On Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 53 graduates of An Achievable Dream High School crossed the stage at the Ferguson Center for the Arts and received their diplomas. We are so incredibly proud of this class of amazing young people headed for a bright future and great accomplishments.

Here are a few highlights from the Class of 2019!

- 48 seniors earned an Advanced Diploma.
- 42% of the class graduated with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Seniors applied to a total of 50 colleges, with 275 applications and 211 total acceptances.
- 43 graduates will be attending a 4-year college.
- 8 graduates will be attending a 2-year college.
- 1 graduate will be entering the military, and 1 graduate will enter the work force.
- The Class of 2019 are the Charlie and Mari Ann Banks Scholars, thanks to the generous class sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Banks. The Banks have committed to providing financial support for each student, for each year they are in college and maintain a certain grade-point average.
Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Always remember that your An Achievable Dream family will be here to support you, guide you, and cheer you on!
To our Boards of Directors,

thank you for your time,
support, commitment,
and for sharing the Dream.

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The sky is the limit for you!
Announcing The Littlest Dreamers!

In March, An Achievable Dream launched The Littlest Dreamers, a program designed for expectant parents and parents of children ages 0-3. During four Saturday sessions, parents and families learned from experts on childhood health and safety, literacy, discipline strategies, and the path to education.

Feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive. The next class round will take place in October and will be available for families in both Newport News and Virginia Beach. Visit AchievableDream.org for more information.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We are now ending summer intersession after completing a very successful 2018/2019 school year. I am proud of the accomplishments of our incredible team, and humbled that I have the honor of leading this organization. Seeing our seniors—many of whom have been with us since kindergarten—receive their diplomas is a reminder of the impact we are making. With your help and support, we are forever changing the trajectory of these young lives.

It has been a wonderful year, but a challenging year in many ways. For our entire An Achievable Dream family, the recent tragedy of the Virginia Beach municipal building shooting still heavily weighs on our hearts. The Monday following that tragedy, staff, faculty, and students on every AAD campus and our corporate office wore blue to show support and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Virginia Beach. To me, that is a true testament to how we remain strong and resilient in the face of heartbreak. And even in the midst of tragedy, we find kinship. Love is stronger, and we are #VBStrong!

We know that one way we can make the world better is by continuing to shape and equip young world-changers. And this year, our students continue to break the mold and accomplish great things! Below are just a few of the things we are celebrating from the 2018/2019 school year.

• 42% of the Class of 2019 graduated with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
• 48 out of 53 seniors graduated with an Advanced Studies Diploma.
• Across all 5 AAD campuses, students attended a total of 223 field trips.
• Average daily attendance across our schools was 95.4%.
• An Achievable Dream was a beneficiary of Pharrell Williams’ Something in the Water festival. Mr. Williams also initiated an expansion of our community garden at Seatack Elementary AAD Academy, in partnership with Virginia Natural Gas, and The Timberland Company.
• Four of our high-school young ladies had the incredible opportunity to visit Europe over spring break, touring Madrid, Spain and Paris, France.
• Through our partnership with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, we were able to expand the zones in which students are eligible to attend An Achievable Dream either at Seatack Elementary or Lynnhaven Middle School. Students in 23 school zones in Virginia Beach are now eligible to apply to our program!

As we prepare for the 2019/2020 school year, I am excited and ready for all that lies ahead. Together, we will continue to make dreams achievable for over 2,000 students, impacting lives for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of the Dream family.

Sincerely,

Lee Vreeland, Ed.D.
President & CEO
An Achievable Dream
Something in the Water and an Unforgettable Garden

It's not every day that a 10-time Grammy Award-winning artist visits your school.

For members of the Garden Breakfast Club, a gardening-focused club comprised of ten fifth-grade students at Seatack Elementary An Achievable Dream Academy, April 26th was no ordinary Friday in school.

For several weeks, renovations had been underway in the community garden at Seatack, formerly a small plot tended by students and open to the community. Now tripled in size, with a beautiful fence and gates, arbor, raised plant beds, and modern art sculptures, the garden is a testament to community teamwork.

Pharrell Williams’ organization, I Am One, together with Virginia Natural Gas and The Timberland Company, partnered to fund the overhaul and create a sanctuary for students and the community alike. WPL Site Design created the design for the garden, Vulcan Materials Company donated materials for the construction, and Visionscapes Land Design installed the new garden features. The ribbon-cutting ceremony and official grand opening for the garden took place on Friday, April 26, just as the Something in the Water festival prepared to kick off for the weekend.

“I’m so excited to make lifelong memories in our new garden, just like I made in our old garden,” shared Justin, a member of the Garden Breakfast Club, at the grand opening celebration.

An Achievable Dream was represented throughout the festival weekend, including in the VIP lounge at Watermen’s Bar and Grill at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. As guests mixed and mingled in the VIP area, AAD student artwork and quotes hung overhead, reminding guests that their support of the event also supported An Achievable Dream.

At a special kickoff ceremony, AAD President and CEO, Dr. Lee Vreeland, presented Pharrell Williams with a special piece of artwork created by Seatack student, Maya.

An Achievable Dream is grateful to Mr. Williams not only for unifying the community in an incredible way during Something in the Water, but for so passionately supporting An Achievable Dream and our partners in our work to level the playing field and provide every child with the opportunity and tools for success.
In March, students in grades K–7 in a total of 23 school zones in Virginia Beach became eligible to apply to Seatack Elementary, An Achievable Dream (AAD) Academy. Previously, only students in the Seatack and Birdneck elementary districts, and the Seatack, Birdneck, and Lynnhaven middle school districts, were eligible to attend the school with transportation provided by the school district. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade who participate in the program attend An Achievable Dream Academy at Seatack Elementary School, and students in 6th and 7th grade attend An Achievable Dream Middle School Program housed at Lynnhaven Middle School. If students live within one of the following school boundaries, they are now eligible to apply for admission to An Achievable Dream, and the school district will provide transportation to the appropriate Achievable Dream location: **Eligible elementary school zones:** Alanton, Birdneck, Brookwood, Christopher Farms, Cooke, Corporate Landing, Holland, King’s Grant, Kingston, Linkhorn Park, Lynnhaven, Malibu, Ocean Lakes, Seatack, Strawbridge, Three Oaks, Trantwood, Windsor Oaks, Windsor Woods. **Eligible middle school districts:** Corporate Landing, Lynnhaven, Plaza, Virginia Beach.

“We are thrilled to be able to open the program up to more students in Virginia Beach, and we are very proud of our ongoing relationship with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and the supporters who make this expansion possible,” shares Lee Vreeland, Ed.D, president and CEO of An Achievable Dream.

Since expanding to Virginia Beach in 2014, the program has grown to encompass grades K–7 (to include 7th grade in the 2019/2020 school year), and will become a full K–12 program in the 2024/2025 school year.

Spots are filling quickly, but interested families may still apply at AchievableDream.org.

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An Achievable Dream Recruitment Zones Expanded in Virginia Beach

An Achievable Dream is honored to participate in Christopher Newport University’s Community Captains program in partnership with Newport News Public Schools. Every year, this innovative program will offer early admission to Christopher Newport University to as many as 75 highly qualified Newport News students in the 10th grade. The Community Captains will be offered on-campus learning opportunities, CNU student mentors, guidance through all aspects of preparing for college, and much more!

Kaleb, a student at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School, shared with the Daily Press: “I was kind of honored to hear that I got accepted into the program because it’s not (an) everyday thing you get accepted into programs like these.”

In addition, An Achievable Dream has partnered with Christopher Newport University to cover the cost of room and board for all Community Captains who are selected from An Achievable Dream. We are so grateful to all of our partners in higher education, and we look forward to opening even more doors for students through this wonderful partnership!

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— Kaleb, AAD Sophomore
In March, Chick’s Oyster Bar hosted the 3rd Annual Seafood Festival, with proceeds benefiting An Achievable Dream. Guests enjoyed beautiful weather, delicious food from food sponsors Bay Local Eatery and Mission BBQ, live music, and of course, Chick’s famous orange crushes! Things turned exciting with the live auction of a boat donated by Lynnhaven Marine, and one amazing raffle prize: a motorcycle, donated by Southside Harley-Davidson in Virginia! On display at the Seafood Festival was a very special “Dream Car!” Our students created art based on what they want to be when they grow up…and event sponsor Charles Barker Lexus wrapped a car with the art! (pictured bottom right)

We continued to highlight our students’ amazing artwork through the 3rd Annual Seafood Festival Featured Student Artwork, “Dream Boat,” (pictured top right).

Thanks to Chick’s owners and our wonderful friends, Cory Beisel and Mike Atkinson, the entire team at Chick’s Oyster Bar, and the amazing event sponsors for making this event so incredible! Your support of our program in Virginia Beach allows us to continue impacting the lives of more and more students every year! Thank you for being part of the “Dream Team!”

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Sherrell Ashburn is a unique leader. She is quiet, optimistic, and incredibly determined. Ms. Ashburn has taught first grade at An Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News for four years. In the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, during a challenging season of staff transitions, the school’s leadership team asked Ms. Ashburn if she would consider stepping up to lead the 5th-grade team.

She did, and never looked back.

As 5th-grade team lead, Ms. Ashburn has exceeded expectations in every way, taking complete ownership of her new role and leading the team with remarkable success.

With a team of three long-term substitute teachers, Ms. Ashburn was able to hold the team together and achieve a 79% pass rate in reading and an 82% pass rate in math, helping the school maintain accreditation.

Her teaching philosophy, in Ms. Ashburn’s own words, is that “educating the mind of a child without educating the heart is not education.” This philosophy aligns closely with An Achievable Dream’s emphasis on educating the whole child.

The Hampton Roads Toyota Dealers’ Association, long-time supporters of An Achievable Dream and sponsors of the very first Educational Leadership Award presented to Ms. Ashburn, place a high value on leadership.

“Leadership is an incredibly important value to Toyota, and to the Association. We support An Achievable Dream because we truly believe in this program, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to honor Ms. Ashburn—and others like her—who are making a difference in the lives of students. She exemplifies the true spirit of leadership.”

“Gratitude is the most beautiful way to express all that’s in my heart,” shares Ms. Ashburn. “And I have just two words: thank you. I am humbled to have received the Toyota Educational Leadership Award for the 2018-2019 school year.”

Newport News
An Achievable Dream Academy
Teacher of the Year: Charlotte Bordino
Support Staff of the Year: Anthony Brickhouse
Teacher/Staff member with best attendance: Anita Cotton
Teacher with the highest SOL pass rate: Priscilla Smothers and Corina Stringfield
Teacher with the highest SOL passed advanced percentage: Priscilla Smothers
Teacher/Staff member who “goes the extra mile”: Shelby Hernandez
Teacher/Staff member who is professionally dressed: Larry Davis
Teacher/Staff member who effectively implements the Social, Academic, and Moral Education (SAME) framework daily: Priscilla Smothers

Team who effectively implements the Social, Academic, and Moral Education (SAME) framework daily: First Grade – Esther Cross, Kimbalee Clemmons, Audra York-Edwards, Helen Robinson, Maritza Latham, and Jillian Hernandez
An Achievable Dream Middle and High School
Teacher of the Year: Linescia Potts
Support Staff of the Year: Tim Ratcliffe
Teacher/Staff member with best attendance: Rebecca Montalvo-Williams
Teacher with the highest SOL pass rate: Lloyd McKeithan
Teacher with the highest SOL passed advanced percentage: Lloyd McKeithan
Teacher/Staff member who “goes the extra mile”: Teresa Shaw
Teacher/Staff member who is professionally dressed: Tom Salyer

Virginia Beach
Teacher of the Year: April Duncan
Support Staff of the Year: Maha Al Mathedy
Teacher/Staff with the best attendance: Jameka Canady
Teacher with the highest SOL pass rate: Matt Cheatham
Teacher with the most students with SOL pass advanced percentage: Sheila Wilson
Two AAD Teachers Receive Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health Wellness Award

If you ask Bobbi Conrad what she loves most about her job, she’ll say it’s the impact she gets to make every day on students’ health and wellness. “Wellness is the key to success for our students and faculty,” shares Ms. Conrad, Health and Physical Education Teacher at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School. According to Pervis Blake, Vice President of Academics at An Achievable Dream, “Coach Conrad truly models what she teaches and finds creative ways to integrate physical activities with learning, such as stretching before taking tests, or stationary biking while reading. Coach Conrad is incredibly dedicated to the wellness of our students and staff.”

More than 40 miles away, at Seatack Elementary An Achievable Dream Academy in Virginia Beach, Anne Bianchi, Mindfulness and Meditation Instructor, focuses on the mental and emotional aspects of wellness. “I am a firm believer in the difference it makes interpersonally and academically when students have learned calming and centering techniques,” says Bianchi, who took the initiative to become certified in youth yoga instruction and also leads staff meditation sessions. Mindfulness practices have been proven to reduce stress and decrease student behavioral issues. This has certainly proven true at Seatack Elementary AAD Academy. “We’ll see students using centering techniques to deal with a disagreement with another student, or to help them stay calm and focused during testing,” shares Chris Middleton, Senior Director of An Achievable Dream’s Virginia Beach programming.

These two dedicated teachers received a special honor, each awarded with the Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health Wellness Award for 2019. The award included a basket of wellness and self-care items including gift cards to health and wellness-related stores, a yoga mat, gratitude journals, and more.

“Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health are pleased to recognize these outstanding community members for championing comprehensive wellness for the future of our community,” said Howard P. Kern, President & CEO of Sentara Healthcare. “Our organizational mission is to improve health everyday and it is through these partnerships that we can successfully realize that mission.”

Sentara Healthcare and An Achievable Dream’s partnership dates back several years; Sentara Healthcare sponsored the Cafetorium at Seatack Elementary AAD Academy.

“True wellness spans many aspects of our health, including mental, physical and emotional well-being,” said Dennis Matheis, President of Optima Health. “It is through programs such as An Achievable Dream that we instill a commitment to living a healthy lifestyle into our youth. We thank these award recipients for their efforts in our community.”

Together, Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health work to improve health every day in the local community, a mission shared by the winners of the 2019 Wellness Award.

Congratulations, Ms. Conrad and Ms. Bianchi, and thank you to Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health for your partnership!

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On July 17, 2019, An Achievable Dream (AAD) and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation (Anthem BCBS Foundation) celebrated the grand opening of the Anthem BCBS Foundation-sponsored Wellness Centers at An Achievable Dream Academies with a wellness-focused event, ribbon-cutting, and local celebrity tennis tournament at An Achievable Dream Middle and High School.

Local celebrities including Newport News Mayor McKinley Price, NBA referee Tony Brothers, and Christopher Newport University’s Director of Tennis and Head Men’s Tennis Coach, Eric Christiansen, participated in exhibition tennis matches on Wednesday. In addition, six AAD alumni participated in the exhibition matches.

Distinguished guests included Senator Monty Mason, representatives from Senator Mamie Locke’s office, and Newport News Mayor McKinley Price.

As part of a $65,000 grant, Anthem BCBS Foundation helped to fund Wellness Centers for An Achievable Dream schools. Wellness Centers include exercise equipment and a dedicated, wellness-focused space designed as a resource for school faculty, staff, and students. Anthem BCBS Foundation’s support of AAD over the years has contributed greatly to the success of the program.

“We are so thankful for partnerships with organizations like Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation who not only share our belief in the importance of wellness, but are also willing to make a commitment and investment in our community,” said Dr. Lee Vreeland, AAD President and CEO.

“We know that for students to reach their full potential, we have to look beyond just the educational aspect of school and focus on whole-health that includes access to health care, wellness initiatives, nutritional food, adequate housing and effective transportation,” said Jennie Reynolds, president, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s Medicaid business. “One of our goals at Anthem is to remove barriers to overall health and well-being, and that includes supporting efforts like the creation of An Achievable Dream Wellness Centers to help ensure facilities are available to help promote the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.”

At the event, AAD alumna, Sharmane Tonkins, participated in the exhibition tennis match and also shared with the audience: “To me, An Achievable Dream is part of my story of not only surviving but thriving in life.” Tonkins, now a tennis instructor at AAD, also shared: “We know that we have to place a high value on wellness so that our students can achieve their full potential. That’s why we’re so thankful for partners like Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation for taking up this mission with us.”

The Hampton Roads Toyota Dealers Association and Virginia Media were also sponsors of this event.
Give Local 757 Campaign Raises $20,398 for AAD; Alumni Rise to the Challenge

An Achievable Dream launched its inaugural “Job Shadow Day” on February 13, partnering with 15 local companies to provide a one-day job shadowing experience to the high school’s junior class. Fifty students chose a company to visit based on their career aspirations. Corporate partners for the day were 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union, C.A. Barrs, Capital Group, Chick-fil-A Yoder Plaza & Victory Blvd., Hercules Fence, Cox, Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson, Kaufman & Canoales, Newport News Shipbuilding, State Farm, STIHL, Thomas Nelson Community College, TowneBank, Virginia Media, and W.M. Jordan. Priority Automotive also scheduled a special job shadow day for students on a later date.

“This was a really inspiring experience,” shared Ashley, a junior, who spent the day at Kaufman & Canoales. “I learned about the legal profession and met attorneys who inspired me to pursue a career that will allow me to help people and make a difference.”

During Job Shadow Day, students received personalized tours of facilities and had the opportunity to meet company executives and team members, ask questions, and learn from industry leaders. From banking procedures to restaurant marketing, construction to higher education, the teens gained valuable, real-world experience at some of the region’s top corporations.

“The opportunity and exposure this experience provides for our students is enormous,” said Pervis Blake, Vice President of Academics at An Achievable Dream. “The business community rallied to support these young leaders of tomorrow in an amazing way. It is local partners like these who help open a world of possibility for our students and inspire them to become great business and community leaders.”

Among the corporate participants was TowneBank, which hosted four students. Brian Skinner, Chief Banking Officer at TowneBank, shared, “Our partnership with An Achievable Dream goes back many years and we are proud to support the work they do to equip future leaders. There is nothing we love more than providing opportunities for these young people to learn about various careers and helping to further the impact An Achievable Dream has in our community and in the lives of students and families.”

15 Local Companies Host Achievable Dream Students for Job Shadow Day

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On May 14, An Achievable Dream participated in Hampton Roads’ annual day of giving, with a campaign to raise funds to provide summer enrichment opportunities for students for the upcoming summer.

“We know the road to success for our students truly is paved with many, many opportunities,” says Pervis Blake, Vice President of Academics at An Achievable Dream. “Enrichment and exposure to a world of possibilities unlocks potential in our students, expanding on what we teach in the classroom. It shows them where their dreams can take them.”

The campaign raised $20,398, which includes a $10,000 gift from Bank of America (pictured).

AAD president and CEO Lee Vreeland issued a challenge to the program’s alumni—now nearly 800 strong—to give during the campaign, volunteering to personally match the total alumni gave.

The program’s alumni rallied, sharing the challenge on social media and spreading the word. Alumni raised $1,103 toward the $20,000 overall campaign goal, which Dr. Vreeland then matched.

“Dr. Vreeland and An Achievable Dream have set the bar for us, so it’s our job to give back,” Alumna Margaret White shared on her personal Facebook page.

According to Dr. Vreeland, “The success of this campaign is a testament to how much the community believes in our students and the fact that our alumni are forever family. I’ve never been more overjoyed to make a thousand-dollar donation!”

This summer, thanks to this support during Give Local 757, students are participating in more than 20 enrichment programs, including camps, internships, and clubs.
What’s Happening at An Achievable Dream?

Community Support

Thank you to The Princess Anne Country Club for donating a wonderful new supply of tennis racquets for our students!

Bob Pizzini, managing partner of iFLY Virginia Beach indoor skydiving facility, created a special program, “Seatack Soars,” that provided 12 AAD Virginia Beach students with the opportunity to learn indoor skydiving over the course of 12 weeks, with more sessions planned for the upcoming school year. Thank you to iFLY for giving our Dreamers the opportunity to soar!

Our friends at 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union installed a Little Free Library at An Achievable Dream Academy — and donated books to go inside! And to keep celebrating, we even had some of our 8th-grade students from AAD Middle & High School come read to our elementary students!

Members of the Junior League of Hampton Roads visited An Achievable Dream Academy and created Valentine’s Day cards with our students!

J&A Racing, Running Etc. and Orange Theory Fitness partnered to donate running shoes for our students! J&A Racing also sponsors our students’ registration costs to run the Shamrock Final Mile each year.

Our students at Seatack have enjoyed lots of volunteering visits from our friends at Cape Henry Collegiate School!

8th and 9th-grade students from Norfolk Academy recently visit Seatack Elementary AAD Academy for a day of community service, helping with planting pollinators, pulling weeds and repainting stepping stones in the courtyard. Thank you for helping make a difference for our students!

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School Fun & Events

Former AAD President and CEO, Kathy Edwards, received the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award for her years of service to An Achievable Dream. Thank you, Kathy, for your dedication, service, and leadership!

An Achievable Dream Virginia Beach was a beneficiary of the Crush N Run 5K at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront in April. Hosted by Waterman’s Surfside Grille, Chix on the Beach, and The Shack, it was a great event with proceeds supporting our Dreamers! Pictured: An Achievable Dream team staff helping hand out medals at the finish line.

An Achievable Dream was the nonprofit beneficiary of the grand opening of the brand-new Rooms To Go in Newport News. Our student jazz band had the opportunity to perform at the grand opening! We are so thankful for community partners who believe in our Dreamers and support our work!

We hosted the Newport News Police Department for our annual "Hoops with a Cop" basketball game at An Achievable Dream Middle & High School in March. The NNPD team also played pickup games with students in the weeks before the game. Thank you to the officers for spending such great quality time with our students!

In March, we hosted Volunteer Day at Seatack Elementary AAD Academy, welcoming volunteers who read to students and also worked with them on a special project: putting together care packages for the children who will attend JT’s Camp Grom, a day retreat developed especially for wounded veterans and their families, the families of fallen war heroes, and children and adults with differing abilities, this summer.

In a special ceremony, the 3.0 Club at An Achievable Dream Middle & High School recently inducted the newest 9th-grade members of the club. The 3.0 Club recognizes students who achieve and maintain a 3.0 GPA or above. In addition to achieving good grades, the students are also expected to be leaders in school and in the community. They received a special pin and a sweater for their accomplishments, distinguishing them and encouraging other students to achieve!

Summer 2019
Dreamers from AAD Certified Academy at Highland Springs Elementary participated in *Girls on the Run* in Henrico County, Virginia. This program helps build confidence and positive body image through running and culminates in a celebratory 5K!

*Dreamers* represented AAD at Henrico County School Board’s final meeting of the year! Several Dreamers led the Pledge of Allegiance and *Mrs. Lucy Trott*, who is also the facilitator for Mindfulness and Meditation at AAD Certified Academy at Highland Springs Elementary, was recognized as the county’s Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year!

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Our high school ladies had the opportunity to shop for prom dresses, shoes, bags, jewelry and other accessories at the “pop-up prom dress shop” brought to AAD by local organization, *Queen in a Dress*. Thank you to owner, *Nakeya Green*, for your passion for making a difference. You truly made our young ladies feel like the queens they are!

Members of the Achievable Dream leadership team traveled to New York City in March for the *Harlem Children’s Zone’s 2-day Practitioner’s Institute*. The team learned all about the best practices of some of the most innovative educators in the country, toured their facility, and saw firsthand the impact this organization has had in the community.

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Jay Klebanoff, CEO of Hercules Fence, took time out of his schedule to spend an hour with our Senior Class members. He presented on the topic of “Keys to Success,” where he outlined seven ideas on how to be successful, and shared his life lessons learned.

Newport News Police Chief Steve Drew held an open youth discussion forum with 100 AAD middle and high school students. Thank you, Chief Drew, for facilitating meaningful discussions on important topics with our students!

2015 AAD graduate and senior at Old Dominion University, Isaiah Lucas, recently spent a special day at AAD Academy and AAD Middle and High School. Currently SGA President at ODU, Lucas was accompanied by his team of student officials, who greeted elementary students at the Academy, then provided a series of workshops for Juniors and Sophomores on topics such as the importance of voting, planning for college, and how to connect with a mentor.

In June, sixth and eighth grade Dreamers in Newport News were honored to host retired Col. Jack Jacobs. Col. Jacobs received the Medal of Honor following his heroic actions during the Vietnam War. He discussed the Medal of Honor with students, sharing on what it takes to live a life of significance. Thanks to our friends at Bank of America for providing this opportunity for our students!

In March, we celebrated Read Across America Day, welcoming lots of special guests to our schools to read to students!
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