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March 2019 Newsletter

Here are our stories and updates for March 2019!



Urban League of Nebraska Takes 42 High School Students Around the Country in 8 Days on Black College Tour!

Our 42 student participants at Wilberforce University!

From March 9th-16th, the Urban League of Nebraska partnered with Salem Baptist Church and Morning Star Baptist Church to take 42 students on a tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country. Students visited Coppin University, Hampton University, Howard University, Morgan State University, Norfolk University, Wilberforce University, and West Virginia State University.

College tours are essential for helping students gain insight on the college experience. Not only do students get to walk around campuses and imagine themselves there, they are also able to connect with admissions counselors, college administrators and current students and ask informative questions. One student attending the tour, Sanjaya Bolton, also the African-American Leadership Awards Winner in the Youth category, remarked that she's enjoying learning more about scholarships and loans and the mentoring programs she didn't know existed in college, which will help her "feel more at home, away from home." She adds, "having the opportunity to come on this trip opened my eyes a lot more to be exposed to black history and learn more about my roots." We're encouraged and thrilled that this experience is proving fruitful for student participants on the trip!

Urban League of Nebraska Announces Winners of 2019 African-American Leadership Awards!

Viv Ewing | Community
Wesley Dacus | Education
Barry Thomas | Education
Pastor Terry Arvie | Faith
Derek Vaughn | Government
Marvin Stancil | Health
I Be Black Girl | Young Professional
Sanjaya Bolton | Youth
Danita Webb | Someone Special

30th Annual African American Leadership Awards

The Awards will take place Friday, May 31st, 2019 at The Hilton Omaha beginning at 6:00pm.

If you would like to join us as we honor these individuals for their distinguished accomplishments, follow [this link](#) to buy your tickets now!

Engaging Students in the Legislative Process through Black and Brown Legislative Day!



In partnership with the Urban League of Nebraska Young Professionals, the ACLU, and other various partners, the Urban League of Nebraska helped send over 100 people to the 3rd Annual Black and Brown Legislative Day. The participants consisted of high school and college students from Omaha and Lincoln, community partners, and numerous State Senators, who discussed bills they are currently working on and engaged with students about the students' concerns.

During the day, students sat in on a live judicial committee hearing in the unicameral, participated in committee mock hearings, toured the Unicameral and engaged in one-to-one discussions with senators about particular bills that they were interested in. Pictured above is Senator Justin Wayne of Nebraska's 13th District speaking to our participants about the importance of legislative involvement by black and brown constituents! We look forward to another successful event next year. We'd particularly like to congratulate Urban League of NE YP Jasmine Harris on her leadership on planning the event!

Urban League of NE Promotions and New Hires

Congrats to our new hires and promoted staff members! Please, take the time to congratulate these individuals when you see them and wish them good luck!

Zachary Bowman

Promoted!

Congrats to Mr. Zachary Bowman for his promotion from a Youth Attendance Navigator (YAN) to the Youth Attendance Navigator Coordinator! Zachary will now be leading the YANs as they continue helping our students overcome chronic absenteeism, excel in school and avoid the juvenile justice system.



Makayla Townsell

Promoted!

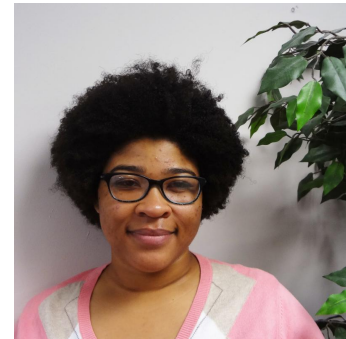
Congrats to Ms. Makayla Townsell for her promotion from the ULN's Receptionist to the Employment and Career Specialist! Makayla works closely with Urban League of NE clients to help them develop professional skills and find employment.



Chandler Hunter

New Hire!

Ms. Chandler Hunter joined the Urban League of NE as the Whitney M. Young Jr. Academy Advisor! Ms. Hunter works with our Whitney M. Young Jr. Academy Coordinator, Mr. Jeffrey Williams, to prepare high school students for post-secondary education and help them explore career and civic engagement opportunities.



Mar-Cha' Madison-Clark

New Hire!

We welcomed Ms. Mar-Cha' Madison-Clark as the new Community Coach Coordinator! Ms. Madison-Clark leads the Community Coach team as they help youth at Omaha Public Schools excel in school and avoid confinement.



Vanetta Early

New Hire!

Ms. Vanetta Early joined us as a Talent Development Specialist in the Employment and Career Department! Ms. Early works closely with clients to develop their employment skills and help them find jobs.



Vickie Stewart

New Hire!

Ms. Vickie Stewart joined us as a Talent Acquisition Specialist, working with Ms. Vanetta Early and others to help clients find employment.



Promoting with Pride! African American Professional Day at North High School

The Urban League of Nebraska participated in the North High Black Leadership Student Council's 2nd Annual African-American Professional Day!

Urban League of Nebraska representatives Chandler Hunter and Jeffrey Williams attended the event to promote the Urban League of Nebraska programs that are available to high school students. Of course, it is with great pride that participants of the Urban League of NE Whitney Young Jr. Academy were key members of the leadership that planned the event. We always look forward to advertising our programs, but promoting our programs at events organized by our own students is a special motivator!



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