

The Institute for Responsible Citizenship



Youth Scholar Academy



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In 2009, the Institute for Responsible Citizenship launched the Youth Scholar Academy. This program leverages our Washington program by having exceptional minority male college students prepare outstanding high school students to enter college and thrive. During the first summer, three college students who are interested in youth leadership and education participated in the Institute's core program and interned at youth serving organizations. In 2010, these scholars returned to manage the program for high potential male high school students.

YSA is directed by Elijah Heyward, III, a member of the Institute's inaugural class and a graduate of Hampton University and Yale Divinity School. At Hampton, Heyward was a member of the W. E. B. Du Bois Honor Society and participated in the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute. In New Haven, he represented the Divinity School on the Yale College Council. Most notably, he was awarded the prestigious Yale President's Public Service Fellowship. This award gave him the opportunity to establish a program that was based on an experience he had during his summers in the Institute. He worked with a group of minority male eighth graders in the New Haven public school district. The program cultivated a sense of purpose and confidence within the students through educational enrichment activities, cultural awareness, and mentorship by talented minority men. During the summer, the boys were invited to visit Washington, DC to participate in a four-day program that was designed collaboratively with Institute scholars. In Washington, the boys participated in workshops, visited their senator and congressional representative, toured college campuses, and visited museums and cultural attractions. Most importantly, they spent the entire visit with Institute scholars who inspired them to stay in school, work hard, achieve academic success, and pursue their dreams. This experience is the model on which the Institute built YSA, The Institute's effort to serve the next wave of potential leaders.



The visit by 19 high school boys from the Kauffman Scholars program's Males to Men initiative represented the Institute's first full-scale YSA offering. During the eight-day period of July 10-18, 2010, the Kauffman Scholars experienced the best that Washington, DC has to offer. They lived in a residence hall and ate at the dining hall on the campus of American University, tasting collegiate life first hand. They participated in academic sessions led by Institute alumni and scholars. They toured national landmarks such as the United States Capitol and Smithsonian Institution museums. They also visited area colleges and learned about the admissions process. Each evening featured specialized sessions on personal and professional development. Every activity was facilitated by Institute scholars and was aimed at further preparing Kauffman Scholars to thrive in high school, college, and beyond.

The visit is chronicled on the following pages.



Kauffman Scholars arrive in Washington, DC

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Today, nineteen high school boys from Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri landed at Washington's Reagan National Airport to begin a week-long program organized by scholars of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship.



The Institute is an intensive two-summer experience for the country's best and brightest African American male college students. The Kauffman scholars are high-potential students who participate in after school programs and other academic support programs offered by Kauffman Scholars, Inc. (KSI), an initiative sponsored by the Ewing Marrison Kauffman Foundation.

The group was chaperoned by KSI staff members William Dowdell and Duane Joseph and were greeted at the airport by William Keyes, the Institute's president; Elijah Heyward, director of the Youth Scholar Academy; and two Institute scholars, D'Leon Barnett and Derek Porter, who were tasked with coordinating the week's program. After retrieving their luggage, the Kauffman scholars traveled to American University. They were welcomed by twenty-two Institute scholars. For the next eight days, the young men from Kansas City will participate in a series of American history classes led by Institute scholars, visit influential leaders and institutions in Washington, and participate in numerous activities that are designed to help them succeed in high school, college, and beyond.

Institute Scholars welcome Kauffman Scholars

Saturday, July 10, 2010

After the Kauffman scholars unpacked their luggage, the Institute's scholars hosted an informal social for them. Over pizza, the college scholars and the Kauffman



Scholars and Institute Scholars introduced themselves to one another. Afterward, the Institute

scholars led a tour of American University and led the Kauffman scholars in a series of teambuilding activities.

Kauffman Scholars tour the National Mall

Saturday, July 10, 2010

After dinner, two Institute scholars led a walking tour of the National Mall. The tour began in Lafayette Park,



across the street from the White House, and ended at the Capitol. The

young men visited some of America's greatest historical treasures. In addition to the White House and the Capitol, they visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the National World War II Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the Smithsonian Museums.

Kauffman Scholars attend orientation

Sunday, July 11, 2010

This morning, the Kauffman scholars attended an orientation session at which they learned about the activities that they will participate in throughout the week. They met the Institute alumni and scholars who will serve as instructors for the academic sessions. Robert Bland, a PhD candidate in History at the University of Maryland, taught for two years as a part of the Mississippi Teaching Fellowship after graduating with

honors from Williams College. Stefan Lallinger, deferred medical school at Brown University



to teach in New Orleans through Teach for America. This fall, Charles Lee will begin his senior year at Duke University. A. T. McWilliams is a junior at Yale University. In addition to describing the content of their sessions, the instructors talked with the Kauffman scholars about how to achieve academic success in the classroom.

Afterward, the Kauffman scholars watched a documentary produced by another Institute scholar, Rodney Walker, who is a junior at Morehouse College. The documentary discussed his life story and how he overcame some of his life's challenges. Rodney's film project is being funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rodney also led a discussion about decision-making and personal responsibility.

Kauffman Scholars visit Nationals Park

Sunday, July 11, 2010

On Sunday afternoon, the Kauffman scholars traveled to National's Park to watch the home team play an



afternoon game against the San Francisco Giants. Though it was a very hot day, the

scholars enjoyed the ambience of the Nationals' new stadium. They were also treated to complimentary Nationals backpacks.

The scholars' route back to American University took them along Embassy Row, a section of Massachusetts Avenue that is home to many foreign embassies. The scholars were challenged to a game in which they were required to identify as many of the embassies as they could based on flags and signage.

Kauffman Scholars develop team projects

Sunday, July 11, 2010

After dinner, three Institute scholars led a discussion on the challenges that youth face in Kansas City. Once the students identified the issues that they believed to be most critical in their communities, they were asked to develop a program to address these issues. Some of the main challenges that the students identified were teen violence, inadequate housing, and a lack of mentoring. Throughout the week, the Kauffman scholars will spend time developing the programs and preparing presentations for the Institute scholars and Dr. Carl Schramm, president of the Kauffman Foundation.

Scholars enjoy game night

Sunday, July 11, 2010

This evening, the Kauffman scholars enjoyed playing basketball, football, cards, table tennis, and pool with the Institute scholars.



After the students returned from their activities, Institute scholar

Charles Lee led the scholars through a critical reflection of the day's activities. Each night, an Institute scholar or staff member will lead these conversations to help the Kauffman scholars think about their time in Washington and consider how they can use their experience to become good citizens.

Kauffman Scholars attend first academic session

Monday, July 12, 2010

On Monday morning, the Kauffman scholars attended their first academic session. Kevin James, a senior at Saint John's University, led a class on America's founding.

He discussed the conditions in England that led to the colonists' desire to fight for independence. He discussed the war and also engaged the scholars in discussions on the challenges that the early colonists faced as an independent nation.



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Scholars hear admissions presentations

Monday, July 12, 2010

After class, the Kauffman scholars attended a session in which a representative of American University discussed the admissions process and the importance of high academic achievement, high SAT scores and community service in the admissions process. The scholars also heard from Larry Thomas, director of the Frederick Douglass Scholars Program, American University's premier scholarship for first year students.



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Lesson on the founding comes to life at Mount Vernon

Monday, July 12, 2010

Following a stimulating class on the Revolution and the founding of our country the Kauffman Scholars travelled to Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington.

While at Mount Vernon, the group toured the expansive grounds and mansion. They also visited Mount Vernon's museum, which featured 500 objects in six permanent galleries, and viewed an interactive movie that highlighted the important events that led to the American Revolution.



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Brother Bob Smith, President of Messmer Catholic Schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin joined the group for the tour

and offered words of wisdom while the scholars were at the slave memorial.

Kauffman Scholars observe college seminar Monday, July 12, 2010

For the eighth summer, Professor William B. Allen, Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University, has taught the Institute's Lynde and Harry Bradley course on Constitutional Principles. This evening, the Kauffman scholars had an opportunity to observe the interaction between Allen and the Institute



scholars. In addition to being an excellent lecturer, Allen is a prolific writer on George Washington and America's founding. During this class, he discussed the fundamental principles on which our country was founded, including the role George Washington played in rescuing our country from an oppressive government and applying the principles of limited powers and personal virtue as founding principles for the new nation. This discussion was especially relevant to the classes that the Kauffman scholars are taking this week.

Scholars attend academic session on the Civil War Tuesday, July 13, 2010

On Tuesday morning, the Kauffman scholars attended Robert Bland's class on the Civil War. Bland focused the



role that slavery played in dividing the Union, the economic impact of the Civil war on our country, and the social and political turmoil that existed in

territories surrounding the United States. Toward the end of the session, the scholars made presentations on the topics that they learned in class.

I4RC Alum Robert Bland leads tour of Lincoln exhibit Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Scholars visited the Smithsonian National Museum of American History after an engaging lesson taught by Robert Bland, an Institute alumnus and PhD candidate in History at the University of Maryland. The group toured the museum's many exhibits, but the highlight of the visit was Bland's guided tour of the Abraham Lincoln exhibit. Bland began by offering remarks that tied the exhibit to this morning's lesson on the Civil War. The students were then invited to tour the museum at their own pace while Bland remained on hand to answer questions and challenge the young men to gain deeper insight from the experience.

Scholars view founding documents Tuesday, July 13, 2010

After visiting the Museum of American History, the Kauffman scholars had the unique opportunity to view America's founding documents in the National Archives. They saw original drafts of the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and the Articles of Confederation.

Kauffman Scholars visit Air and Space Museum and NASA

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

The Kauffman Scholars began their third academic session at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

The visit was a backdrop to today's lesson on the Industrial Revolution, which highlighted



the contributions of industry to our nation. Scholars interacted with exhibits about the Wright Brothers and the advent of the Aerial Age, World War II aviation, Milestones in Flight, and Human Space Flight.

Following their visit to the Air and Space Museum, the scholars had the distinct privilege of meeting the Administrator of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, Charles F. Bolden Jr. Bolden is a retired Marine Corps Major General and space shuttle astronaut. He is also the first African American to lead the nation's space agency.

Bolden captivated the young men with the story of his life's journey. He shared information about how his



initial interest in aviation led him to enroll at the United States Naval Academy and become a Marine aviator and test pilot. He also

discussed NASA's mission and encouraged the young men to work hard to achieve their dreams. After the session with Bolden, the young men were treated to a tour of NASA's library.

Georgetown University hosts Kauffman Scholars

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Founded the same year that the U.S. Constitution took effect, Georgetown University is the nation's oldest Catholic university. This afternoon, the scholars toured the campus and visited the university's main library, academic buildings, campus housing facilities, and student center. They also spoke with members of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions staff. The tour provided great exposure to one of Washington DC's premier institutions of higher learning.

Scholars learn about the U.S. Government

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Charles Lee (Duke '11) and Timothy Walker (Fisk '12) led this morning's academic session on the U.S. Government.



They described the three branches of our federal government and paid special attention to the balance of powers.

Following the class, the scholars traveled to Capitol Hill, where they met Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, who represents Missouri's fifth district. The visit began in Congressman Cleaver's office in the Longworth House



Office Building.

Cleaver then took photos with the group on the South steps of the Capitol and provided a history lesson about

the capitol building and the surrounding neighborhood. Next, the Congressman led the group on a private tour of the Capitol. The Capitol Building houses the

chambers for the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate. He also discussed the factors that contributed to his success and encouraged the young men to value educational opportunities such as those that were being provided to them through the Kauffman Scholars program.

From the Capitol, the scholars walked to the front steps of the U. S. Supreme Court. During the course of the week, the group visited landmarks representing each branch of government. Saturday's mall walk began with a brief lecture about the White House in Lafayette Park; today they toured the Capitol and culminated the lesson on U.S. government on the Supreme Court's historic steps.

Dr. Carl Schramm visits Thursday, July 15, 2010

This evening, Dr. Carl Schramm, President and CEO of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, engaged Institute for Responsible Citizenship scholars in a stimulating discussion about innovation, entrepreneurship, education, and a wide range of other subjects. The first question to Schramm was a request



for a description of his path to success. Schramm told the scholars about critical decisions he made during his life and discussed his

leadership role at the world's premier organization dedicated to how entrepreneurship fuels economic expansion. The scholars read his book, *The Entrepreneurial Imperative*, prior to his visit.

Both cohorts of scholars learned about Ewing Marion Kauffman's vision for the foundation and how Schramm and his team are working to sustain that vision.

Following the vigorous exchange between Schramm and the Institute scholars, the Kauffman Scholars were invited to present group projects that they had been working on throughout the week. Anthony Masso,

Chairman of the Board of the Kauffman Scholars program and President of Consortium Health Plans was also in attendance to witness the presentations.

Kauffman Scholars learn about the Civil Rights Movement

Friday, July 16, 2010

Albert T. McWilliams (Yale '12) provided a contemporary lens for the lesson on America's founding and the Constitution through his lecture on the Civil Rights Movement.



The role of the Constitution

and the Declaration of Independence were used as a backdrop for the lesson. The Kauffman Scholars also learned about how the entrepreneurial spirit was engaged by civil rights leaders such as A. Philip Randolph, John Lewis, and Martin Luther King Jr. At the end of the lesson, scholars were invited to give speeches about how the movement offers a framework for the pursuit of their dreams and goals.

Kauffman Scholars visit Howard University

Friday, July 16, 2010



This morning, scholars visited Howard University. During a session with admissions officers, they learned about the university's rich history and current academic programs. During a tour, they also had the opportunity to speak to current students about their experiences. Howard students pursue studies in more than

120 academic areas.

Scholars have lunch at the historic Ben's Chili Bowl

Friday, July 16, 2010

After touring Howard University, the group convened for lunch at Ben's Chili Bowl. The lunch menu featured Ben's world famous half smokes and fries. During the visit, the group learned about the history of the popular restaurant, made famous by Bill Cosby and other notable guests such as President Barack Obama. They also met Virginia Ali, who started the restaurant with her husband, Ben Ali, in 1959. As the scholars were departing, they met Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, president of Howard University, who was arriving for a late lunch.



Kauffman Scholars visit the Newseum

Friday, July 16, 2010

This afternoon, the group visited the Newseum, where they learned about the history of journalism. The visit started with a 4-D video experience that chronicled advances in news and reporting. Among the highlights of the visit were an exhibit on Elvis Presley, a permanent exhibit on the September 11 terrorist attacks, and an interactive newsroom where the students had the opportunity to play the role of a reporter. The group also viewed newspaper front pages from the fifty states and countries around the world.



Institute Scholars host college panel

Saturday, July 17, 2010

This morning, the Institute's college scholars hosted a panel on the college experience. Serrano Legrand (Northeastern '11) moderated the panel, which featured Kevin James (St. Johns '11), Donald Depass (Duke '11), Rodney Walker (Morehouse '12), David Telfort (Occidental '12), and Marcus Phelps (Akron '11).



The first portion of the discussion was focused on the college admissions process. Then, the Kauffman scholars were divided into small groups and encouraged to ask questions about any topic regarding the college experience.

Scholars fellowship at Dave and Buster's

Saturday, July 17, 2010

To celebrate the end of the Youth Scholar Academy, Institute for Responsible Citizenship staff and scholars joined the Kauffman Scholars for dinner and games at Dave & Buster's Restaurant and Arcade. The evening presented a great opportunity to informally reflect on the week. After dinner, the scholars entered the expansive game room for two hours of fun and prizes.



Kauffman Scholars complete Youth Scholar Academy

Sunday, July 18, 2010

The closing ceremony was held this morning to mark the official end of the Institute's Youth Scholar Academy. Elijah Heyward, III, the Institute's Youth Scholar Academy director offered remarks and invited



Jordan C. Wall, (Davidson '10, Harvard Law '13) to speak on behalf of the Institute scholars. Derek Porter (St. Thomas '10) and D'Leon Barnett (George

Mason University '11) presented each participant a certificate of completion and a special gift from the program's leaders. William Keyes, president of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship, closed the session with a spirited exhortation for the Kauffman Scholars to work hard in school and seek clarity on the roles they can plan in making life better for their relatives, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens.



Dr. Carl Schramm poses with Kauffman Scholars following their presentations.

L-R: Damion Watson, Alex Marron, Omar Carrillo, Schramm, Chance Hinds, and Al De La Rosa



KSI chairman and staff following Schramm's engagement with Institute for Responsible Citizenship Scholars.

L-R: Anthony R. Masso, Chairman of the Board, Kauffman Scholars, Inc.; Duane A. Joseph, Academic Coach; and William Dowdell, Life Coach



Institute staff after departure of KSI scholars from Reagan National Airport.

L-R: John Saunders '05, Chief Program Officer; Derek Porter '10; William Keyes, President; D'Leon Barnett '10; Elijah Heyward '04, Director, Youth Scholar Academy