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A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Kali Huettl, "Making Her Dream a Reality"

I have had the pleasure of knowing Kali Huettl for three years. Kali is a resident from HACM's scattered site program and graduated from Riverside University High School this past spring with a 3.5 GPA. In June, HACM honored her as the 2013 Student of the Year during HACM's Student Recognition Awards ceremony. Kali also received the news that she was one of three Gates Millennium Scholars from the Milwaukee Public Schools District, one of only 1,000 students in the U.S. to achieve that honor. This fall, Kali will attend Clark Atlanta University.

The award pays for students' unmet financial needs in college and graduate school as well as professional development services. College costs can run at least \$35,000/year for four years of undergrad education and \$40,000/year for postgraduate coursework, so the total scholarship could be worth more than \$300,000. Kali plans to be a Nurse Practitioner and then would like to return to Milwaukee to establish a free medical clinic, thus giving back to her community.

Kali's advice to HACM students and parents alike is, "Hope is good, but you need a blueprint, a goal, a plan, a burning desire, realistic objectives to reach your goal and most importantly, ACTION!"

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee is proud of Kali's accomplishments and we all wish her well on her educational and life journey.

Parents are the single most important factor in all aspects of a child's life, including their values and their education.

What you do today will have an enormous impact on your child's educational development. The process begins when your child is enrolled, at an early age, in programs that will enrich, inspire and expose your children to an environment that is conducive to learning. Parents who set high standards and clear expectations help develop the value of strong character for your child to become good learners and successful readers. As parents, it is important to cultivate our children's intellectual curiosity and invest in their skills. It is critical that 1) parents spend quality time with your children, 2) emphasize the importance and value of education and, 3) be consistent in supporting your children through positive feedback.

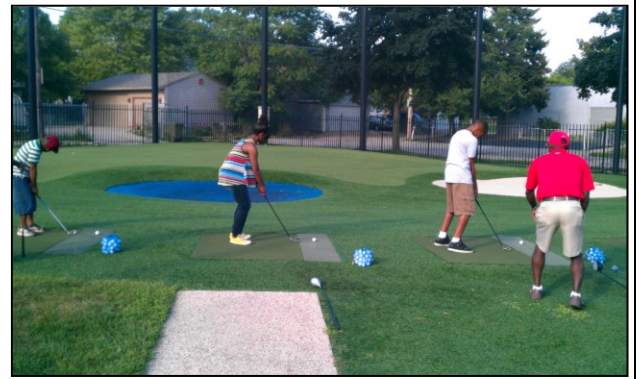
The Education Initiative will continue to offer programs and activities that provide a foundation for your child's academic success. The Initiative organizes pre-college tours, etiquette classes, after-school homework help, summer reading challenges, golfing, mentoring, spelling bee challenges, a poster contest, summer employment opportunities and, just recently, a day trip to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

The Education Initiative provides a platform that broadens your child's experiences in a positive way. Your child will have more confidence to be a successful student as well as develop into a more competent and self-reliant individual.

I encourage you and your child to take advantage of all these wonderful opportunities to ensure that your child's dreams become a reality!

Wouldn't it be great if there was a "Kali" among our HACM graduates every year?

Darrell Finch



HACM'S 2013 Summer Super Reader Challenge

Read! Move! Learn!

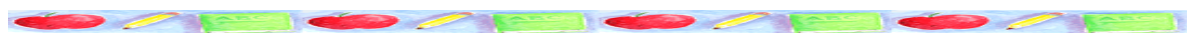


The Education Initiative 2013 Summer Super Reader Challenge enhanced children's reading this year by incorporating structured physical activities in between fifteen minutes of daily reading. Education Specialist Assistant Tracy Revels, who spearheaded the summer program, stated, "*The summer reading challenge enhanced reading skills, improved proficiencies and encouraged active healthy lifestyles in young children.*"

A combined total of **118.5 hours** of reading was tracked from about twenty participants during the Monday through Thursday program, from June 24 through August 15, 2013.



Literacy activities paralleled school curriculum in that participants became familiar with the proper use a dictionary which defined new vocabulary words gleaned during the activities. The students visited Milwaukee museums as well as the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Other visits included the Milwaukee Public Library and for adventure, participants learned basic golf fundamentals offered by PGA's First Tee-Bridging the Gap program. Students enjoyed nutritional lunches at Dr. Martin Luther King Park, which allowed them to stretch and unwind after keeping their brains sharp during the summer break.





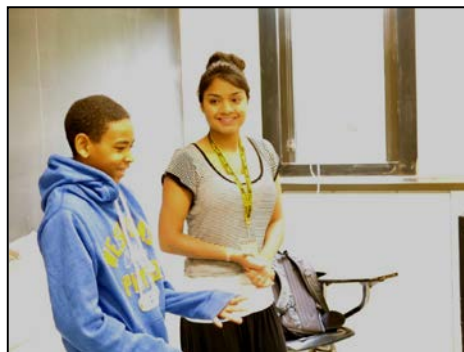
UWM FUN AT UWM PRE- COLLEGE FOR TEENS



As part of the HACM Education Initiative, students from Highland and Scattered Site Homes attended enrichment classes for one week from July 8 - 12 on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) campus. Each year, the UWM Pre-College for Teens/Kids Program acclimates youth to academic surroundings and inspires them to achieve a quality education. Participants completed 20 hours of classes, including a course named "Build Your Own Business."



Students created their own company, identified the product and developed advertising and marketing strategies. Students, through the Healthy Habits course, learned about wellness tips that promote healthier lifestyle choices. The UWM College for Teens is an excellent program for children in 6th through 12th grades that enhances, inspires and enriches a student's pursuit in achieving a quality education. Upon completion, the attendees received UWM certificates of completion and took a tour of the UW-Milwaukee campus. The students reported that they had an AMAZING time!





COLLEGE TOUR



WHAT: 2013 Housing Authority Education Initiative College Tour
WHO: 6TH through 12th grade students
WHERE: University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
WHEN: Friday, October 11, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
WHY: College tours are important for all students to help expose them to a college campus and to encourage them to start planning for their future academic goals.

Bus will depart from Highland Gardens located at 1818 W. Juneau Avenue, front door, precisely at 8:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Parents must RSVP by Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

- ✚ Parental permission form must be filled out completely
- ✚ Breakfast will be provided by McDonald's
- ✚ Lunch will be provided by the University Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- ✚ Free transportation will be provided by HACM



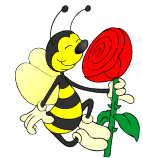
TIME 2 BEE U

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee Invites all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders to the **Thirteenth Annual Spelling Bee Contest**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 (MPS is closed on this day)
 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Community Services
 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room
 650 W. Reservoir Avenue



1st place \$100 2nd place \$50 3rd place \$25 or each age group



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

You or your child can receive up to \$2,000 from HACM towards an accredited university or college, including a vocational/technical college. Please call Darrell Finch at 225-9498 to apply.

Requirements

- Acceptance to a college or university
- Good academic standing with a grade point average of 2.0 or better
- Demonstrate financial need
- Enrolled in a degree program
- In compliance with the terms and conditions of lease

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

The After School Homework Help Program at the Highland Gardens Neighborhood Networks Computer Labs offers students support, guidance and practical assistance with reading, basic computer skills and homework. The After School Program will help identify what curriculum and proficiency levels your child should meet at school to excel academically.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

Starting October 1, 2013

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Highland Gardens

1818 W. Juneau Avenue (Back Door)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the HACM Education Initiative is to provide parents with support, resources, and assistance to enhance the educational development of their children so that they obtain a quality education and graduate from high school. This will be accomplished by exposing, enriching, and immersing children in an environment that is conducive to learning.

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