



EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Extended Learning Opportunities or ELOs have been essential to getting our young men to go beyond the classroom and see the real world. Some go on trips abroad to experience life in another country, some have mentors from multi-billion dollar firms, some get a glimpse at a different part of New York City.

College Now is CUNY's largest collaborative program with the New York City secondary public school system. The program offers dual enrollment and college-readiness programs in more than 400 NYC high schools and enrolls over 20,000 students annually. In all, there are seventeen campus-based College Now programs, which are overseen by a central office.

Our young men, or Summer Searchers as they are often referred, speak with their mentors on a weekly basis to discuss issues ranging from family dynamics to post-secondary academic and career goals. The **Summer Search** model is to promote self-awareness, self-advocacy, self-respect, preparation and confidence.

Global Glimpse has continued providing our young men with opportunity to travel abroad to see various cultures. In the summer of 2016, our Eagle young men went to the Dominican Republic and Ecuador, where they provided assistance in impoverished communities. The 3-week trip also included a cultural component, where they guys learned about specific customs. Over 90% percent of the participants in Global Glimpse wrote their college personal statement on their experience abroad!

The Blackstone Group is a multi-billion dollar global investment, investment banking, and private equity firm, which has partnered with the Eagle Academy since 2008. Through this partnership, Eagle Scholars have participated in student work programs, exclusive trips and events, as well as countless other opportunities. Since 2011, Blackstone staff has provided monthly college and career mentorship to Eagle scholars. At present, 25 juniors and seniors received guidance on the college and career opportunities they will pursue after leaving Eagle. Blackstone has also supported Eagle through their assistance with the expansion of our music and lacrosse programs. Furthermore, Blackstone donated \$20,000 for the purpose of creating our first computer lab.

Turner Construction is a leading global construction firm specializing in large scale commercial projects. Since 2013, they have partnered with the Eagle Academies in Brooklyn and the Bronx to provide on-to-one and group mentorship to juniors and seniors. They have provided paid internships to a number of eligible Ocean Hill scholars over the past four years.

Brooklyn DA: Eagle seniors have been participants in this monthly mentorship program organized by Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson since early 2015. As mentees, they have received one-to-one as well as group guidance on a range of areas. They have received instruction on short-term and long-term goal setting, personal branding, networking, and other skills. Additionally, their support has largely benefitted our scholars through the complexities of the college process as well as provided exposure to the many careers in law.

In conjunction with **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America**, our scholars participated in Moody's mentorship program to increase networking and interviewing strategies. Our young men learned the necessary soft skills in order to compete in the corporate sector. 35 account executives visited our school and to conduct interviews to determine if our guys were up to dealing with corporate life. They all did an amazing job, and are now on the radar for internships after completing one year of college.

