

# Stats

24.7%

24.7% of adults in Ohio age 25+ hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher; 14% of the residents in Cleveland hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher

57%

By 2018, 57% of Ohio's jobs will require postsecondary education. (Lumina Foundation, 2009). A 1% increase in the college attainment rate in Northeast Ohio would boost the region's economic output by \$2.8 billion annually (CEO's for Cities Talent Dividend).

69%

The average debt for a graduate of the Class of 2013 weighed in at \$35,200 (CNN, 2013) More so, 69% of Ohio graduates graduate with debt (CNN, 2012).

*To increase secondary school retention and graduation for African-American students.*

*To provide civic engagement opportunities for students.*

*To increase the amount of African-American students who are eligible and college ready and/or career ready.*

*To introduce and create the next generation of African-American entrepreneurs and community leaders*

# GOALS

**Mission:** Acting as a catalyst for inclusion, The Presidents' Council Foundation supports, develops and advocates for our region's current and future generation of African-American entrepreneurs and business leaders.



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## PC Scholars



**PC Scholars Program** is designed to create a unique support infrastructure for African-American high school students to provide ongoing support in their development as the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

This program works with 10th, 11th and 12th grade African-American high school students from Cleveland area high schools, focusing on leadership, academic achievement, career preparedness and life skills.

## The PC Scholars Program

Is an eight month academic intense program whereas each year students are immersed in a rigorous curriculum twice a month. We utilize highly qualified certified educators and business leaders in Northeast Ohio to teach the students real-life applications.

### HISTORY

In February 2008 we launched the PC Scholars program to improve the lives of African-American high school students in the Cleveland area, starting with CMSD. The program was originally developed to serve high school sophomores; however, after the success of the first year in 2008, the program was expanded to follow students from their sophomore year through their senior year. The PC Scholars program has been wonderful in ensuring that all our students are college bound with 100% success rate each year since our inception date of 2008.

### What is the basis of your program?

The PC Scholars Program focuses on students that are in the 2.0 – 3.0 GPA range and attend Cleveland area high schools. The program has four key areas of focus

- Academic Achievement
- Career Preparedness
- Life Skills
- Leadership

Students enter the program as sophomores and remain until they graduate from high school. They are then tracked while in college.

For life skills and leadership – students learn about financial literacy, resiliency skills, healthy living and each year our students do a Day of Caring where they give back to the community.

We help prepare our students for employment by reviewing interview and application skills, discussing different career industries; assisting them in their summer job and internship search, introducing the to the concept of entrepreneurship.

## DEMOGRAPHICS



### What are some of the services that you offer the students?

- Students are exposed to business and community leaders
- Scholarship dollars awarded based on participation
- We help prepare our students for employment by reviewing interview and application skills, discussing different career industries and assisting them in their summer job and internship search.

### What is the criterion for the students and how are they selected?

- The PC staff works with guidance counselors in the recruitment of students
- Once applications are received the PC staff reviews each application which includes basic information, GPA, career choices and two essay questions
- Students must meet the following criteria
  - 2.0 – 3.0 GPA
  - African-American
  - Attend 95% of all sessions



### 107 Total Students

Sophomores - 22

Juniors - 24

Seniors - 9

Alumni - 52

As of 2013-2014 academic year

## ALUMNI Information Colleges Attended

University of Toledo  
Walsh University  
Wright State University  
Cleveland State University  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Bowling Green State University  
University of Mt. Union  
University of Akron  
Clark Atlanta Univ.  
Hiram College

Thiel College  
Chaminade Univ.  
Kent State Univ.  
Eastern Michigan  
Daemon College  
Central State Univ.  
Northwood Univ.  
Ohio State  
Ohio Univ.  
Stanford Brown

Four Year Colleges Attended by - 35

Two Year Colleges Attended by - 14

## OUR PC SCHOLARS

**William Moore** - Kent State University  
Chemistry

The benefits of being a part of this program are countless. I have gained information on college, high school and life. I have also made connections with amazing people. The funding from The Presidents' Council Foundation helps me pay for my education that I would not be able to afford. The funding helps me pursue my career and help me influence the lives of other people the way The Presidents' Council has influenced me.

**Rashawn Rahim** - Cuyahoga Community College  
I am expecting to graduate from Tri-C with an Associate degree majoring in Criminal Justice. I am a graduate of the Police Academy and I work as a dispatcher for the North Randall Police Department.

**Aiysha Reynolds**

I graduated from Cuyahoga Community College in May 2013 with an Associates in Exercise Science and currently attend Baldwin Wallace University for Athletic Training & Exercise. I now work as a fitness instructor at Lifetime Fitness.