



"Dreamer" News

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Welcome New Dreamers!

October 2004

As we embark on our 7th year of existence, we welcome 5 new Dreamers into our IHAD family. We now consist of 60 Dreamers in 7 different grade levels (6-12) spread out across the valley in 33 different middle and high schools! We are anticipating a busy and very productive year from all of our Dreamers. Last spring Dreamers elected the first ever Las Vegas Dreamer Council, and the Council is ready to begin their inaugural term with the new school year.

Summer Review

Summer Dreamer Institute

Thirteen Dreamers participated in the first Annual Dreamer Summer Institute (DSI). Dreamers attended Monday through Thursday from 10am-3pm for eight weeks taking part in various activities. Dreamers were provided with a healthy breakfast, lunch and nutritional snack through the day. During the Academic Series, Dreamers learned Spanish, attended college readiness workshops and successful study skills workshops, as well as partook in a book club reading of "Legendary African American Elders Speak: A Wealth of Wisdom." In the Dreamer Awareness Series, Planned Parenthood conducted a series of workshops providing information regarding healthy relationships and positive life choices. Other workshops offered were geared towards increasing Dreamers' self esteem, and money management skills. The DSI also had an athletic component where Dreamers learned how to swim, and had the opportunity to participate in different team sports. Thursdays were reward days where Dreams could earn a field trip for participating Monday through Wednesday. Some of the trips included, Wet'n'Wild, movies, a Las Vegas 51's baseball game and the Adventure Dome Theme Park. Dreamers also had the privilege of having Las Vegas Fire Chief David Washington come to the DSI to spend time with the Dreamers and give them valuable advice.

Dreamer National Conference

In August, three Dreamers, Destainy, Jasmin and Shaquana attended the national Dreamer Conference (DC) in Kerhonkson, New York. At the DC they had the opportunity to meet Dreamers from across the county and share their local experiences. Dreamers attended workshops where they gained knowledge concerning budgeting, financing their college education, time management and communication techniques. As well as professionalism, leadership and healthy relationships. This trip certainly wasn't all work and no play however! Dreamers had the opportunity to have fun and form lasting friendships along the way through activities ranging from relay races, tug-o-war and board games to swimming, karaoke and an ice cream social. The conference ended with a bang, as the Dreamers enjoyed a final evening complete with a closing dinner and dance party!

Website

A website has generously been donated and created by the Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach. The website has all of our upcoming events and updated information regarding our Project. Please feel free to visit the website at any time at www.ihaveadreamlasvegas.org.

Basketball Court

Design Contest

Dreamers are encouraged to submit designs for the basketball court that is going to be built next to the Dreamer Station at the next Dreamer Meeting. Winning design will be picked by Dreamers.

October Birthdays

October 26—Happy Birthday Ms. Julie Murray!

Summer Review (Continued)

Dreamer Council

The Dreamer Council consists of officers elected by the Las Vegas Dreamers each new school year. The Council's purpose is to promote the interest of the Dreamers in IHAD-Las Vegas. The Dreamer Council also has the responsibility to enhance and promote each Dreamer's academic and career endeavors. The 2004-2005 Dreamer Council elected officials are as follows: President: Tanashia Crook, Vice President: Andrea Bullock, Treasurer: Talon Sewell, and Secretary: Destainy Diggs. Committee Chairpersons are, Newsletter Committee: Precious Carroll; Social Committee: Ashley McDaniels; Leadership/Community Service Committee: Martice Blackwell; and the Forum Workshops/Cultural Committee: Larry Russum.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004, the newly elected Council members attended the Dreamer Council Leadership Training Workshop, where they learned about their newly acquired roles and responsibilities. They discussed essential components and skills necessary of a successful council ranging from effective communication, setting an agenda, running a meeting, record keeping and note taking; as well as programming and leadership skills.

Back to School Bash

The Fall "Back to School Bash" was held at Walker Pool on August 14, 2004. Twenty two Dreamers and their families gathered for pizza, ice-cream, basketball and swimming. They were each given a back pack with school supplies to begin school year prepared.

Awards were presented during the "Back to School Bash" to recognize the Dreamers who attended the Dreamer Summer Institute as follows: Perfect Attendance: Clifton Harrell Jr., Most Improved Behavior: Clifton Harrell Jr., Citizenship Award: Shaquana Mouton, Outstanding Academic Performance: Jasmin Melton, Humanitarian Award: Breanna Melton, Achievement Award: Destainy Diggs, Most Humorous Award Home Reed Jr.

Congratulations to all the Dreamers! We're proud of each and every one of you!

Upcoming Events

Stations Casino Mentoring Group

Date: Friday, October 8, 2004

Time: 4 pm

Community Service—Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas

Date: Saturday, October 9, 2004

Location: 2323 Potosi Street

Las Vegas, NV 89146

Times: 2 pm—8 pm

Las Vegas College Fair

Dates: Monday, October 18, 2004 &

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Location: Cashman Field Center

850 Las Vegas Blvd. North

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Time: 5 pm

IHAD Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Location: Dreamer Station

Times: 6 pm—7:30 pm

Castle Vampyre

Date: Friday, October 23, 2004

Location: Sunset Station

Time: 7 pm

Wells Fargo Mentoring Group

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2004

Time: 4 pm

LVMPD Mentoring Group

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2004

Time: 4 pm

Academic Corner

Spring Break-Atlanta

Dreamers with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average for the first semester will be eligible to attend 2005's College Excursion to Atlanta, GA. We will be visiting 5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Study Hard Dreamers! Other restrictions apply.

Tutoring

Dreamer are now one full month into the new school year, any Dreamers requiring tutoring contact Miss Mona Lisa for assistance. Dreamers receiving unsatisfactory notices will be assigned tutors automatically.

Dreamer Graduate

Dreamer Roninka graduated in June 2004, to become our second Dreamer to finish their secondary education. A private donor contributed a brand new Hewlett Packard computer for Roninka to help her continue her education. Roninka recently received the Pat Barnum Award for overcoming multiple barriers and obstacles to graduate high school on time. She is currently enrolled at the Community College of Southern Nevada and plans to transfer to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in Fall 2005. Way to go Roninka!