

DAA Basketball Returns to The DAC

On September 17, 2016 Denver Achievement Academy hosted an “alumni” reunion bar-b-que.. As part of our high school program we maintain contact with all of our high school students, follow their academic progress, provide physical and financial support where we can, and encourage them to join at least two extracurricular activities at their respective schools. Thank God for Facebook!

As we asked each of the students to recount what the DAA experience has meant to their lives. Each regretted having left DAA. Each talked about the friendships they had found in DAA. We recruit students from Northeast Park Hill and the near west side around the Lincoln Park areas. Building small bridges between these two long-time rival neighborhoods has been a focus of DAA since our opening at The DAC in September 2010. For both boys and girls, these friendships, that bridged this chasm, were one of the cherished treasures our students value from their DAA experience. The “DAA Mafia” has become a band of brothers, two from the east side and two from the west...

One of the things they and several of the other students missed the most was basketball at the DAC. At DAA we emphasize the joy of competing and celebrating the fact that each athlete leaves the court knowing that they competed with their very best effort. With that knowledge, they find satisfaction and self-confidence.

The high school boys decided they wanted to start a basketball team again. Thanks to Mike Hestera and Gavin Larney, DAA Basketball has returned to the DAC preparing to compete for the Vickers Boys and Girls Club to which they belong. They are surprisingly committed and joyful at the opportunity to compete together again. Thank you DAC....

