner. Drew gives in its potential to inspire the outcomes of our students,” said Jeffrey Alvard.

“HomeCode is very excited to be a thought partner with Drew and looks forward to working with the students to connect what they are learning in the classroom to what is happening in the real world.”
East Lake Foundation Receives $70,000 from the Walnut Foundation

The East Lake Foundation is excited to announce a $70,000 grant from the Walnut Foundation to support the Start:ME East Lake: Empowering East Lake Entrepreneurs. This program, a joint initiative between the East Lake Foundation and the Walnut Foundation, will be working with the East Lake Community Center to support the development of small businesses and the creation of new employment opportunities for residents of East Lake and Kirkwood.

This program will provide residents with the skills and resources needed to start and grow small businesses. Participants will receive training in areas such as marketing, financial management, and business planning. In addition, the program will provide access to low-interest loans and other forms of financial assistance.

"This grant will be a tremendous asset to our residents," said Vanessa Swan, president of the East Lake Foundation. "With this funding, we can provide the support and resources our residents need to start and grow small businesses that will help revitalize our community."