



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mastery Learning:

An attitude that drives students to pursue mastery: to do hard thinking, to read, to debate ideas, to push themselves toward excellence in a real world pursuit." Carol Ann Tomlinson

Mission Statement

The Union County T.E.A.M.S. Charter School for Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics and Science and High School/College Leadership Academy is a small learning community, Grades K—12, where all students achieve high academic standards by using the built environment as a learning laboratory. Students gain the tools and confidence necessary for successful post-secondary education, entrepreneurship, and the world of work. Students interact with professionals in various professions including the construction community, and manifest by their experiential learning
 "We Are Community Builders...Aiming High and Achieving Greatness."

Joi R. Bethea, Principal

Sheila L. Thorpe, Executive Director/Founder

2014—2015We expect to exceed the standards!



"Aiming High"

"We Are Community Builders ... Aiming High and Achieving Greatness" is the new mantra of Union County TEAMS Charter School and High School/College Leadership Academy. Yes! We are not only changing our *mantra*, but we are re-culturing our school. We are determined to re-create our image, improve the learning environment, provide mastery learning, and have a resolve to create competitive young minds for a global world.

The Tuskegee Airmen of the Red Tail Squadron lived by six lessons which helped them Rise Above adversity and made them winners in WWII. We have adopted these lessons as the embodiment of the six pillars of character and twenty-one indispensable qualities of a leader in creating a high performing learning environment.

New uniforms alone will not make a difference, but a winning attitude will. Our goal is high intellectual performance with Mastery Learning in Math and Literacy. A refocus on Balanced literacy with an emphasis in the integrated use of technology. Therefore, as we enter into the new year, we will follow those lessons; use them to motivate and inspire all students. We RISE ABOVE when Students recall the lessons to ...

1. Aim High!
2. Believe in Yourself!
3. Use Your Brain!
4. Be Ready to Go!
5. Never Quit!
6. Expect to Win!!!

Welcome ...

With the growth of the school, each year we are adding new staff and this year is proving to be no different. Welcome the following:

- ⇒ Nicolas Davila, ELA Teacher
- ⇒ Phyllis Dalton, Music Teacher
- ⇒ Bruce Kuntz, Science Teacher
- ⇒ Natasha Bucknell Pryce, Science Teacher
- ⇒ Vito Pavese, Social Studies Teacher
- ⇒ Samuel I. Davis, Technology

Farewell ...

We will miss those who have left our organization and moved on. We are saying farewell to Ms. Melinda Johnson and Ms. Shawna Lagan, who have moved on to seek other career options. Also, Ms. Rose Cabbagestalk has retired to devote more time to her studio and other pursuits. We say thank you to them for time invested in UC TEAMS over the past years.

Moving Forward...

We are glad that there are those in the ranks who have chosen to move up and fill the gaps left in the organization to ensure that everything runs smoothly and we reach our goal of meeting and exceeding the standards.

Thank you to Principal, Joi Bethea who now has oversight of the entire school, K-12. She is being assisted by the School-wide Administrative Team (SAT) of cluster leaders, counselors and other school personnel. Kudos to P. Cook, K. Moore, N. Stokes, C. Osborn, C. Jones, C. Gayle, M. Chiles, and E. Richardson. In this interim of finding a new building administrator and to assist the new administrator, the SAT will assist us as we ... **MOVE FORWARD.**



HIGH SCHOOL

HOORAY! YES! WE HAVE MOVED.

Grades 9—12 are now in their own facility located in the St. Mary's Church and Parish School on sixth street. Orientation is scheduled for the 28th of August for all high school students and new families. We are "One School, One Mission" in two locations. Officially, we are the **SBC Campus (Shiloh)** and the **SMC Campus (St. Mary's)**

GREEN IS GOOD!!!

GREEN IS GOOD and we are saving our environment and preparing young minds for the digitized world in which they live. With the adoption of a "ONE-TO-ONE INITIATIVE" (one computer per child), it is only fitting that you join us in this new year. All school messages are sent to your cell phones, home-phones, voice mails, e-mails, text messages and even facebook to keep you informed of what is happening at UCTCS-HS/C LA.

CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ www.ucteams.org
- ◆ Contact e-mail
- ◆ School Announcements
- ◆ Twitter

In the future check the website it just might be there.

