



## **Greatness Camp Black Male Scholars (GCBMS)**

### **Closing The Achievement Gap for Black Males**

Harvard research studies indicate that far too many of our young people are not reaching their full potential and in addition many low socioeconomic and underserved high achieving students will not pursue college or will enroll in academic institutions that do not match their abilities and place their aspirations of graduation at risk by atrophy.

Giving back and serving the community was one of the agreements that I made with my adoptive father as he took me home from a state behavioral/emotional facility and changed my life forever. My father showed me how I was misplaced and helped me uncover my GREATNESS. I have used my life experiences to support students and my community through the Greatness Camp (GC), an Educational Enterprise that provides academic resources, partners with colleges/universities, programs and workshops to achieve college readiness and academic success for underserved and underrepresented students pursuing degree attainment K-20. I plan to use my education to break generational curses by mentoring, teaching and inspiring students to seek personal GREATNESS through personal development and education. I founded the GC based on my personal experiences as well as my work as an educator in school and community settings over the last fifteen years.

The Greatness Camp is sending African American males from our Greatness Camp Black Male Scholars (or GCBMS) pre-college summer programs at Ivy League Institutions. This one-two week on campus experience will provide equity and access to many of our underserved youth. We have been recognized and awarded \$10,000 by BMe Community for our work. We plan to use the award to increase our partners and most importantly, increase the number of student participants. I believe that this course will enhance the opportunity to provide more outreach to schools/districts, students, parents and community stakeholders.

The audience that GC works with typically comes from under-resourced and challenged homes, communities and/or schools. The challenges that are faced are those related to the resources (strategic, financial, institutional networks, and curricular) to effectively combat the many elements that deter or negatively influence the vision and progress of youth. I seek to learn and experience a greater depth of strategies and opportunities that can be utilized in the important work that is to be done.

2014 BMe Winner

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# Greatness Camp Black Male Scholar Program



2013 GCBMS- 5 Male Participants  
2014 GCBMS- 7 Male Participants

Participants Schools:  
Detroit Central Collegiate Academy  
Detroit Urban Preparatory Academy  
Detroit Country Day  
Westwood Academy



Greatness Camp Black Male Scholar (GCBMS)

Greatness Camp has once again partnered with Brown University to send this years 2015 cohort of scholars.

Greatness Camp is excited for creating this one week experience to underserved and underrepresented black males at no cost to the student!

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Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island  
Pre-College Programs

Greatness Camp, LLC has partnered with Brown University to create the Black Male Greatness Camp Scholar (BMGCS) program. BMGCS program is designed to support students in grades 10-11 grade who are committed to academics. The objective of the program is geared toward increasing equity and access for Black Male Students. For more information contact [greatnesscamp@gmail.com](mailto:greatnesscamp@gmail.com).

Greatness Camp will assist participating schools by matching their candidate with matching funds to help create this on campus experience for young scholars.

Scholarships are limited. Please respond immediately.

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