

100Way

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BLACK MEN
OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, INC.



Donated and Purchased Gifts Were Distributed at our Holiday Party

Project SOAR

Mentees Get Paid \$\$\$ for Good Grades

This is the 2nd year we have been awarded a grant from Coca-Cola to implement Project SOAR (Student Opportunities, Access and Readiness). Project SOAR expands The 100's Success Academy via the Virtual Mentee Curriculum, leveraging technology for virtual training, and compensating Mentees for good grades. Our goal is to help our Mentees achieve successful grade-level advancement, on-time graduation, and realize their educational, personal and professional goals. Last year the average GPA of our Mentees in SOAR increased from 2.9 to 3.1 within only two marking periods. Three of our Mentees (Cameron Rogers, Brandon Craddock, and Mikayla Hammond) received \$250 bonuses for excelling with straight "A" perfect 4.0 GPA grade reports.



The 100Way

What They
See Is What
They'll Be



We teach Mentees such
as Jayvyn to fish so they
can eat for a life time

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PARENTS MATTER

My foundation as a single Black mother embraces purposeful parenting for my son, Jayvyn Wood. I am a devoted Mother raising a 16 years old Black adolescent. Therefore, I teach him the core values of being respectful, integrity, and perseverance. As Marita Golden states in her book, *Saving Our Sons*, "What do we have to give our children now?" As a Mother it is important for me to teach my son the path of Black men from his history to the present. It is an essential component for Jayvyn to understand his self worth as a Black man who encounters adversities; however, with leadership and individuality he prevails.

~Kanell Johnson, Mother

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

It truly does take a village to **MENTOR** a child. Thank you for being a part of our 100 Village and believing in our vision.

Boys Read Club

100 Black Men of Prince George's County is committed to supporting and promoting a holistic full spectrum growth of our Mentees.

In today's internet, social media and other electronic-based environments, communication through reading is a required skill that is necessary for achieving success. Research has consistently demonstrated that reading proficiency is a critical factor in achievement.

Steve Sanfield's 'A Natural Man', PBS, February 2016 stated that only 14% of Black eighth graders score at or above proficiency. The 100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc. determined that this is unacceptable. The 100 Black Men has collaborated and partnered with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System in an effort to improve literacy rates for our youths while fostering in them, a passion for reading.

The Boys Read Club, which is part of the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County Inc., is the focus of this effort. The Boys Read Club helps young men ages five to fifteen years old, improve their reading, comprehension, diction and verbal communication skills. Mentees learn to express personal ideas while remaining open to the ideas of others. The Boys Read Club also enables Mentees to practice skills that will help improve their quality of life.

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Hands on Banking

The Wells Fargo Hands on Banking Program forges relationships with youth ages 11-18 in order to help them become people of character with strong values. The program endeavors to guide youth in establishing and attaining their goals through hard work and commitment. The "100" encourages young people to be leaders and Mentors in their own communities, placing special emphasis on the importance of service to others.

**WELLS
FARGO**

Students have been participating in this bi-weekly Hands on Banking course with a specific focus on teaching economic empowerment.

1. Increase their understanding of financial literacy and learn key banking terms
2. Understand the importance of making good financial choices such as establishing a budget and learn the importance of saving money
3. Learn about the US Banking System and its importance in our economy
4. Have open discussions about Banking, Entrepreneurship, and Credit
5. Interact with those in the fields of Finance, Banking and Real Estate

Additionally, we introduced an Investment Challenge with a cash award to introduce the stock market to our Mentees. 100 Black Men Financial Management Experts facilitate stock market research, investment fundamentals, and the purchase and sale of stock via an online simulator.

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Saturday Leadership Academy

Saturday Leadership Academy (SLA) currently has 35 Mentees involved with 14 Mentors actively engaged in group Mentoring activities, for this school year every 1st and 3rd Saturday from October through May. Our final session and awards ceremony will take place 18 May 2019.

Mentees have been involved and engaged in a host of activities, events, field trips, tutoring sessions, etc. Many of the Mentors in our organization are leaders of other organizations on local, regional and national levels. These men serve as trailblazers and role models for the youth of today who will assume their positions tomorrow. Our Saturday Leadership Academy is the vehicle we use to empower the next generation of leaders.

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The President's Corner

The 100 Black Men of Prince George's County is a 100% volunteer organization. Our mission of Mentoring and empowering the next generation of leaders has recently been recognized by the Prince George's County chapter of The Links, Incorporated and the South County Economic Development Association, Inc. We have had unprecedented participation across all of our programs. We need your financial support and are always open to new partnerships to join the "100 Village" and become a critical part of our movement to uplift, inspire and empower the youth of Prince George's County through the Gift of Mentoring the 100Way.

Sincerely,

Emerick Peace, President





Mentor Spotlight

Dr. Algernon Corbett

Since becoming a new member in September 2018, Dr. Corbett has hit the ground running with full-time support of the 100Way Golf Program. He has also stepped forward to coordinate Project SOAR and co-coordinate our new Investment Challenge for Mentees. He has also rolled up his sleeves to support the administration and governance of 100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc. by leading our Finance Committee as the newly appointed Treasurer of the organization.



100 Four for the Future Pillars

Health & Wellness Pillar

We promote healthy bodies in our Mentees through our various programs such as 100Way Golf, 100Way Tennis, and various other sports and activities to keep our youth moving. It truly does take a village to MENTOR a child and help them develop healthy bodies and minds. Your support today will help ensure that we can continue providing the quality Mentoring programs that improve the health and wellness of our Mentees.

Education Pillar

Education is the key to opportunity and is embedded in the mission of our organization. We have embarked on the Academic Empowerment Series (AES) that gives our Mentees targeted presentations on developing academic skills and career exploration during our Saturday Leadership Academy. Our Mentees have taken advantage of professional tutoring services with an emphasis on the subjects of math and science. Our Boys Read Club meets weekly to teach the joy and benefit of reading to our Mentees.

Economic Empowerment Pillar

Economic empowerment is necessary to create a just society, for without empowerment there is no self-sufficiency. We promote and foster the ability of our Mentees and members to be self-determined in creating dreams, pursuing them and ultimately realizing those dreams and aspirations by establishing the mechanisms to sustain generational wealth. We work diligently to promote economic self-sufficiency and break the cycle of generational debt. It is our goal to leave a legacy of wealth-building which leads to debt-free living for our youth and community.

Mentoring Pillar

Mentoring is the cornerstone pillar of the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc. The social, cultural, emotional, and unique needs of youth, primarily African American males, are addressed through one-on-one, team and group Mentoring. Committed to our cause, our members serve as positive role models, advocates, and trusted advisors.

Mentee Spotlight

Vinceaun Minto (3.9 GPA)

19-year-old Visual Artist currently attends Bowie State University, majoring in Fine Arts with a concentration in Studio Art.



A Mentee's Reflection

As a Mentee, I have learned a lot and met many great people that I would never have had a chance to meet. Since joining in 2017, I have participated in many great programs including: 100 Pathways to Success, Project SOAR, and Dollars-and-Sense. I see myself as having substantial growth from someone who was not very passionate about owning a business or learning about business, to someone who wants to open a business at an early age. This would not have been possible without the many great Mentors, and Mentees of the 100 Black Men. From experience, meeting new people with similar interest has been a joy. Knowing that I can have my voice heard instead of silenced breaks me from my comfort zone. Since breaking out of my comfort zone, I have made more friends than enemies who have influenced me in life from the right and wrong. I hope to continue with the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County Mentoring Programs and hope to influence other teens and young adults to change their lives as much as it has changed mine.

Jaylen Smith, Mentee

Sponsor Spotlight



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It takes a village. Thank you Keller Williams Preferred Properties for your unwavering support of our 100 Village. Our Mentoring programs have benefited tremendously.

COLLEGIATE 100



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TODAY!

Upcoming Events

Community Brunch
(May 4, 2019)

Mentee Programs
Completion Ceremony
(May 18, 2019)

100 5K Walk/Run
(July 2019)

100Way Golf Event
(September 2019)

Holiday Party
(December 12, 2019)



100 Pathways to Success
2018 Shark Tank Competition

“LIFT AS WE CLIMB” 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BRUNCH

MAY 4TH, 2019 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT
THE HOTEL AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
7777 BALTIMORE AVENUE
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740



www.100bmgcbrunch2019.eventbrite.com

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National News

Join the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. as members and youth from across their global network convene in Las Vegas, NV for the 33rd Annual Conference 12-16 June 2019. Individuals and corporations who demonstrate leadership excellence will be recognized. A large group of Mentors from Prince George's County plan to attend.

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one Mentee at a time”