

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Annual School Field Trips**

- The middle schoolers' field trip to Washington, DC, is on Friday, April 8, 2016. Buses board at 6:15 a.m., returning to Chesterfield 8:30 p.m.
- The high schooler's field trip to Longwood University in Farmville, Va., is on Friday, April 15, 2016. Buses board at 7:55 a.m., returning to Chesterfield between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

To volunteer as a chaperone for either or both of these trips, please email [MEGAMentors14@gmail.com](mailto:MEGAMentors14@gmail.com) with your contact information and preferences.

### **6th Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet**

This year's event will be held on May 26, 2016. The inspirational speaker is the Honorable Cressondra Brown Conyers, a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judge for Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex counties. The awards categories are: MEGA School of the Year; School Coordinator of the Year; Community Partnership; Mentors of the Year; and Mentor Students of the Year.

## **PAST EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Fine Art Benefit & Sale**

MEGA Mentors Fine Art Benefit and Sale on January 15, 2016 was a huge success. Attended by over 300 patrons, the event showcased fine art, a silent auction featuring electronic bidding, music by J. Tucker, and food and refreshments. Mark your calendars for next year's event: **January 13, 2017!**

## **MENTORING HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Carver College and Academy**

Several MEGA volunteers recently attended a performance of The Richmond Boys Choir. One of the young men who performed is a member of our program at Carver. Another young man in that program recently spoke before the Chamber of Commerce and received several offers for summer jobs and internships.

### **Falling Creek Middle School**

MEGA is in its second year of piloting an after-school Leadership Speakers Series at FCMS. The series recruits business and community leaders to speak to students about their lives, paths to success and the importance of choices. They share important lessons that appeal to many students, and it show them that people who look like them can overcome challenges and achieve their dreams. The series has been a success, and several school administrators said they've overheard students talking about the guest speakers days later. That's a high compliment from a middle schooler!

### **John Tyler Community College**

A student organization at JTCC called “Young Men of Distinction” recently joined the MEGA list of volunteers by supplying student mentors at Carver MS. The group comprises male African American students who have banded together to provide positive leadership on campus.

### **Manchester Middle School**

Over the years, Spring Creek Baptist Church (SCBC) has sought to fulfill its mission both locally and globally. In response to an appeal from the MEGA leadership team, SCBC’s pastors Jacqueline and Micah Madison-McCreary, 20 parishioners and other volunteers give their time, talents and treasures to serve the students of Manchester MS on two Thursdays per month. The school’s staff and administration, and the 44 students in the program have welcomed the mentors with open arms and full support.

Scripture teaches it’s more blessed to give than to receive. Without question, our volunteers have found this scripture personified during their Thursday morning sessions with the young, bright and energetic students. MEGA’s goal is to encourage, enlighten and inspire each of them to become successful, responsible and contributing citizens. The journey is exciting!

### **Providence Middle School**

The Providence Middle School 6th grade boys achieved a cumulative 3.26 GPA, and all of them qualified for the trip to Washington. The MEGA students’ overall GPA was 3.01 for the boys and 2.96 for the girls. Congratulations to the mentors and mentees at Providence for this accomplishment!

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Change in Leadership**

On January 19, 2016, MEGA welcomed Howard Corey as the organization’s new president. MEGA also recently welcomed new Board members Dr. Marcus Newsome, Jean Cauble and Art Espey.

### **Committee Assignment**

MEGA is currently seeking new members for our Program; Communication & Events; Fundraising; and Recruiting, Membership and Training committees. If you are interested in joining one of these committees contact Howard Corey at [MEGAMentors14@gmail.com](mailto:MEGAMentors14@gmail.com). Please put “Committee Assignment” in the subject line and include your name, contact information and which committee(s) you’d be interested in joining.

### **Communication & Events**

MEGA welcomes and values your feedback in making our website and social media pages more relevant, useful and user-friendly. Please email Misha King at [MEGAMentors14@gmail.com](mailto:MEGAMentors14@gmail.com) with the subject line “Website (or Social Media) suggestion” with your ideas and/or concerns.

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