Mark your calendars for these **BRMA upcoming events!**

MARCH BluePrint Meeting

Phillips Middle School 8:30-9:30 am



MARCH YLI Meeting at Chapel Hill High

Room C216 **During Lunch**

MARCH YLI Meeting at East Chapel Hill High

Room 185 **During Lunch**

BluePrint Meeting

Smith Middle School 1:00-2:00 pm

MARCH YLI Meeting at Carrboro High

Room D212 **During Lunch**

MARCH BluePrint Meeting

Culbreth Middle School 10:50-11:50 am

MARCH Black & Latinx College and Career Showcase

McDougle Middle School 10:00 am-1:00 pm

MARCH Creek Week Litter Sweep

Roberson Bike Path in Carrboro 1:00-4:00 pm

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MARCH YLI Meeting at East Chapel Hill High

Room 185 **During Lunch**

MARCH BluePrint Meeting

McDougle Middle School 10:30-11:30 am

Spring College Visit

Departure from Lincoln Center Fayetteville State University 7:30 am-4:00 pm

MARCH Blue Ribbon Advisory Board Meeting

Lincoln Center 5:30-7:30 pm

YLI Meeting at Carrboro High

Room D212 During Lunch

**Please note that our office will be closed during the CHCCS District Spring Break from April 1 through April 5.

Upcoming Events

- Alternative Spring Break Trip
 - International Trip to London March 27 through April 4
 - Local Spring Break Trip to Charlotte, NC -April 1 through April 4
- New Mentor Training
 - April 24 and April 27 at Lincoln Center
- Mentor/Scholar Night Out
 - April 30 at the Chapel Hill Community Center



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NC A&T State University Summer High School Transportation Institute Application Due: April 12, 2024

The Summer High School Transportation Institute (STI) is an enriching educational opportunity for rising high school juniors and seniors. During the summer STI experience, usually conducted in-person on the N.C. A&T campus, students are exposed to supply chain management, the various modes of transportation and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) topics and disciplines. They also conduct personal development activities through classroom instruction, group projects and on-site field trips. The 2024 Summer Transportation Institute will take place from July 7th-July 24th, 2024. The program will residential, so students will live on campus for two and a half weeks and get a taste of the Aggie experience, including dorm life, campus food, recreational facilities, and more. Interested scholars can access the application here.

Women's History Month



Did you know that Women's History Month started as Women's History Week? In 1980, the National Women's History Project advocated that March be

designated as Women's History Month. It was not until 1995 that March was proclaimed **Women's** History Month. During this month, we reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to U.S. history. Women like Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Malala Yousafzai, and Ruth Bader Ginsberg courageously fought for equity, justice, and advancing rights and opportunities across our nation and the world. This month we honor their contributions and continue their legacy.

February Recap

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If you can't fly,



then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." In February, we moved forward with incredible new opportunities for our scholars, offering them exciting possibilities to explore and soar.

During the LevelUp meetings, scholars participated in various activities such as team-building, beat-making, and discussions. They played a game that required communication skills to locate three stress balls on an open field. This activity led to a discussion on different leadership styles and the importance of utilizing one's strengths to achieve a common goal. Scholars also discussed their identities and explored the meaning of "Double Consciousness," a term coined by W.E.B. DuBois. They reflected on their support systems and personal triumphs while acknowledging their challenges and obstacles.

Brentton Harrison, from the local Hargraves Center, led a beat-making session during February's LevelUp and BluePrint meetings. He taught our scholars song construction, pattern recognition, and how to use a beat machine. Our scholars worked together to create a beat using their own sounds and a beat from the machine.

Our Dreamers program, for scholars in grades 4 through 6, had its first group outing to the Ackland Art Museum. Four scholars and their mentors explored the different art exhibits in Chapel Hill. They learned about the importance of art in African culture. Each piece of artwork in the exhibit told a story and represented a unique part of the culture. They also had a tour of the Asian Art exhibit where each scholar chose a piece that represented their life and spoke about it. We plan to continue building the Dreamers program by providing opportunities for community service and cultural experiences, laying a foundation for their participation in the Blue Ribbon program in future years.

As we march towards warmer days, we look forward to a month filled with service, travel, and enrichment. We will keep moving forward as Dr. King urged us to do.







Black & Latinx College and Career Showcase | Mar. 16 at 10 AM at McDougle Middle School

All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are encouraged to attend the 2nd Annual Black & Latinx College and Career Showcase on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McDougle Middle School. At this event, scholars will have the opportunity to meet representatives from colleges, universities, community colleges and local businesses. Information sessions on financial aid, college preparation, the admissions process, and navigating the college transition process.

Interested scholars can register to attend **here**.





Scholarship Corner

- Be the Change Scholarship The Eta Phi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated encourages high school seniors to apply for the Be the Change scholarship. Applications will be accepted from high school seniors attending an accredited high school in Orange County and planning to enroll in college/university next year. \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded based on leaderships, academics, and achievement. To apply visit:
 - https://www.chapelhillzetas.org/scholarship
- Rise NOW Scholarship The RISE NOW Scholarship is created to provide financial assistance to access educational opportunities for males of color beyond high school to support your post-secondary education so you may soar and RISE to your fullest potential. The application deadline is March 29, 2024. For more information and to apply click here.
- Caroline Lindsay Student Advocacy Scholarship The scholarship was established in 2017 as a memorial tribute to Caroline Lindsay for her lifelong dedication to civil rights, especially those of children and women. She was a BRMA mentor. Students can apply for this \$500 scholarship here.
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP 2024 Minority Scholarship The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Branch of the NAACP awards annual scholarships to high school seniors selected from among the four high schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System. Each initial scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000.00 and of which \$500.00 is renewable for 3 years subject to criteria. For more information and to apply click here.

All high school scholars are encouraged to check their YLI Google Classroom for scholarship opportunities!