



*Helping Students
Connect. Maximize. Advance.*



JAMES R. JORDAN
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2018 Annual Report



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The James R. Jordan Foundation provides a pathway out of poverty by empowering children to achieve their full potential and by leveling the playing field so they can become successful human beings and productive contributors to society. We do this by creating networks of support for families and communities, motivating youth, and ensuring high-quality academic opportunities for children in under-served communities. The James R. Jordan Foundation is dedicated to supporting students and families through access to knowledge and by exposing them to resources that contribute to their life success.

Pictured on front cover: Annia Mallory applauds fellow graduates at the 2018 A-Team Graduation Dinner



Dear Friends,

As a grassroots organization, the James R. Jordan Foundation works to meet the needs of youth who have limited access to resources necessary to succeed academically. Our goal is to help level the playing field for these students, see them advance to higher education and help them reach their highest potential.

During the 2017-18 year, we had the honor of serving 1,899 students and 198 parents and guardians. With support from our partners, we collaborated with 28 professional content experts and 146 volunteers and mentors to bring awareness, discovery and knowledge to our students and families.

The academic achievements of our students reflect the effort and support of the Foundation and its partners. Additionally, we know that parental support is an important contributor to a child's success. Through our Vision for Families program, we help build that support structure. This year, 157 parents and guardians, along with their 243 students, participated in workshops geared towards parent development. Content experts presented on various topics including: health awareness, careers and budgeting.

At the end of the academic year, we had the pleasure of awarding \$85,996 scholarship dollars to 38 students. Christian Gordon, our third highest earner and the recipient of a \$3,225 scholarship, shared his story with the graduates at our high school graduation dinner. He plans to attend DePaul University to pursue a bachelor's degree in business. Current A-Team Scholars at the elementary earned \$12,050 more this year than in the previous year. Through the A-Team Hour, students receive support through mentoring. Throughout the year 38 students participated in mentorship sessions with various professionals in different fields. They received a total of 59 mentoring hours. Personal mentoring and skill-development programming is key to academic success. We will continue to increase our mentor and volunteer base through company partnerships, providing more students with access to mentoring.

This year marked the sixth year of the S.T.E.A.M. program and the outcomes are encouraging. In surveys we administered, students indicated that they could see themselves pursuing education and careers in S.T.E.A.M. fields after participating in the S.T.E.A.M. program. Continued feedback from instructors, students and other key stakeholders will help us improve and expand the program. This upcoming year holds more promise as we work to better align this program with the Foundation's strategic goals. Our partners and sponsors will present pop-ups to our students during the school day as a part of each school's science block, providing more students with the opportunity to participate in S.T.E.A.M.

Twenty-two students, grades PreK to 4th participated in our Read with Me! program. On average, their reading levels increased by half a grade level. Over 70% of our students are now reading at or above their grade level.

In the upcoming 2018-19 academic year, we will focus on building our S.T.E.A.M. program, increasing our mentor and volunteer base through company partnerships, and enhancing our programs overall. We believe that education and a strong support system are key to helping students and families find a pathway out of poverty. With your continued support and commitment, we can help them advance towards a brighter future together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodie Benjamin
Corporate Board President

a★team Scholars

The goal of A-Team Scholars is to increase educational opportunities for students in underserved communities. Students in grades 4-12 are awarded scholarship money based on scholastic achievement, character and integrity.

Students receive \$50 for every “A” and \$25 for every “B” earned per quarter in reading, math, writing and science. The scholarship dollars are invested in Bright Directions 529 college savings plans, and are available to the students upon enrollment in higher education, such as college or vocational school.





Connect

Connect students to resources through partnerships.



Pictured Left, Top and Middle: Capital One team member mentors A-Team students during a session at R. Nathaniel Dett. During this time, students and mentors discuss the importance of staying in school and continuing education.

Pictured Bottom Left: Marie Abdel-Malek, Northern Trust employee, spoke to 8th grade girls at R. Nathaniel Dett. During her two years as mentor, Marie has shared with students the importance of time management, how high school is a time for growth and that education leads to success.



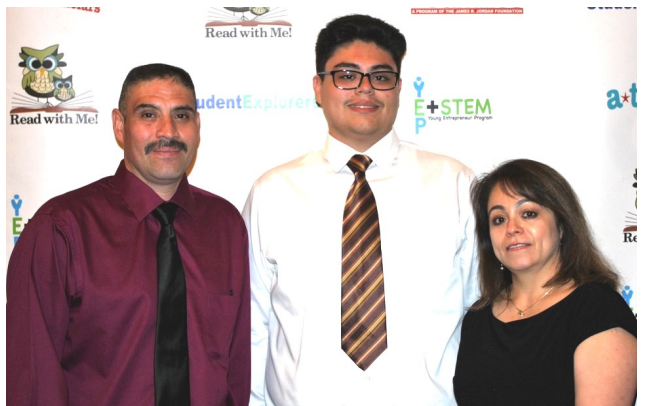
Pictured Bottom Right: Jerone Thadison gives the keynote address at the 2018 A-Team Graduation Dinner. Jerone is an A-Team Alumnus and Police Officer with the University of Chicago Police Department. His words of wisdom highlighted a lifetime of hard work and how JRJF helped him overcome challenges and begin new adventures.

Pictured Top Right: JRJF 2017 A-Team students who were able to attend the graduation pose with fellow scholars displaying award certificates. **Pictured Middle and Bottom Right:** A-Team Scholars pose with family and friends.



Pictured Bottom Left Corner: One of several college preparedness gift baskets that students had an opportunity to win, among other prizes and giveaways.

2017-2018 A-Team High School Graduation Dinner



A-Team Scholars Highest Earners in the Spotlight



Pictured Above: *Debra Wesley and John Stoken, (JRJF Advisory Board Members), Jada, DT Love (Palmer House) and Beverly Smith (VP of JRJF)*

Jada is the highest scholarship earner of the 2018 A-Team Scholars, earning a total of \$3,850. She recently graduated from Lindlom Math and Science Academy and is planning to attend the Culinary Institute of America, where she will major in Applied Food Sciences. Jada became an A-Team Scholar while attending Victor Herbert Elementary School (now known as R. Nathaniel Dett).

Jada excelled academically at Victor Herbert School, which led to her earning a trip with her family to Disneyworld. She is committed to her education and encourages all elementary A-Team Scholars to stay focused because high school is a lot of hard work.

Annia is the second highest earner of the 2018 A-Team Scholars graduates, earning a total of \$3,575. She joined the A-Team while attending Smith Elementary School. Annia graduated from West Aurora High School. She plans to attend Waubensee Community College for two years before transferring to a four-year institution. She plans to pursue a major in Mass Media Arts.



Pictured Above: *Annia poses with her parents at the JRJF graduation*

Annia looks fondly back at her time with the A-Team Scholars program and appreciates JRJF's efforts to encourage students to continue earning scholarship dollars. Her advice to A-Team scholars is: "Keep up with the good work; it will pay off when you get older." She credits the A-Team Scholars program for giving her motivation to do well in school and "get a head start in paying for her college tuition."



Pictured Above: *Maricela Busso (JRJF Program Director) interviews Christian, third highest A-Team Scholarship earner for 2018*

Christian is the third highest earner of the 2018 A-Team Scholars graduates, earning a total of \$3,225. He became an A-Team Scholar while attending Sherman School of Excellence. Christian graduated high school from Johnson College Prep and plans to attend DePaul University in Fall 2018. There he will major in Business.

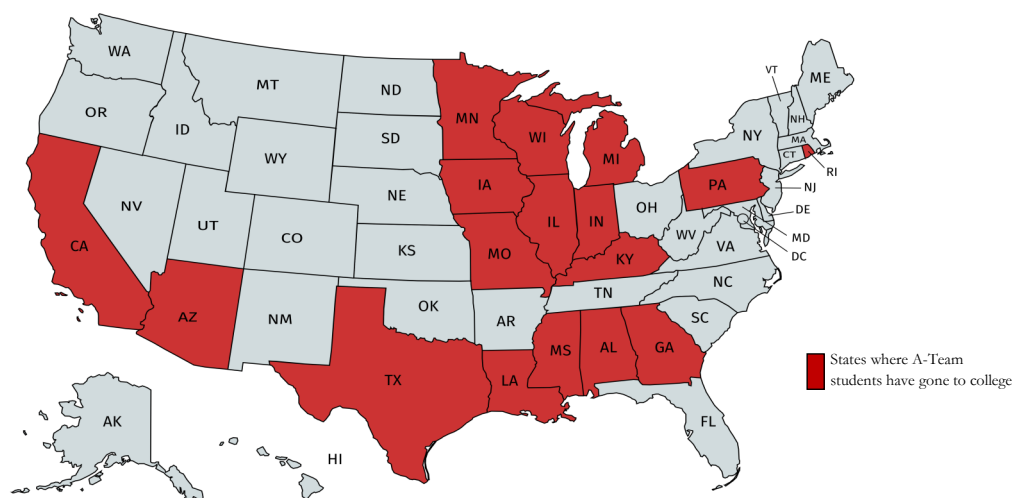
Christian shared that his best memory was the Program Celebration at the end of each school year. It was a time to see all the students from JRJF's partner schools and celebrate everyone's great work and accomplishments. To the current elementary A-Team Scholars Christian says, "College may seem far, but it's never too early to plan because there's always room for scholarships."

Class of 2018 Graduates

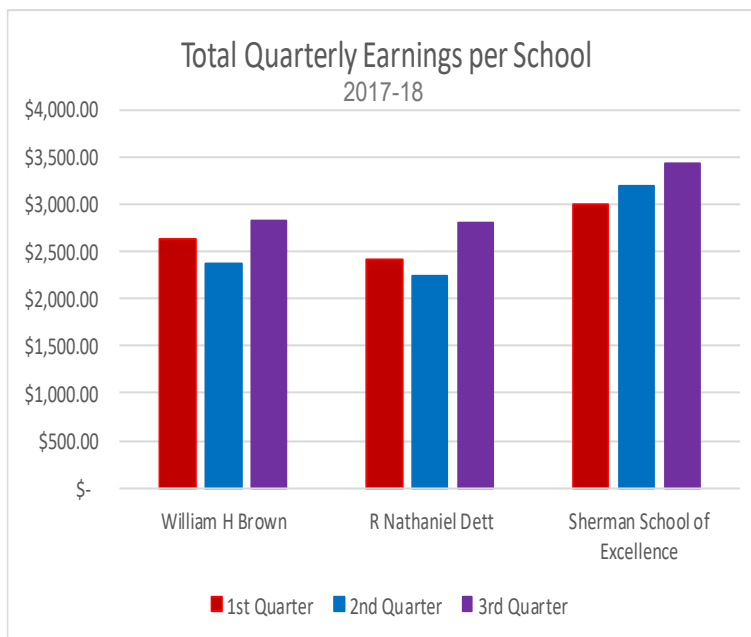
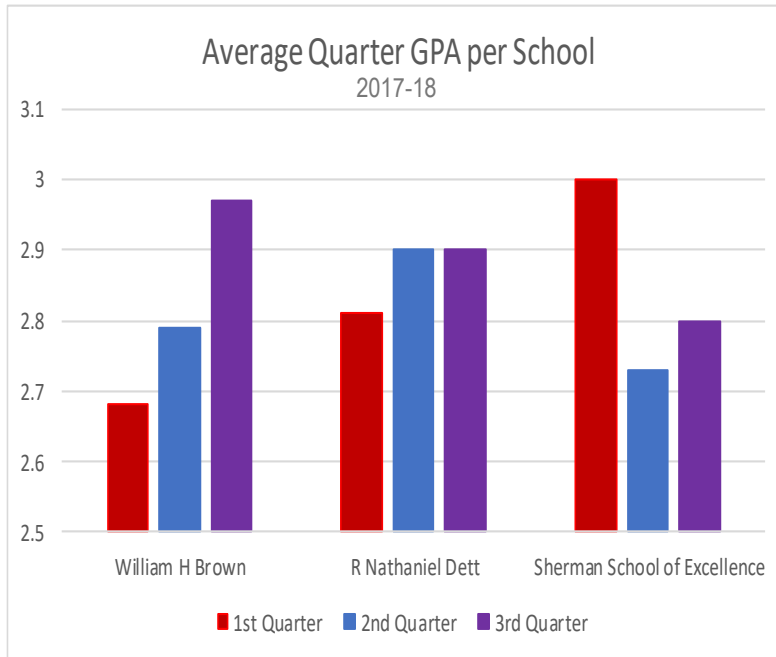


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Akira	David	Jordan	Montell
Almonte	Deavan	Joshua J.	Naheishia
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Amari	Destiny M.	Karon	Nicholas
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Antoniesha S.	Dtoni	Kemonte	Romero
Ariana	Dymond M.	Kendale K.	Shantavia E.
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Breanna C.	Geraldine	Kyrell	Tartianna
Brenda	Imani	Lamar	Terrell
Brian	Ishmael	LaVeese	Terrence
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Cauve	Jamie	Macgruder	Ty-Vonne
Cayvon	Jasmine	Makyla J.	Tzurriel
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Charles	Jessica	Mariah	Urante
Christian K.	Jessica	Markale Jamal	Willie Mae
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Colleges and Universities Attended by A-Team Scholars



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| Alabama A&M | Loyola University Chicago |
| Aurora University | Malcolm X. Community College |
| Ball State University | Mississippi Valley State University |
| Beloit College | North Central College |
| Benedictine University | Northern Illinois University |
| Campbellsville University | Northern Arizona University |
| Central Michigan University | Purdue University |
| Chicago State University | Rockford University |
| Coyne College | Robert Morris University |
| Culinary Institute of America | Roosevelt University |
| DePaul University | Saint Mary's University, Winona |
| Dillard University | Southern Illinois University |
| Eastern Illinois University | Carbondale |
| Harry S. Truman Community College | Southern Illinois University, |
| Highland Community College | Edwardsville |
| Georgia State University | University of Illinois, Chicago |
| Illinois Central College | University of Illinois, Springfield |
| Illinois State University | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign |
| Indiana University Northwest | University of Indianapolis |
| Indiana University-Purdue | University of Missouri, Columbia |
| Iowa Central Community College | University of Southern California |
| Johnson and Wales University | University of St. Francis |
| Kennedy King College | University of Texas in Rio Grand Valley |
| Kishwaukee College | Waubonsee Community College |
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A-Team Scholars

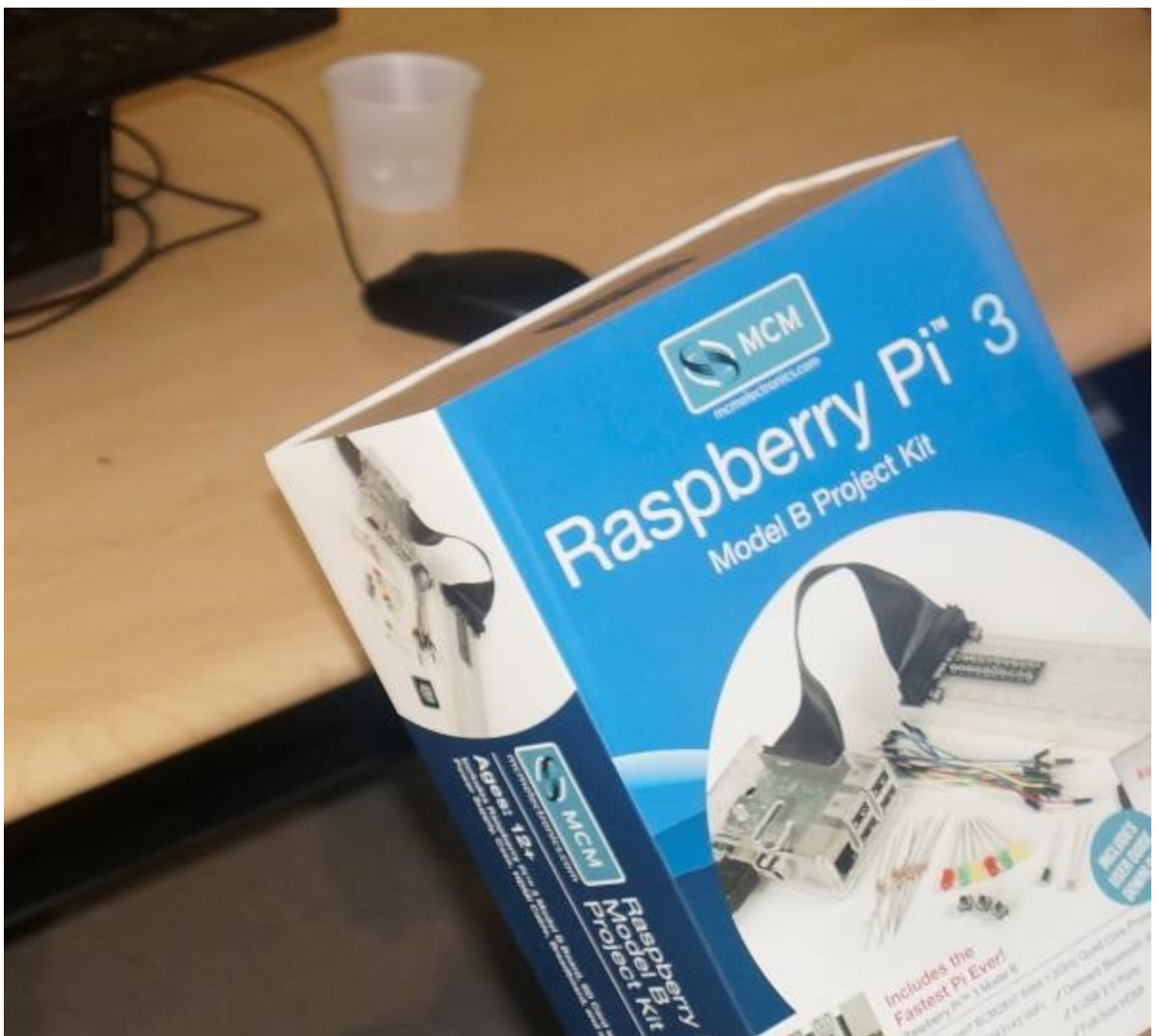
- Elementary school students' earnings exceeded last year's amount by \$12,050.
- \$85,996 scholarship dollars were released to colleges and universities in the 2017-2018 school year, exceeding last year's amount by \$13,417.

(This graph represents only those schools with active A-Team students.)

S.T.E.A.M.

The James R. Jordan Foundation's S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) program provides educational opportunities through mentorship and collaborative learning communities. The program is designed to create awareness and encourage youth of African American, Latino and lower socioeconomic backgrounds to participate in S.T.E.A.M. careers.

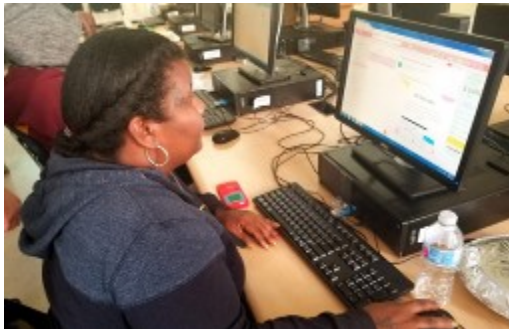
The year-long program engages students in 6th to 8th grade to utilize critical thinking and learn technological skills beyond the classroom. S.T.E.A.M. invites students to continue developing their skills and widening their professional possibilities, so that they might take advantage of learning opportunities in high school and college, consider careers in S.T.E.A.M fields and ultimately successfully compete in the global context.





Stages of Saturn

If you want to go to space, better do it in stages. Reaching Earth orbit, and going on to the Moon, requires a multistage rocket, each stage with its own engines and fuel tanks. When a stage has fired its engines and used all its fuel, it can drop away, leaving behind a lighter rocket with stronger acceleration. And each stage can use an engine most suited to its needs. First stages tend to be large and mighty, often with multiple engines, as they must lift the heavy rocket off the ground. Later stages can be sleeker and lighter, with fewer and less powerful engines to propel them in space. Rockets have lifted off with as many as five stages. Saturn V had three stages.

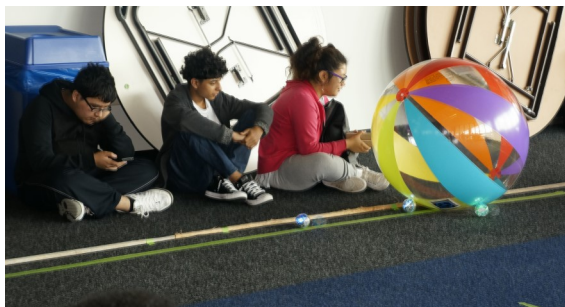
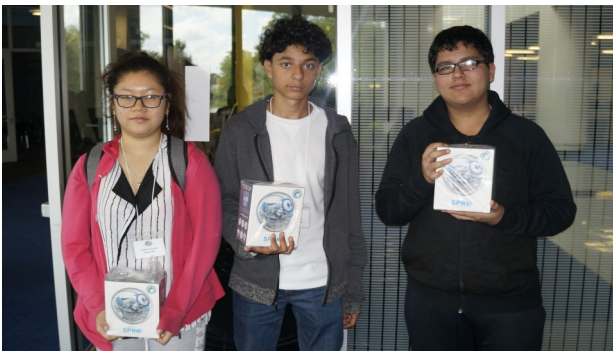
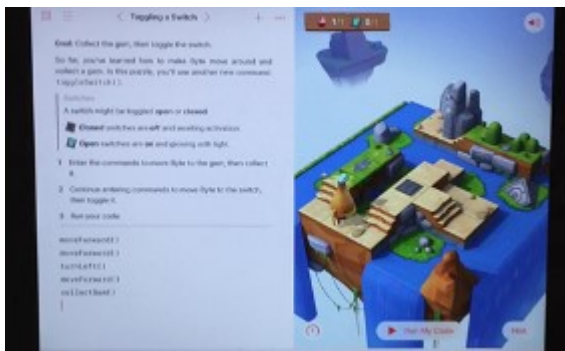


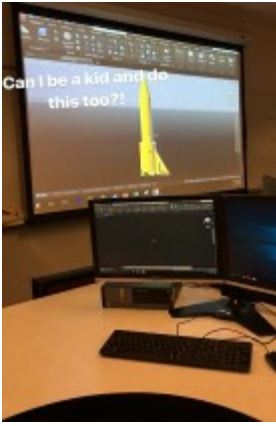
During the school year, students attend Saturday sessions and outings to learn a wide variety of skills and to participate in S.T.E.A.M. subjects. These subjects include - but are not limited to - cybersecurity and its everyday applications, virtual reality, coding, art computation, and network and computer programming. In the summer months, students continue their S.T.E.A.M. education while also gaining self-confidence, cultural awareness, and teamwork skills. S.T.E.A.M. also includes parents.

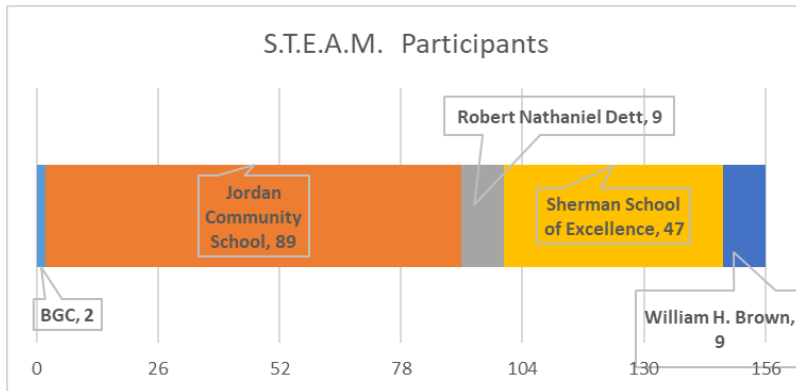
Pictured Left and Below: *Students caught in moments of curiosity as they discover, learn and have fun.*

Maximize

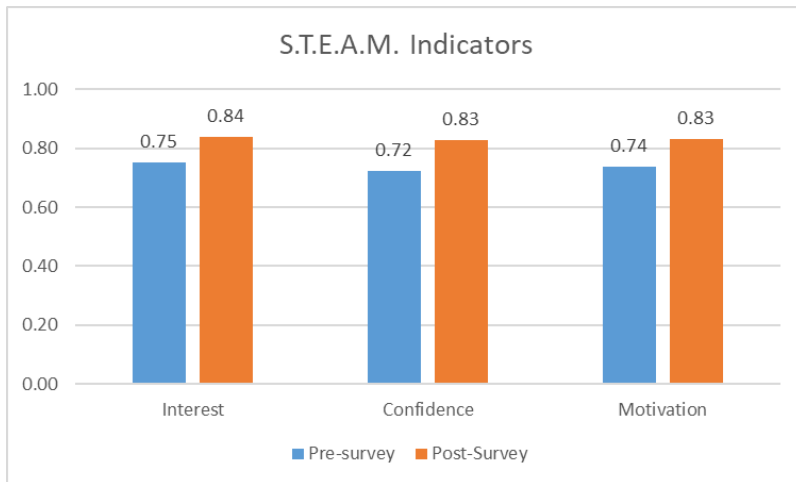
Maximizing students' potential and opportunities to grow



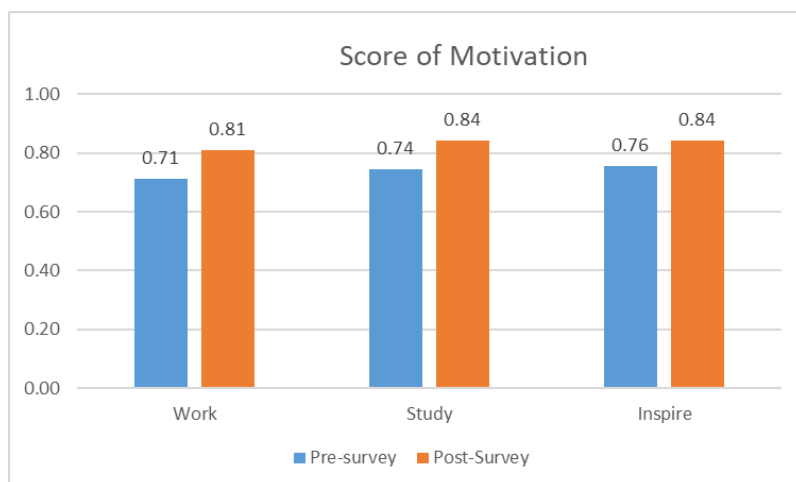




The 2017-2018 edition of the JRJF S.T.E.A.M. program engaged 156 students in 29 days of activities from July 2017 to April 2018: 15 days during the summer, 11 Saturdays and 3 days of special events.



With information collected from participants, JRJF created 3 outcome indicators for the S.T.E.A.M. program: Score of Interest in S.T.E.A.M. topics; Score of Confidence, which reflects participants' ability in S.T.E.A.M. subjects; and Score of Motivation to work, study and inspire others to have a career in S.T.E.A.M. The score is measured on a range between 0 and 1. The closer the score is to 1, the higher the student's interest/confidence/motivation in S.T.E.A.M.



The Score of Motivation shows students' motivation to work, study and inspire others to have a career in S.T.E.A.M. The score is a range between 0 and 1. The closer the score is to 1, the higher the student's motivation to advance their S.T.E.A.M. education and share their learning with their communities. As we can observe, during the year of 2017-2018 students showed increase in all 3 motivation score indicators.

Family Space Camp

In Spring 2018, four S.T.E.A.M. students and their parents attended Family Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. The students and their parents learned about the history of space exploration and the upcoming mission to Mars in 2020. Additionally, they got a glimpse of space through the eyes of the astronauts as they tried on space suits, participated in simulated missions, built and launched rockets, and explored the insides of space modules. Two activities that were favorites for the group were trying out the 1/6th Gravity Chair, a simulator which allowed them to experience what it feels like to walk across the moon, and taking a spin in the Multi-Axis Trainer, which astronauts use to prepare themselves for disorientation that might occur in emergency conditions during flight. The learning experiences at Space Camp as well as the travel to Alabama allowed time for students and parents to bond and build common ground.

“Every day and every moment was something new and beautiful for me. I could see the joy and happiness of my son and his enthusiasm towards everything we put together and learned. It was a pleasure to be able to participate with him in these new adventures.”

-Maria, Alex's Mother





“Tomarion has always been curious with electronics and anything like a puzzle. He is always thinking outside of the box because of his TBI, which slows him down some. He tries very hard to learn as much as his class. The S.T.E.A.M. program has opened up a whole new world of science to him. He is very curious and soaks up things like a sponge. I asked him why he wanted to go to Space Camp. He said he has always wanted to know, how do they get the rockets in the air? How do they breathe up there and is it really like the movies?”



In Tomarion’s life, he has just had me to look to, and to help him understand what a man is supposed to do. I always told him he can do anything, even be an astronaut. The experience will be great for him because he is at the age where he does not know what he wants to do in life.

I think it will be in science.”

Thank You Ruth Hill

Ruth Hill, (pictured top right corner) participates in a simulated mission. **Tomarion**, (pictured bottom left corner) tries out the 1/6th gravity chair.





Vision for Families

A PROGRAM OF THE JAMES R. JORDAN FOUNDATION

The goal of Vision for Families is to strengthen the ties between school and home, understanding that education is a holistic process. We aim to provide supplemental support for students by holding monthly meetings with expert speakers and key components, such as reading circles, parent workshops and community dinners to help tackle the challenges affecting parents, their children and the community.





Family Spotlight



The Murphy family has participated in the James R. Jordan Foundation's programs for the past four years, including A-Team Scholars, S.T.E.A.M., Family Space Camp, Vision for Families, and the Program Celebration Literacy Festival.

Clarence and Stephanie can attest to the fact that it is not easy raising two daughters, Juni and Saria, in the city of Chicago. Like many other families, they face daily challenges providing for their daughters and keeping them safe, while making sure they get a good and well-rounded education. The Murphys' presence and participation in James R. Jordan Foundation programs is evidence of Clarence and Stephanie's determination to guide their daughters towards those

opportunities which will help them achieve and maximize their potential. In addition to encouraging and getting their daughters involved, the Murphys have taken advantage of opportunities for parents such as computer training and other S.T.E.A.M.-related activities to stimulate their own growth. JRJF looks forward to supporting the Murphy family as Juni and Saria continue to progress in their educational journey.

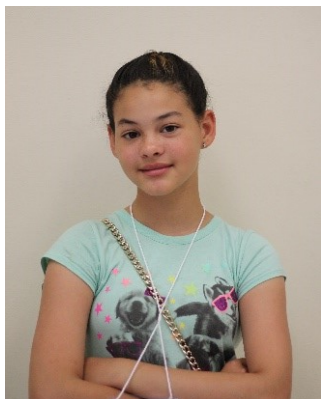


Pictured Top Row (left to right): Juni and Stephanie pose with Principal Williams of R. Nathaniel Dett and Mrs. Jordan. Stephanie conducts Alpha Mission at Space Camp. Juni and Stephanie pose together at the US Space Camp Center. **Pictured Bottom Row (left to right):** Juni and her parents celebrate a milestone: Juni's 8th grade graduation. Clarence aims for the target at JRJF's 1st Annual "Bags for Kids" Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser. Stephanie and Saria enjoy the festivities at the JRJF Program Celebration Literacy Festival.

Advance

Celebrating and supporting students and families as they move toward the future

From elementary school to high school, our goal is to see students graduate from high school and enter into higher education or vocational school. The James R. Jordan Foundation is proud to be involved in the lives of our partner schools and families.



JURNI has had an exciting year! Her commitment and hard work paid off in a number of ways this school year. In addition to earning a spot at this year's Family Space Camp for herself and her mother, Jurni also had the distinct honor of being awarded the title of class valedictorian. This year, Jurni graduates from R. Nathaniel Dett and is moving on to high school. However, she will continue to receive the support of the James R. Jordan Foundation through her participation in the A-Team Scholars program, earning scholarship dollars for college. In her valedictorian speech, Jurni thanked her parents, expressing her appreciation for their support and for always believing in her dreams.

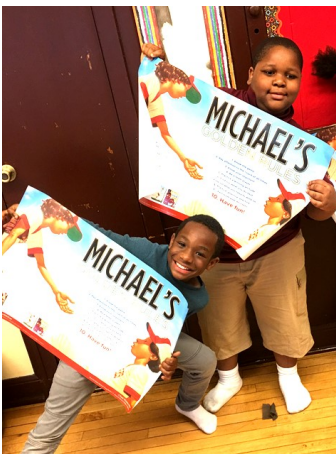
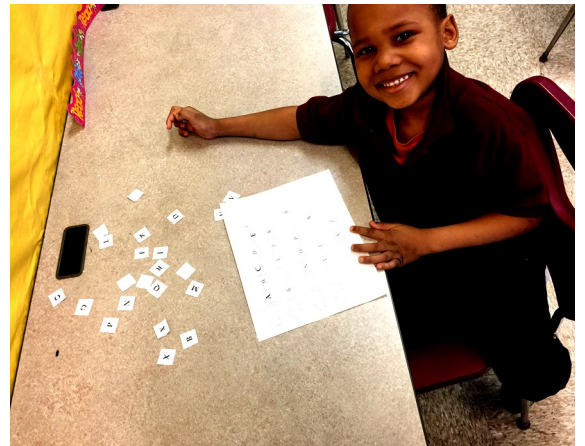
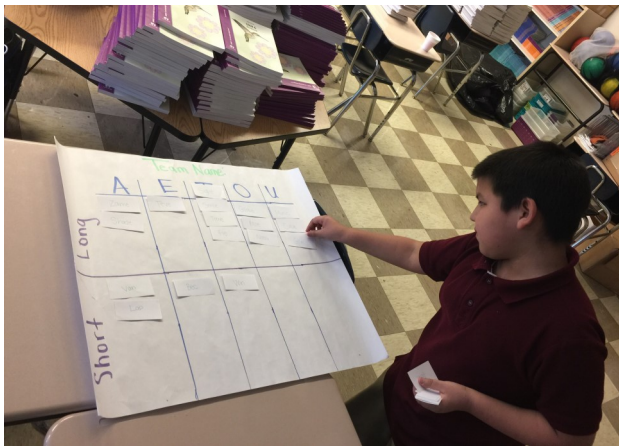


As the younger sibling, **SARIA** is eager to follow in her sister's footsteps. Her leadership skills and outgoing personality have helped her excel in S.T.E.A.M. activities and contribute to Vision for Families (VFF) events. Saria enjoyed creating music with Northwestern University's Tangible Interaction Design and Learning Laboratory (TIDAL Lab) during S.T.E.A.M. sessions as well as forming friendships with students from JRJF partner schools. Her participation in JRJF programs has helped her develop her critical thinking skills and interest in math. Saria is always willing to ask questions and to help others. She is a team player, and leads VFF activities for younger students. JRJF is excited to continue investing in Saria and helping to maximize her potential.





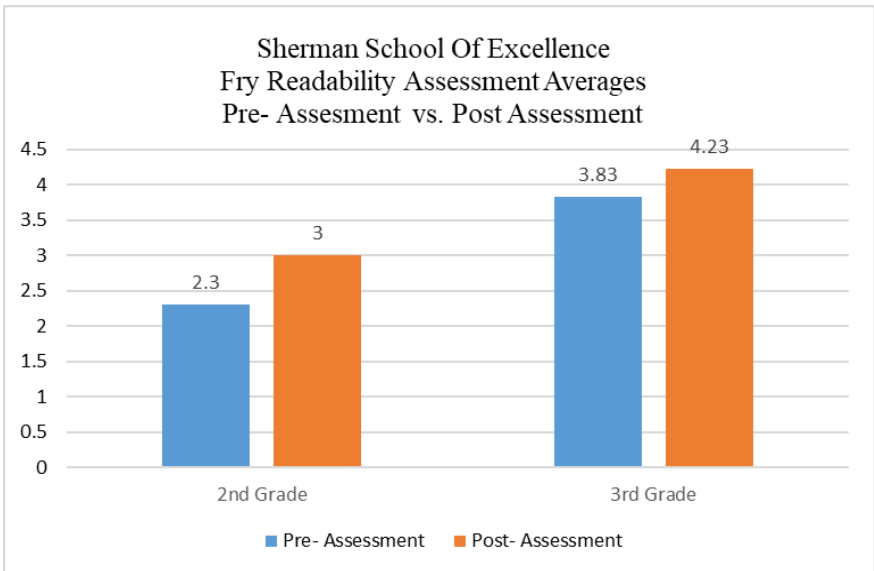
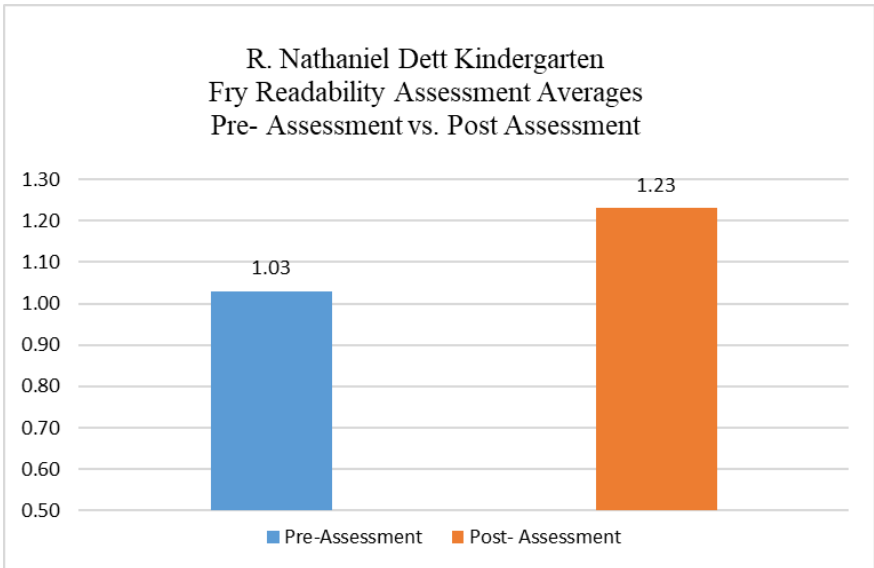
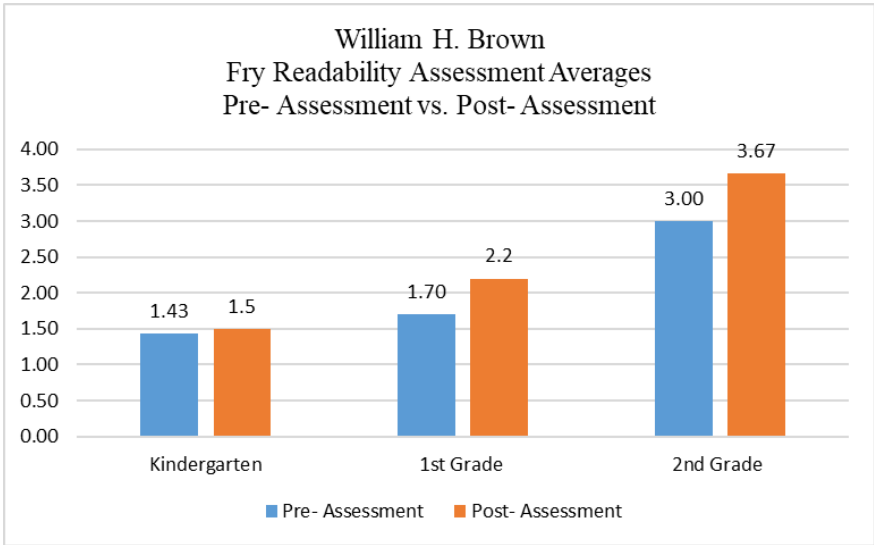
Read with Me! is a strategy-based school day program that motivates youth to excel academically through small group reading and instruction. This literacy program provides appropriate reading intervention to help students meet academic standards and goals. The program sets students up to enter the 5th grade on their targeted reading level to compete with their peers and continue achieving academic success.



When I first met Prentice, a 2nd grader from Sherman School of Excellence, I found him to be a very kind and intelligent student. He was always willing to expand his knowledge and engage in all the activities. During the Pre-Assessment, I was surprised that he was reading at a 4th grade level. However, he needed help with pronunciation. Throughout the Read with Me! program, we were able to work on this together and Prentice is now reading at a 6th grade level.

- Markessa Hughley (JRJF Program Coordinator)

Pictured Left: Prentice (standing on right) and classmate show off their poster of Michael's Golden Rules.



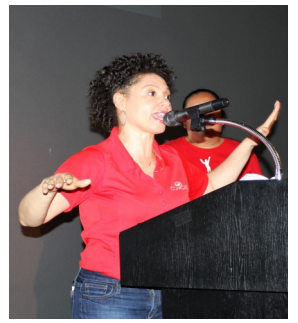
Programs Celebration & Literacy Festival

The Program Celebration Literacy Festival is dedicated to recognizing students from the A-Team Scholars, Read with Me! and S.T.E.A.M. programs. Parents from the Vision for Families program are also recognized. The event includes a delicious buffet lunch, free books, an interactive DJ and more. Families have an opportunity to “shop” the Literacy Festival bookstore and take home free, age-appropriate books to enjoy during the summer. Books are provided to families at no cost and encourage positive interaction between parents and children through a shared activity. The books also help families build home libraries so that they can continue to enjoy reading together at home.

Pictured Top Right: Herald “Chip” Johnson (Chief Officer – Family and Community Engagement in Education, CPS) speaks to students at end of year awards ceremony.



Pictured Middle Right: YaFawn Smith (Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager, Comcast Cable) inspires students to continue excelling in their studies.



Pictured Bottom Right: Jodeen Benjamin (JRJF Board President) and Rommy Mata (Teacher at Sherman School of Excellence and JRJF Liaison).

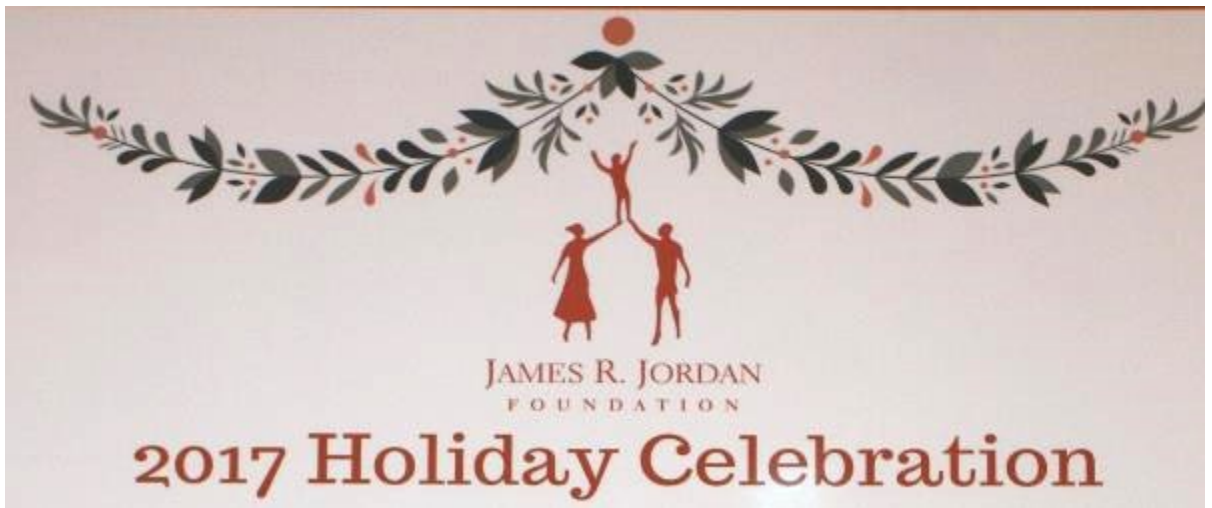


Pictured Below (left to right): Students and staff from R. Nathaniel Dett, Jordan Community School, William H. Brown and Sherman School of Excellence pose for photo op with Chip Johnson, Jodeen Benjamin and Beverly Smith.

Pictured Right Page: Upon arrival and after receiving awards, students enjoy mask-making, picking out books, face painting, games with the interactive DJ, video games and interacting with zoo animals (snake, llama and rooster). Students lined up for lunch and after taking a group photo were ready to board their buses and head back to their respective schools.







Each year, JRJF brings students from the partner schools together for a Holiday Celebration. The celebration is an opportunity to provide students with a “Winter Wonderland,” complete with holiday decorations. Students receive gifts provided by JRJF partners and sponsors, and are treated to a warm holiday meal with all the trimmings. They also get to enjoy an abundance of holiday themed activities. Hosted at the Palmer House– A Hilton Hotel, this event spread holiday cheer to over 1500 students in 2017. For many students this may be their only holiday meal and gift. JRJF is grateful for the sponsors and volunteers who support this memorable event.









2017 Holiday Event Volunteers



“Bags for Kids” Cornhole Tournament

The “Bags for Kids” Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser is an annual event that helps raise funds to support JRJF’s Family Space Camp and Holiday Celebration initiatives. It is an opportunity for individuals and companies to show their support of JRJF’s mission. Players and spectators join in on the excitement to see who comes in first place. The event also boasts an incredible silent auction and raffle. The inaugural event was held on November 14th at the Palmer House with special guest Jim Rose, ABC 7 Sports Anchor.

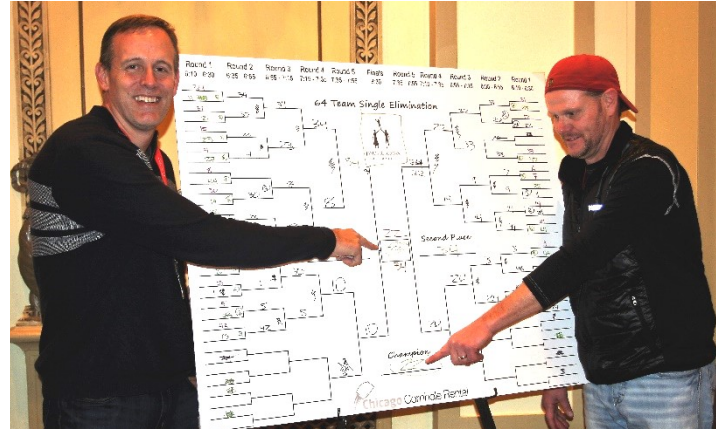
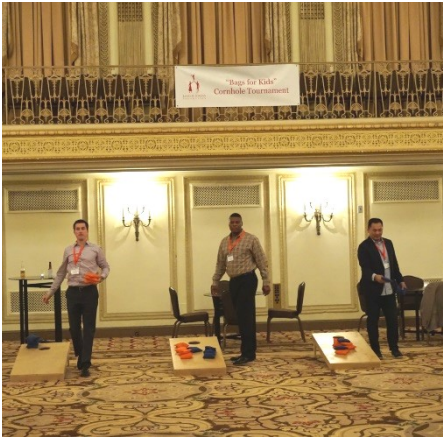






Pictured Left: Roger Veome (JRJF Board Member and Event Chair) welcomes participants and guests to the “Bags for Kids” tournament. **Pictured Below:** Mrs. Jordan poses with Jim Rose and his wife, corporate sponsors and JRJF students. Students and parent take a shot at hitting the target. Select students participated in the event by sharing their experience in the JRJF programs with attendees. **Pictured Right:** Tournament participants compete for the number one spot. First place winners, Jeff Lee and Patrick Meyer highlight their position on the scoreboard. Second place tournament and silent auction winners pose with trophies and prizes.







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June 21, 2018

Dear Board of Directors,

Sherman School of Excellence has the pleasure of partnering with the James R. Jordan Foundation at all levels of our school community. The James R. Jordan Foundation has provided opportunities for students to extend their learning with opportunities that would not be possible without their partnership. The James R. Jordan Foundation has provided programs such as A-Team, Read With Me!, S.T.E.A.M. to our scholars from the primary grade to the middle school level. These programs have become an instrumental part in connecting our value of college and career readiness.

Sherman students have come to understand the value of striving for excellence and being academically engaged through the programs provided. The A-Team program communicates the importance of hard work and academic excellence, as it celebrates student's academic success throughout the year. The S.T.E.A.M. program has given students access to the careers and disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math that are beyond that of the classroom. Students were able to work with Raspberry Pis, dissect animals and learn skills that they are able to apply within the 21st century. The James R. Jordan Foundation was able to send our student Tomarion Johns and his mother, Ruth Hill to attend the Family Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama at the U.S. Space Camp and Rocket Center. There, Tomarion and his mother were able to participate in space simulations, requiring team work and problem solving skills, which can be applied to academic and professional settings. James R. Jordan Foundation has even expanded their S.T.E.A.M. resources to those students who may not be able to attend Saturday S.T.E.A.M. courses by bringing AT&T to the classroom, extending the career and technology education to as many Sherman students as possible. In continuing to prepare Sherman School of Excellence students with career readiness skills, the Read With Me program provides additional reading intervention to our 2nd and 3rd grade.

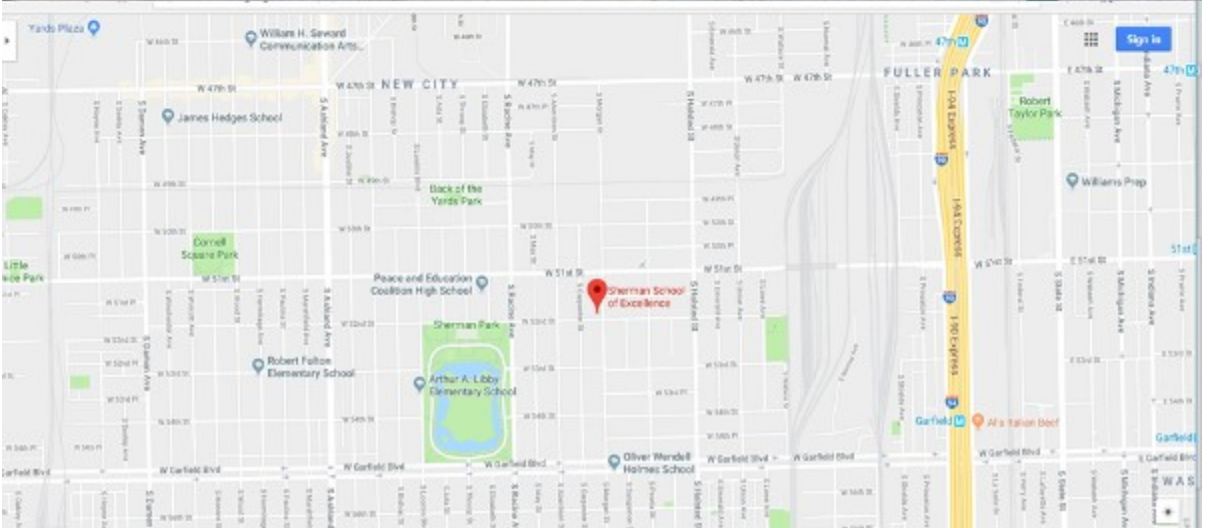
The Vision for Families program provides monthly programming for the parents in the Sherman community, strengthening not only the parent relationships but the home and school relationship. Vision for Families addresses issues such as finance, health, and career readiness for our families. By providing workshops for our families, James R. Jordan allows our parents to continue their learning, becoming partners in their child's education. Our families look forward to the monthly workshops, truly enjoying the activities and information provided by the guests and members of the James R. Jordan Foundation.

Sherman School of Excellence and the community are thankful for the partnership that the James R. Jordan Foundation has provided and looks forward to its continuation in the future.

Sincerely,

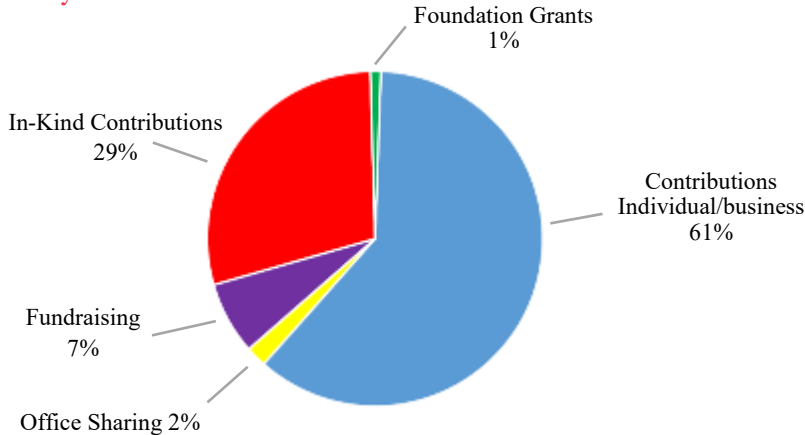
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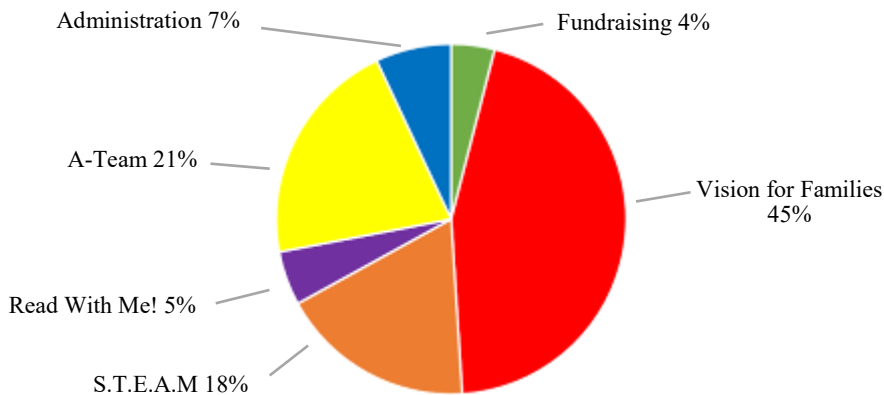


JRJF Financial Highlights

FY 2018 Revenue by Source



FY 2017 Functional Expense Breakdown by Program



Fiscal Year 2018 is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Strong Fiscal Management

It is essential that we continue to promote our standard of excellence, as well as maintain the strong relationships with our partners and the community by managing a transparent and fiscally responsible policy of financial accountability. To achieve and maintain fiscal stability, the Foundation’s goals and objectives serve as the blueprint for its financial management policies. All resources are effectively used in a fiscally responsible manner to ensure adequate funding for the services, programming and infrastructure necessary to meet the Foundation’s present and future needs. We are a 501(C)3 nonprofit charitable organization and we depend on the generous support of our partners and friends. We are grateful for your contributions.

Operating Resourcefully

Program Supplies

Using donated, reused or recycled supplies keeps cost low on program expenses.

Office Sharing and Occupancy

Sharing space with James R. Jordan Foundation International positively impacts the bottom line.

Administrative Costs

Effectively maintaining development and administrative costs at a minimum allows us to invest 93% of every dollar into programming for our students and families.

Fund Development

Relationships with new and existing partners allow us to support the needs of the programs and maintain strong fiscal accountability.



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
James Jordan Foundation
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of James Jordan Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of James Jordan Foundation as of June 30, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Rosalie J. Freidlin Ltd.

Rosalie J. Freidlin Ltd.
Oak Park, Illinois
September 13, 2018

Make a lasting investment...

Invest in a long-term partnership with the James R. Jordan Foundation to help youth and families at our partner schools take advantage of opportunities to learn and grow, improving their chances of success and contributions to their community, city and the global context as innovative leaders.

- ⇒ **Recognize contributions** others have made to your life by investing in a life.
- ⇒ **Create a lasting legacy** through a long-term partnership and giving plan and get a priceless return on your investment.
- ⇒ **Double your impact** through an employer-sponsored matching gift program and volunteerism.
- ⇒ **Give** gifts of appreciated stock or securities. **Benefit** from a significant income tax deduction.
- ⇒ **Partner for impact and visibility** through Corporate Sponsorships and individual giving. Endow A-Team Scholars, host Vision for Families events, or support S.T.E.A.M. education. In-kind contributions are welcomed.
- ⇒ **Volunteer or Mentor**, giving of your time, your talent and yourself to inspire and empower students and their families.



Janell, from the Sherman School of Excellence, is an A-Team Scholar and S.T.E.A.M. participant. She spent her summer at JRJF's Summer session, including a week at GenCyber Camp. There she learned about Cybersecurity, correct and safe on-line behavior and how to be a good digital citizen

INVEST TODAY!

Partner Schools and Communities

Serving students and families in underserved communities and schools

- ⇒ **William H. Brown Elementary School** (*Westhaven*)
- ⇒ **R. Nathaniel Dett Elementary School** (*Westhaven*)
- ⇒ **Sherman School of Excellence** (*Englewood*)
- ⇒ **Jordan Elementary Community School** (*Rogers Park*)



For more information about our organization and how you can partner with us visit www.jamesjordanfoundation.com or contact us at by phone at 312-751-9696

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2018 JRJF Volunteers

A-Team Hour (Mentoring)

*Dr. James A. Hill
Isidora Blando
Marie Malele
Paula Alcavarez
Valerie Ayala
Angel Romano
Jane Burnett
Akrystaire Jackson
Paris Holden
Briyanna Nichols
Jeane Njembi
Eric MiSynajie
Travion Taylor
Brandon Dixon
Timi Akindele
Deannndrea Kelley
Diamond Stacey
Eleshia Simmus Harris
Jean Ndjenbi*

Program Celebration Literacy Festival

*PNC
Nike
Moody Bible Institute
Alex .Brown
Superior Staffing
UIC CHANCE Program
Microsoft
The Network (AT&T)*

S.T.E.A.M. Pop ups

*Microsoft
The Network (AT&T)
IBM Cyberday4girls*

“Bags for Kids”

*Capital One
InterContinental Hotel
Lighthouse Partners
Chelsea Baer
Adrian Busso
Samantha Busso
Andrea Byrd
Chris Cast
Keith Cast
Freeman Fulviley
Geno Howard
Janice Howard
Kenneth Jones
Jean-rive Ndjembi
Harold Shepard
Diamond Stacy
Laura Tarnow
Nina Vale
Dann Veome
Bob Veome*

Holiday Celebration Packing Party

*National Black MBA Association
Michael Jordan Steakhouse
InterContinental Hotel
Capital One
CBRE
Alex. Brown
Nike
Superior Staffing
AMTA
Accenture
UIC CHANCE Program
RackSpace
YRC Freight
AT&T
Amazon Salon*

Holiday Celebration

*PNC
Microsoft
The Network (AT&T)
Northern Trust
K-love
NextTier
Lighthouse
Krystal White
Morgan Cooper
National Black MBA Association*

Pictured above: (top row, left to right) Volunteers welcome guests to the “Bags for Kids” Tournament; laying out gifts at the Holiday Celebration; a volunteer from PNC paints students’ faces at the Program Celebration. (bottom row, left to right) A volunteer provides mentoring at A-Team Hour; Microsoft volunteers pose with students at a S.T.E.A.M. pop-up session



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