



# Scholars Program Overview

2018-2019

# Junior Scholar Program Essential Questions

- How can we continue to serve students as they mature and develop?
- How can we empower students to foster independence?
- How can we support students into their transition to High School?

# The Day of a Junior Scholar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3:30 – 4:00	Snupper / Check In	Snupper / Check In	Snupper / Check In	Snupper / Check In
4:00 – 4:40				
4:40 – 5:40			Leadership Lab	

# Junior Scholar Requirements

## Each week they must complete:

- 1 Lounge Lab
- 2 Creation Lab
- 2 Learning Lab
- 2 Fit Lab
- 1 Leadership Lab every Wednesday

# Scholar Mission & Goal

**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.

# 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 post secondary education
- Want to develop personal and professional skills for life



# Scholar Participant Breakdown

For year one of the program, scholars were identified from current teen center members, as well as recommendations from Carver staff and were personally invited to attend the scholar program.

**There are a total of 31 scholars:**

- 7 Freshmen
- 10 Sophomores
- 7 Juniors
- 7 Seniors
- 14 Girls; 17 Boys

# Scholar Requirements

- Bi-weekly meetings with Scholar Coach
- 3 Weekly Study Hall Hours
- Participation in 1 Leadership Club
  - **Nia** (Young Women's Leadership Group)
  - **Unity** (Young Men's Leadership Group)
  - **Events & Fundraising Committee**
  - **Future Business Leaders**
  - **Tools for Change (new)**
- 30 hours of community service
- Attend 5 Enrichment Workshops and "All Scholars Meetings"



# 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 I 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**

# Personal Growth Pillar Activities

## Semester 1 Activities:

All Scholars Meetings (2):

- Attitude is Everything; Living Your Best Life

Bi-Weekly One-to-one Coaching Sessions

- Scholar Questionnaire
- Journaling/Self Exploration and Assessment Activities
- SMART Goal Setting Exercises
- Life Timeline

# Academic Support and Career Preparation

## Pillar II 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**

## Semester 1 Activities:

- “Study Hall”- dedicated space for doing homework and projects, as well as access to materials
- Tutoring and homework help
- Academic Grade Tracker
- College Visits; Fall College Tour (Delhi, Oneonta, UAlbany)

# Leadership and Community Service

## Pillar III 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**

## Semester 1 Community Service Activities:

- Columbus Day Parade
- Breast Cancer Walk
- Senior Center Holiday Party
- Grocery Deliveries for Senior Citizens

## Leadership Clubs:

- **Nia**→ JFK Pen Pal Project (5th grade girls)
- **Unity**→ **Self and Social Awareness**
- Events and Fundraising→ Annual Haunted House
- **Future Business Leaders**→ **Carver Christmas Ornaments**

# Enrichment and Awareness

## Pillar IV 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

# Semester 1 Enrichment Workshops

- Youth Police Leadership Academy
- “Grit Night” at the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center
- My Remarkable Self (Nia Girls)
- Arts Westchester:
- NAACP Meeting
- Planned Parenthood
- Baking 101
- College 101 Workshop
- College Process Workshop (Seniors Only)
- County Center College Fair
- LIM College and John Jay College Visits
- Financial Planning & Literacy (TD Bank)
- Music Production (ongoing series)
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# Impact & Embedded Learning

Beyond receiving a free teen center membership and access to all regular TC activities and events, scholars are growing with every conversation and interaction.

## How We Are Already Moving the Needle Towards Success...

Scholars are completing the college process and receiving acceptance letters (University of Tampa, Towson, and Fulton-Montgomery)

One scholar has been entered into an essay contest based on the college essay

Scholars are developing better relationships with their teachers and guidance counselors by completing scholar activities like the Academic Grade Tracker

Freshman and Sophomore scholars are getting closer to discovering a potential area of interest for college

Scholars are making connections between various aspects of life (personal and academic, social and political, personal and global)



Thank you for your time!

Questions? Feedback?