

THE W.E.B. DUBOIS LEARNING CENTER BEGINS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



W.E.B. DuBois

The W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center (DLC) has pursued its mission “to raise the performance level of underserved communities through educational services and applied state of the art technology” by providing supplemental educational tutorial services to Kansas City Metropolitan area youth since 1973.

DLC is a volunteer-based organization that initially started with a handful of volunteers who tutored a small group of students in reading and math. Today, the center is “staffed” and supported by over 70 active volunteers and tutorial assistance, and has been expanded to include science and computer technology. These volunteers provide more than 4,000 hours of classroom, telehub and administrative program support each year.

CLASS OFFERINGS

The Center will offer classes in reading, math, science, robotics, and college coaching. Open enrollment with student testing and parent orientations will be held August 21st from 10 am-1 pm at the DuBois Learning Center, 5501 Cleveland Ave. (Kansas City, MO). And on September 11th, 18th and 25th from 10 am-12 pm at the African Centered Education (ACE) Collegium Upper Campus, 3500 East Meyer Blvd. (Kansas City, MO). There is a \$50 fee per family with two children; there is a \$10 fee for each additional child. Classes will be held at the ACE Upper Campus, 3500 East Meyer Blvd.

Classes will begin:

Math: Saturday, Sept. 11th, 10 am-12 pm

Science: Thursday, Sept., 16th, 6-7:30 pm

College Coaching: Saturday, Sept. 18th, 12:30-2:30 pm

Reading: Monday, Oct. 4th, 6-7:30 pm

Robotics: Time to be determined

Learning Center Objectives

- To help students build self-confidence and self-esteem by experiencing success in a personalized tutorial program.
- To assist students in improving their reading, mathematics, science, and computer skills.
- To expose students to positive role models and mentors with careers in such fields as education, medicine, engineering, accounting, and computer programming.
- To provide an enrichment program for students working at or above their grade level.

Prevention Education Sessions

We will hold monthly prevention sessions throughout the 2010-11 school year with middle and high school students using curriculum provided by the Kansas City Health Department. The main focus will be drug-, alcohol- and violence-free living. In addition to these sessions, students will engage in two sessions on bully-free living and conflict resolution. Students will be given an opportunity to talk freely and confidentially about the topics, participate in role-playing and discuss how to develop solutions for problems presented.



COLLEGE COACHING AND MENTORING: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO ASPIRE TO HIGHER LEVELS



Beginning as a pilot project last year, DLC's College Coaching and Mentoring Program is designed to provide a framework to address student and families' need for valuable information about attending college. Students and parents will participate in structured activities to discuss eliminating barriers that could prevent them from obtaining the necessary resources to attend college and be successful. They will complete college applications, search for scholarships, research academic programs and colleges and locate other pre-college programs that improve col-

lege success. College Coaching has three phases that students will attend based on grade levels: 8th-9th grade: Step in the Right Direction—Building Early Awareness; 10th and 11th grade: Eyes on the Prize—Maintaining Focus; and 12th grade: Attaining the Goal—Wrapping Up.

There will be a strong focus on improving and maintaining high academic performance at the schools students attend during all phases of College Coaching. They will be encouraged to apply for camps and summer experiences that make them more marketable to colleges and provide insight into particular career areas. DLC has formed a collaboration with the University of Central Missouri and the University of Missouri-Kansas City to enhance student opportunities and build upon the formation of the information and access available through this program.

College Visits Planned for the Fall and Spring

The Learning Center is pleased to announce that its College Coaching and Mentoring Program is planning two college visits during the 2010-11 program year. The visits will give high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to get a taste of college life up close. Students will spend two to four days on the campus interacting with students, professors and other student support personnel. They will also get an opportunity to attend a football game, learn about various student organizations and get an idea of the college environment.

The first trip planned for mid-October will take students to the University of Central Missouri for a weekend visit. In the Spring, students will travel out-of-state to several historically Black colleges.

“The contributions coming from the very young can be increased by insuring proper preparation of our youth. This will have long range social benefits for two reasons. One: by increasing the talent pool of well-prepared youngsters, there will be more persons to make valuable contributions. And two: the contributions made by those very new to a field will, for the most part, be a consequence of knowledge and insights they have acquired while mastering other fields when they were very young. History is replete with verifications of this hypothesis that so many earth shaking concepts come from them (people in their twenties).” From Leon Dixon’s *Future in Our Hands: Institution Building For Supplementary Education* (1994)

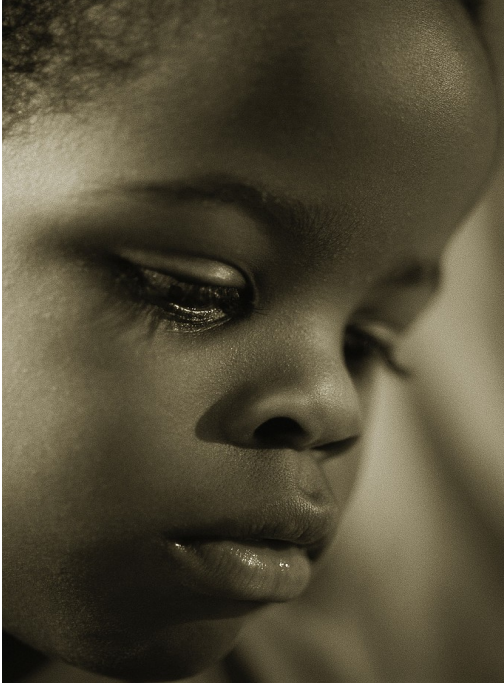


**A MESSAGE
FROM THE
CHAIRMAN OF
DLC'S BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS:
LEON DIXON**

How to Help

Dedicated volunteers are always needed at the Learning Center. The tutorial and technology programs require the most support and are the main services provided to Kansas City area students. Interested individuals can best support the Learning Center by volunteering a few hours per week. The list of skills needed for our programs include: mathematical and reasoning abilities, problem-solving, writing, counseling, social sciences/psychology, team-building, workshop facilitation, program planning, organizing, ability to motivate, high communication skills, and most of all, enjoying working with children. In addition, the Learning Center has five committees that welcome community participation. They include strategic planning, fundraising, finance, capacity building and marketing and public relations.





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How to Donate

The Learning Center depends on private contributions to meet expenses involved in program development and implementation. As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, individuals may donate directly to the Center, contribute to the United Way and donate through the Combined Federal Campaign (#23424) and DonorEdge. Please call 816-523-3339 if you need more information.

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