



# Orientation Night

2018-2019

## Meet the Scholar Team

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**Jazmin Acosta:** Scholar Coach

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***What exactly is a  
Carver Scholar?***

# Carver Scholar Criteria

## 9th-12th grade teens who...

- Are interested in trying and learning new things
- Want to be more involved and active in their community
- Have a desire to go to college or a form of higher education after high school
- Want to develop personal and professional skills for life



***What are the  
goals and  
objectives of the  
program?***

# Program Overview

**Mission:** to provide personalized and focused guidance, support, and exposure to information and opportunities in efforts to promote holistic skill development and growth.

**Goal:** to help our scholars develop the skills, habits, knowledge and mindset they will need to navigate life through high school and into future careers.

## **Minimum Requirements:**

- Bi-weekly meetings with Scholar Coach
- Participation in 1 Leadership Club
  - **Nia** (Young Women's Leadership Group)
  - **Unity** (Young Men's Leadership Group)
  - **Events & Fundraising Committee**
  - **Young Entrepreneurs**
- 30 hours of community service
- Attend 5 Enrichment Workshops and "All Scholars Meetings"

# Areas of Focus: *Scholar Program Pillars*

Our **4 Scholar Pillars** serve as the foundation of our programming. They represent the areas of focus for activities and workshops.

- I. **Personal Growth and Life Skills**
- II. **Academic Support and Career Preparation**
- III. **Leadership and Community Service**
- IV. **Enrichment and Awareness**

# Personal Growth and Life Skills

## Pillar Focus:

- Creating, monitoring and adjusting SMART goals
- **Developing a Growth Mindset and Positive Attitude**
- Opportunities for self-discovery
- **Support and strategies for troubleshooting challenges**
- Developing skills for life:
  - Effective Communication
  - Problem Solving
  - Critical Thinking
  - Budgeting and Managing Finances

## Sample Activities:

- One-to-one coaching sessions every other week
- Goal Setting Exercises
- Life Mapping
- Workshops on financial literacy, critical thinking, resume writing, interview skills, cooking and more!



# Academic Support and Career Preparation

## Pillar Focus:

- Help scholars maintain high performance in academic classes
- **Identifying a potential career and required steps for success**
- Strengthen writing, analytical, and critical thinking
- **Assistance with the college process, or personal process for desired career**

## Sample Activities:

- “Study Hall”- dedicated space for doing homework and projects, as well as access to materials
- Tutoring and homework help
- College Visits and Tours
- Exploring new careers and areas of interest by talking to current professionals

# Leadership and Community Service

## Pillar Focus:

- Empower teens to take the lead on organizing events and making change in the community
- Develop leadership skills- **i.e. creativity, organization, collaboration, project management, networking**

## Sample Community Service Activities:

- Annual Breast Cancer Walk
- Food Drive for Carver Pantry
- Grocery Deliveries for Senior Citizens

## Leadership Clubs:

- Nia (Girls Only)
- Unity (Boys Only)
- Future Business Leaders
- Events and Fundraising

# Leadership Clubs

**Nia:** This group is focused on the empowerment of young women to enable them to explore and identify their “purpose” within their families, community, and society as a whole. (**Focus:** skill building, self-exploration, and sisterhood)

**Unity:** Our young men’s group explores “manhood” from multiple angles and perspectives  
(**Focus:** Self-advocacy, self-awareness, community engagement)

**Future Business Leaders (Entrepreneurship Club):** Establish and operate *Carver Customs*: a personal customization service for the community.

**Events and Fundraising:** Organize and promote events for teens and the community.  
**Sample Events:** Annual Haunted House, Tween Nights

# Enrichment and Cultural Awareness

## Pillar Focus:

- Develop a deeper understanding of aspects of American culture, as well as other cultures around the world
- **Exposure to information and experiences that show connections, new thinking or elevation of current thinking**
- Provide experiences and connections to the real-world

## Sample Activities:

- Trips to Museums and NYC
- Access to Carver Studio and Makerspace
- Presentations from outside organizations
- Adventure Outings  
(i.e. **Hiking, Skiing**)
- NAACP ACT-SO Competition

# Fall Semester Workshops

## September:

**26:** College 101- Finding the Right Fit for Life After High School

## October:

**3:** High School 101 (**Mandatory for 9th grade Scholars**);  
Developing a Personal Fitness Plan

**10:** Internet Resources for Google; Developing Critical Thinking Skill Using Pop Culture

**17:** Grammar 101 @ 4:30; County Center College Fair @ 6pm (**Mandatory for all Juniors and Seniors**)

**24:** Planned Parenthood Presentation

## November:

**7:** Digital Footprints: Social Media & Teens; Lessons in Cooking (Chicken/Shrimp Alfredo)

**14:** Developing Problem Solving Skills; MS Word

**21:** NO PROGRAMMING: Happy Thanksgiving!

**28:** Internet Resources for Learning;

## December:

**5:** Purpose for Writing and Sentences Strategies; Lessons in Cooking: Pizza Bread

**12:** Developing Cultural Awareness

*So what are the  
benefits of being  
a Carver Scholar?*

# Benefits of Being a Carver Scholar

Beyond receiving a free teen center membership and access to all regular TC activities and events, scholars will have exclusive access to specific trips, job shadowing opportunities, and more!

## Scholar Perks Include...

- Development of personal and professional skills
- Experience and community service hours that will appear on resumes and enhance college applications
- Consistent guidance and support from Scholar Coach
- Opportunities to meet with professionals in areas of interest
- Participation in annual college tour and other college related activities
- Assistance with recruitment process for collegiate level athletics