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FAMILY CENTERED EDUCATIONAL AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT



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A Message From our CEO

Jonathan McKenzie

Dr. Jonathan McKenzie is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Family Centered Educational Agency. He has successfully guided the organization to a \$1.9 million budget.

Welcome to the Family Centered Educational Agency, (FCEA)

For more than 20 years, FCEA has served as a trusted non-profit educational organization to families seeking educational and financial literacy assistance. It's been wonderful watching this organization grow and mature. While this is only a small sampling of all the great things we have to offer at FCEA, I believe it will acquaint you with who we are as an organization and as a partner within the communities we serve.

Family Centered Educational Agency is honored to work with an extensive team of educators, counselors, business leaders, and social workers providing access to some of the area's most highly qualified and compassionate experts. We are also proud of our employees, who continue to be critical to our success.

The compassionate men and women of FCEA dedicate their lives to providing the very best assistance possible to our clients, our friends, and our neighbors. They are the reason why others consistently seek our services and advice.

As we look toward the future, we are looking for new ways to give back to the community. As a non-profit organization, we are investing in socially progressive projects, such as job-training, financial literacy training, grant development, and community development. Additionally, we will continue to offer our other outreach programs in our own local community. We are always adjusting and improving these offerings based on what our community members want and need.

The history of FCEA has been full of wonderful and exciting changes, but I am looking forward to the next part of the journey for FCEA and seeing what the future will bring. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding FCEA's efforts, I would love to hear them.

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Company Structure

Hierarchy

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TRIO PROJECTS

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Upward Bound Director

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Development

Project Coordinator

Project Coordinator

Production Assistants



Reception

Maintenance

Outreach Specialists

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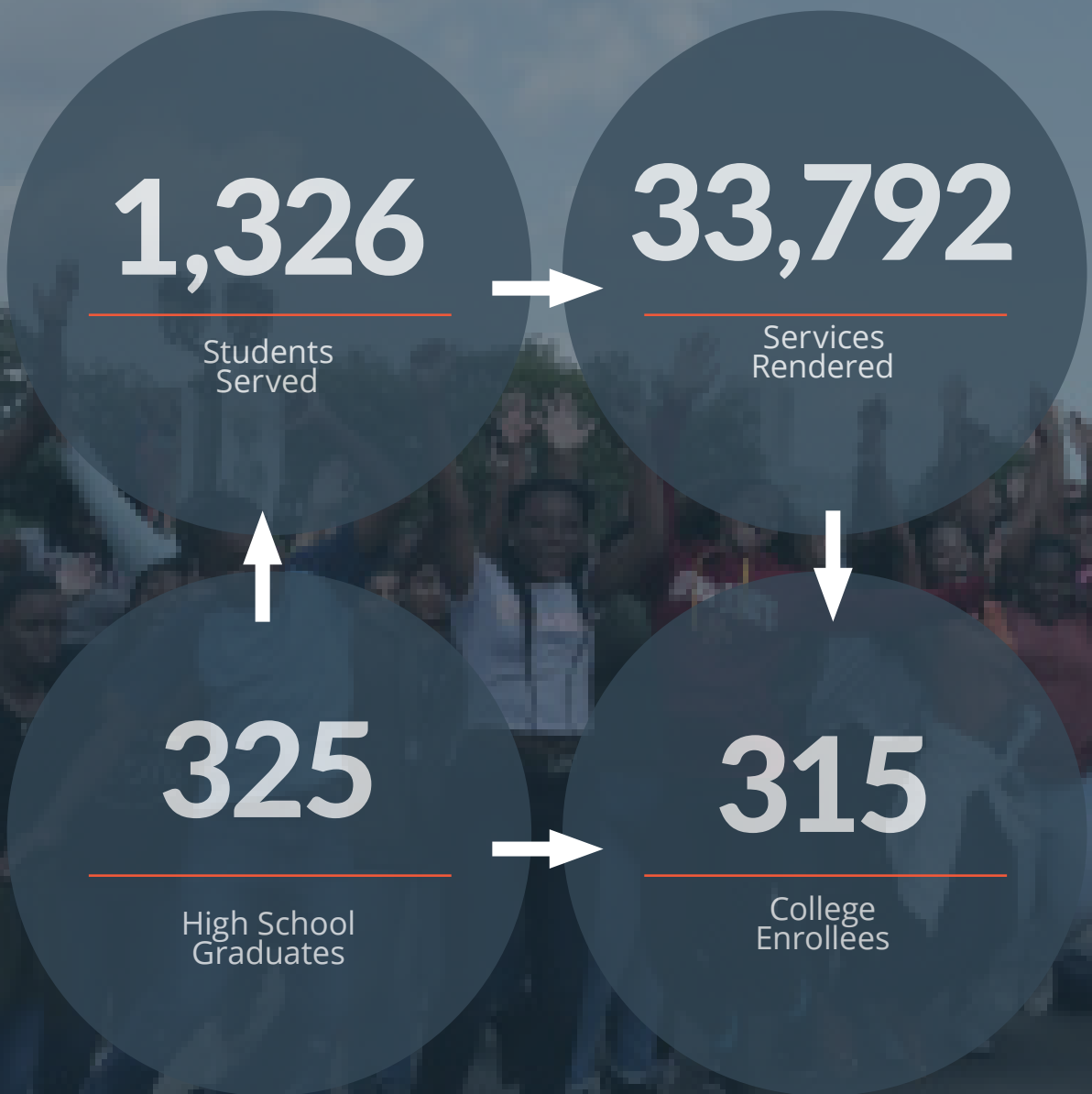


Office Aides

Teachers and Tutors



2017-2018 In Review



FEMALE TO MALE STUDENT RATIO

61% FEMALE
39% MALE



15 COLLEGE VISITS

Temple University
Northern Illinois University
Villanueva University
Southern Illinois University
Rutgers University

DePaul University
Vanderbilt University
Fisk University
Tennessee State University
Jackson State University

Hinds Community College
Northwestern University
University of Chicago
University of Pennsylvania

19,740

TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED
SINCE 1988

5,063

COLLEGE GRADUATES
SINCE 1998



11,252

STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES SINCE 1998

86

\$500 BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED TO FCEA STUDENTS



ROCK THE WOOD

Rock The Wood is an annual event held in the neighborhood of West Englewood partnered with Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. It is to help create awareness of the new resource for the community, which is the church and FCEA. Students are involved in educational workshops and service learning.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The girls in Upward Bound are engaged in workshops and receives messages from guest speakers to uplift, inspire and encourage the girls to be the best version of themselves.



WINTER CONFERENCE

Students are engaged in workshops that encourages team building as well as college readiness exercises. Guest speakers talk at the conference and gives information the students can apply to their lives.

JOBS ON THE BLOCK

Jobs on the block is a job fair held in West Englewood. It provides the community a chance to speak to diferrent employers and recruiters to become potential employees.



Malachi Wright

Thornton High School
Class of 2020



Malachi Wright is a junior at Thornton High School with a 4.1 GPA. He's also ranked 16th in his graduation class and participates in speech and drama as his extracurricular activities. He is a smart student, but he's also an exceptional digital artist. Celebrities like Will Smith, Cedric The Entertainer, Steve Harvey and countless others are taking notice and reposting his art. With his social media receiving massive attention, Malachi states that he manages his time well in order to complete school work and have time to create. He says Upward Bound has helped him with his exploration of schools and has been inspired by conversations in the program. For artistic students coming up under him, Malachi says, "Stay inspired, if you can do that, you can do anything. Continue to work hard because hard work leads to success."



INSTAGRAM: @THE_WRIGHT_ARTIST



Darwin Perry

TRiO Alum

Darwin Perry is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University. He earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in African American Studies and is currently attending Duke University in the Fall of 2018 to get his Master's Degree in Divinity. As a former student in the Family Centered Educational Agency, Darwin believes that FCEA exposed him to a new experience. Darwin says, "Upward Bound gave me a new experience that helped shape the expectations of myself, my career, and what I want to do in life."



DARWIN AND HIS FELLOW TRiO ALUMNI IN AMSTERDAM BACK IN 2012.



D'Andre Walker

TRiO Alum

D'Andre Walker was a student in Upward Bound from 2010-2014. A recent graduate from University of Illinois at Chicago, D'Andre is currently pursuing his Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree at Northwestern. D'Andre believes that FCEA exposed him to different universities. He says, "Upward Bound gave me the exposure to universities and by the time I had to apply for schools, I wasn't lost in the process. They showed me how to look at schools and if they were right for me, how to look for financial aid."

Adetoye Samuel

TRiO Alum

Adetoye Samuel was a student in Upward Bound from 2012-2014. A recent graduate from Columbia College Chicago, Adetoye received his Bachelor's in Traditional Animation. He saved \$64,108 in tuition by going to South Suburban Community college for his first two years before transferring to his four-year school.



Taylor Reese

TRiO Alum

Taylor Reese joined Upward Bound program during her sophomore year of high school in 2011. She graduated from Southern Illinois University where she became the TRiO Achievers' President. Taylor states that FCEA gave her the opportunity to always have an understanding of financial literacy and showed how college can truly be obtainable. One advice she gives to upcoming Upward Bound students is to always stay active in your community and educate yourself outside of the classroom.



NEW AND WHATS TO COME: CORPUS CHRISTI

To expand our services, we have opened an office in Corpus Christi, Texas. Doing so, we now provide an Upward Bound program to their community.





NEW FACILITY & DAYCARE

In the near future, we are slated for an expansion and a total remodel to our current office in South Holland, Illinois. The remodel includes additional office space, parking lots, and the new addition of a daycare, providing more services to parents and their children.





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