

Leadership Academy

By G. Crimm



Pictured: front left Kimberly Staats of Castle Contracting, Isaiah Johnson, Maya Evans, Olisha Saddler, Felicia Cooley, Bridget Roveen and Melvin Diggs, back left Second left Stephon Sommerville and Joshua Wright. Not pictured: Brianne Bush and Amanda Reed.

The Leadership Academy (LA) participants had an opportunity to assist Ms. Kimberly Staats of Castle Contracting and their employees with furnishing a new home for a family with the assistance of Habitat for Humanity.

Each year LA participants pledge to give back to the community through a project that would involve their school. After learning of the opportunity to assist Ms. Staats, the Leadership Academy participants asked permission from the administration, created a flyer and made appeals to their classmates, the staff and family members for donations.

The response was overwhelming and it was such a delight to see our students, staff and family members give selflessly to make a difference in the community. On behalf of the LA participants we thank our student body, staff and families for their generosity and Ms. Staats for her involvement with Habitat for Humanity.

Placement Report

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2008

Fifty-five graduates are employed, are continuing education or have joined the military

Six (11%) are in construction related employment
Fourteen (25%) are in non related employment
Ten (18%) are continuing education related to construction
Eighteen (33%) are continuing education non related to construction
Two (4%) are serving in the military not related to construction
Five (9%) are seeking employment

2007

Forty-five graduates are employed, are continuing education or have joined the military

Seven (16%) are in construction related employment
Thirteen (29%) are in non related employment
Four (9%) are continuing education related to construction
Nineteen (42%) are continuing education non related to construction
Two (4%) are serving in the military not related to construction

2006

Fifty-three graduates are employed, are continuing education or have joined the military

Five (9%) are in construction related employment
Twenty-one (40%) are in non related employment
Three (6%) are continuing education related to construction
Sixteen (30%) are continuing education non related to construction
Six (11%) are seeking employment
Two (4%) are deceased

2005

Thirty-two graduates are employed, are continuing education or have joined the military

Seven (22%) are in construction related employment
Eighteen (56%) are in non related employment
Two (6%) are continuing education related to construction
One (3%) is serving in the military not related to construction
Four (13%) are seeking employment

Information as of September 1, 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Gina Washington

Respect, Responsibility and Safety!

Congratulations students on completing first semester! I am extremely pleased with our academic progress for first semester. The students show respect, responsibility, and safety and will be successful. First semester has come and gone so quickly, from the Back-to-School Night to Midterm progress reports, and now finals have come and gone. We had over 100 parents at our annual Parent Conference Night and gave out attendance prizes to over 100 families! It was encouraging to see so many parents lined up outside of the doors to talk to the teachers.

As we start second semester, it is important to remind your student to stay on target and to stay focused. We have before/after school Title I academic services available if your student needs assistance. Please have your student take advantage of these programs. Contact Ms. Snelson at 314-588-9991 ext. 106 if you have any questions.

Looking ahead, our second annual Honor Roll Celebration for first semester will be held January 28, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Parents are invited to attend this special event to support their student. Spring break is March 16-20 this year and graduation will be held Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Harris Stowe State University at 7:00 p.m.

A special thank you goes out to the members of the AGC of St. Louis who supported our students with an annual coat, hat, and glove drive! Our students will be able to keep warm as they travel to and from school.

Baseball Cardinal Visit

By R. Kamp

On Friday January 16, we were fortunate to welcome St. Louis Cardinals Outfielder Brian Barton to CCC! Brian came to share his unique and inspirational story with our students. Brian grew up in inner-city Los Angeles where he developed an early passion for baseball. He then moved on to play at both Loyola Marymount University and the University of Miami where he also studied Aerospace Engineering. To this



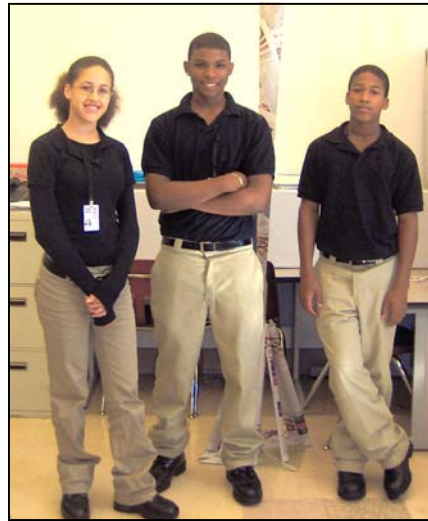
Brian Barton (center) and the inaugural CCC baseball team

day, Brian hopes to be the first major league baseball player to go into space!

Brian spoke to our honor roll students and baseball team about the importance of determination, focusing on your studies, dreaming big, and seizing the opportunities that life gives to you. We at CCC would like to thank Brian for being an inspiration to us all and for taking the time to speak with us. Best of luck next season, Brian!

WorkKeys Assessment

By A. Butler, PhD



L - R: Victoria White, Anthony Levy, and Devonte Mullins

In order to determine that students have the necessary skills to be successful members of the 21st century global workforce, CCC administers the WorkKeys assessment by ACT in Applied Mathematics and Reading for Information on an annual basis. Success on these assessments provides an excellent indication of the likelihood of being a successful member of a critical thinking workforce. Once a student receives his baseline scores, his progress is monitored over his entire four years of high school while multiple levels of remediation are given during the school day and through focused after-school programs to improve reading and math skills. So far, the results have been positive with all students improving by at least one level and many others by two or three levels during their four years at CCC. Most importantly, these students are demonstrating proficiency on skills that are necessary for success in the modern workplace.

FIRST Robotic Competition

By C. Casals Butler

CCC has two robotics teams this year involving seventeen students. The JV team, The Cobras and the varsity team, The Phantoms, went through many design changes, but created two very competitive robots. The programming this year was challenging; however, Montez Tabron and Keith Baker worked extremely hard on understanding the complex nature of the schematics. Sahudin Mahmutovic and Jerome Sims did wonderful work on the varsity design. The competition was difficult; both teams struggled with major obstacles, but persevered through twelve hours of frustration. At the end of regular play, the varsity team was ranked 13th and the junior varsity was ranked 26th out of thirty teams. CCC astounded the judges and the audience by declining an invitation to compete in the final alliance. The varsity team felt it was unfair to limit the chances of other teams when we knew our robot was disabled on the field. We gave our spot to another team. The regional representative was very impressed with our sportsmanship and personally delivered a playing field to CCC. She is working to secure CCC a slot to compete in Tennessee in February.



Varsity team L-R front row: DeAndre Jenkins-Harris, Veronica Simmons, Keith Baker 2nd row: Keith Thomas, Jerome Sims, Brienne Bush 3rd row: Sahudin Mahmutovic, Brandon Dickerson, Damien Thomas. Not pictured: Montez Tabron and Jean-Paul Soucy



JV team L-R: Crystal Edwards, Krista Smith, Alexzandra Greer and Travez Ming. Not pictured DeSean Nelson and Aaron Clarke

Positive Behavior Support

By G. Washington

CCC has just completed the first semester as a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) site. PBS is also a sponsor of the CCC's Bobcat Bucks, which are part of an incentive program. Students can earn their bucks for exemplifying Respect, Responsibility, and Safety and redeem them for items. The students redeem their bucks for spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, granola and candy bars.

Positive Behavior Support also sponsors the Student of the Month program. The following students have earned this honor:

August- Miquel Johnson
September- Victoria White
October- Tim Jones
November- Krista Smith
December- Felena King-Cooley



December Student of the Month: Felena King Cooley

Breakfast with the Principals

By G. Washington



L-R: Jerome Sims, Branden Dyer, George Edinger with C & R Mechanical Company, Jon Danuser with Johnson Controls, Inc. and Joe Rinke with PRIDE of St. Louis.

The "Breakfast with the Principals" was held on November 20, 2008. Supporters of the school are invited to this breakfast annually to receive an update on the school and to discuss future needs of the school. A presentation was made informing our supporters of our current "Principals' Needs List" and supporters were given an opportunity to ask questions. This year's breakfast had over fifty supporters in attendance. The Career Coaching students served as hosts for this annual event and welcomed our visitors to the school with a tour of the building. Mrs. Washington would like to thank all of the visitors who supported this annual event.