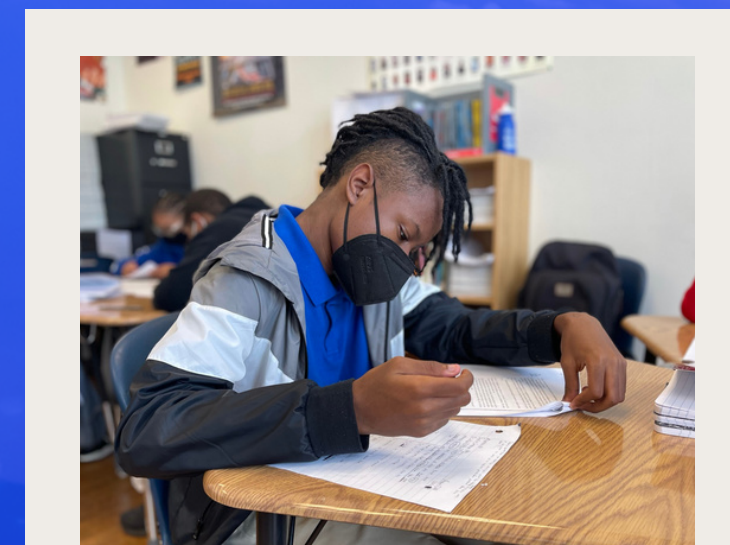
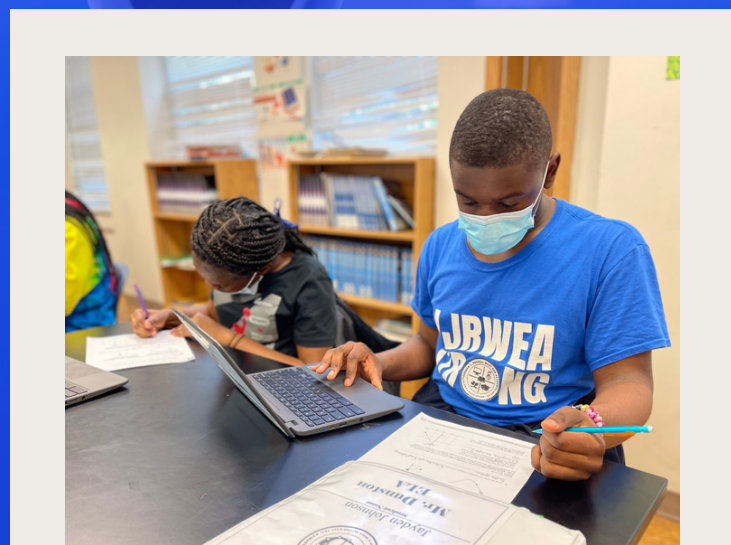
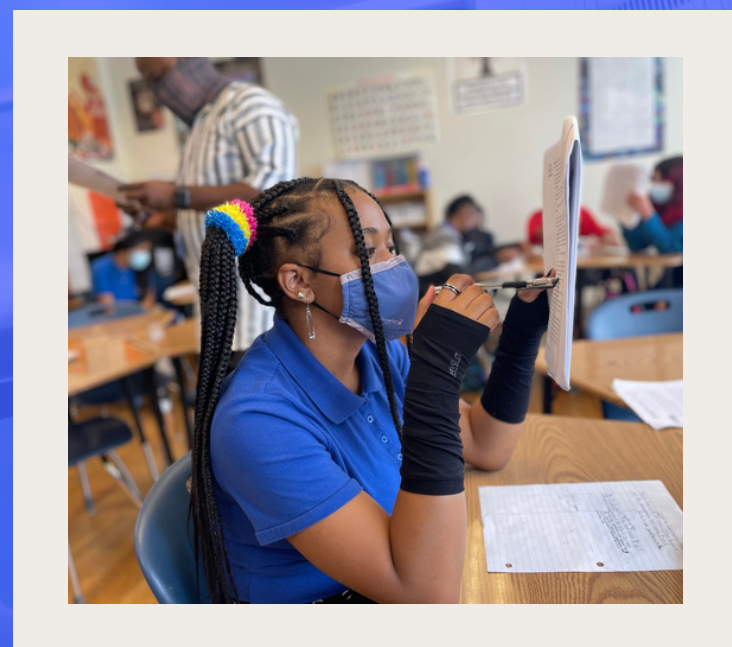
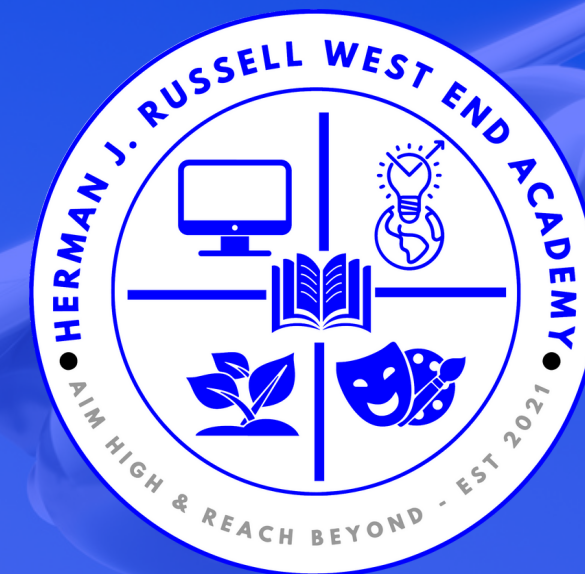
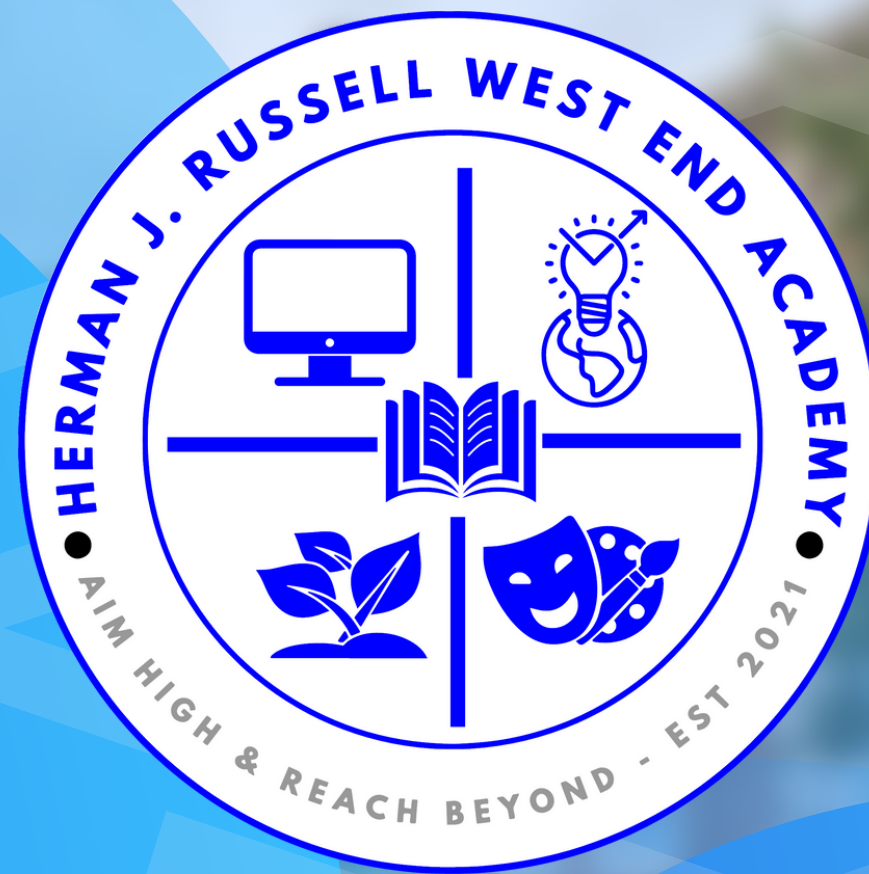


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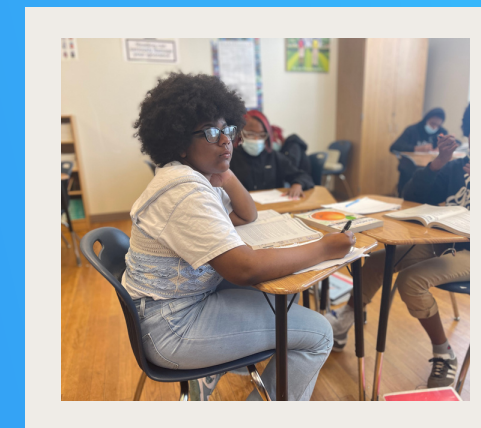
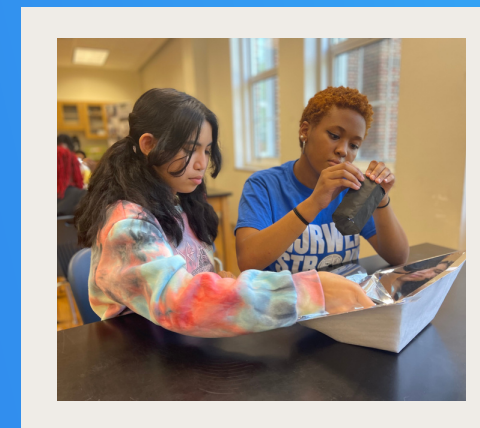
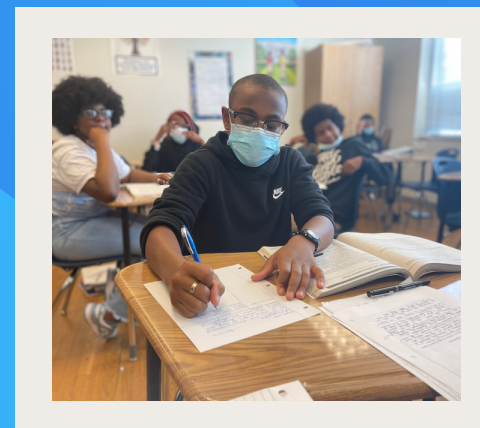


1. Pledge of Allegiance - Fred Freeman
2. Black National Anthem - Emory Arnold
3. Welcome - Allura Poss
4. Reflection - Valedictorian & Salutatorian - Cadence Gilyard & Kennedy Robinson
5. Introduction of Keynote Speaker - London "Lyric" Willis & Justin Pointer Jr.
6. Keynote Speaker: Herman J. Russell Jr.
7. Special Awards
8. Early College - Mrs. Stenbridge
9. Presentation of 8th-grade Students - 8th Grade Level Director & Counselors
10. Closing Remarks - Assistant Principals Ms. Glover & Dr. Smith
11. Principals Address - Principal Mrs. Crooms
12. Recessional

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ATKINS, DEASIA  
BARNETT, JAIDEN  
BEBEE, DEANTHONY  
BENTON, ZUHR  
BERRY, DERRICK  
BOWMAN, RAJANAI  
BROWN, JAYLA  
BROWN, TIONNA  
BUICE, TYRIC  
BUNDRAGE JR., XAVIER  
CADEAU, WIHTLLEY  
CALDWELL JR., ANDREW  
CARTER, ALEXIS  
CARTER, JARVIS  
CARTER, JAWON  
CASEY, ROMIYAH  
CHAPPELL, TAVORIS  
CLAY, JERMOND  
CLAY, JIAHANNA  
CLEMENTS, JOMARIE  
CLOUD, CHANDERIA  
COGGINS JR., MARIO  
CONWELL, JAKEVIA  
COOK, JEFFERY  
COOPER, ZYMIR  
COTTON, VYCTOREYA  
CROFF, SHAWNTAY  
CRUTCHFIELD, ALEXANDER  
CULLINS, DORIANA  
DAVIS, AKELEEN  
DAVIS, DAVION  
DAVIS, JOHNAYA  
DAVIS JR., PAUL "PJ"  
DENNIS, DEONTAE  
FARMER, MARQUIS  
FINCH, KENTRELL

FOSTER, DONTAVIA  
FREEMAN JR., FRED  
FREEMAN, LAWRENCE  
GEDDIS III, WILLIE  
GENTRY, JEREMIAH  
GILL, JUSTIN  
GILSTRAP, ZION  
GILYARD, CADENCE  
GLASS, SHANISE  
GLASS, ZIPPORAH  
GONZALEZ, AZARIA  
GRIFFIN, JAKELA  
HEARD, DEREON  
HILL JR., MATTHEW  
HOLLOWAY, ANIYAH  
HOOD, SHANIYA  
HUBBARD JR., CARLIETO  
HUNT, SINCERE  
HUNTER, JA'NYAH  
IRBY, GEONTAE  
JAMESON, SAKARA  
JOHNSON, ANTHONY  
JOHNSON JR., CHRISTOPHER  
JOHNSON, JAYDEN  
JONES JR., DEMARCO  
JORDAN, BA'JANE  
KNOX, KENIYAH  
LEE, DEMARIOUS  
LEE, MAKAYLA  
MACK, TA'SEAN  
MARTIN, M'KAYLA  
MARTIN, TAJUAN  
MATTOX, TYLER  
MAYS, JAMES  
MCCLENDON, JHAKIA  
MCKINNEY, CAM'RON  
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MITCHELL, ALTON

MURRY, ZA'NIYA  
OVERTON IV, MARVIN  
OWENS, KIMORA  
PARKS, DAISHA  
PARROTT-SMITH, RESHAD  
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POINTER JR., JUSTIN  
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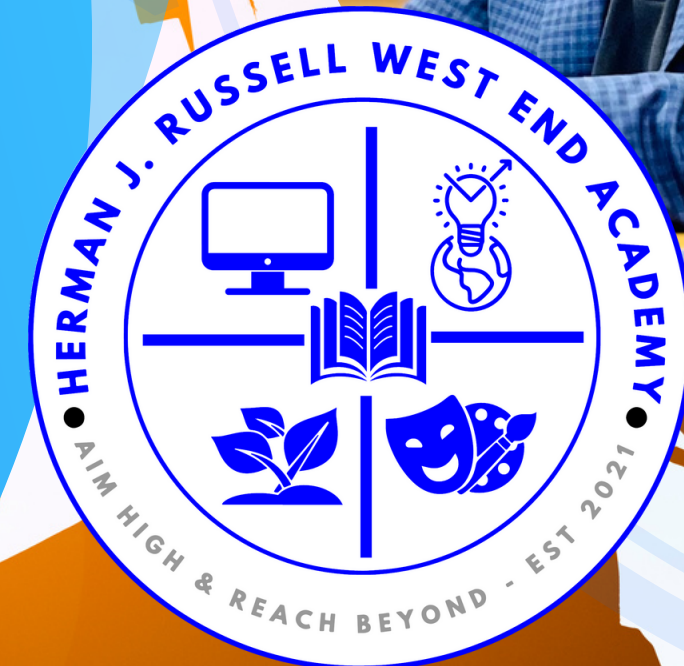
H. Jerome Russell is President of H. J. Russell & Company and Russell New Urban Development, LLC where his focus is on the firm's strategic direction and new business development. Over his career, he has experience with beverage distribution, consumer marketing, banking, construction and real estate for over 25 years which has led him to his current role as the lead Owner over the \$250M real estate portfolio and Chairman of the newly formed Herman J. Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship.

After earning his B.S. in Business Administration and Management from Georgia State in 1985, Jerome headed to Chicago, where he worked for City and Suburban Distributors as Assistant to the General Manager. In 1986, Jerome returned to Atlanta where he managed City Beverage, a \$15 million beverage distribution company. There he managed a beverage distribution/logistics company and oversaw the entire local consumer marketing for the various national brands. In 1990, along with his responsibilities as President of City Beverage Company, he began to integrate himself into real estate development by serving as a Project Manager for Gibraltar Land, Inc., a H.J. Russell-owned development firm, where he oversaw multi-million dollar urban residential and retail developments. In 1995, he was named President and COO of H.J. Russell focusing on the firm's strategic direction and new business development. During this tenure, the company's earnings increased 20% every year. He started Russell New Urban Development, LLC in 2003 to provide high quality in-town developments that stimulate economic growth and excite people about urban living. Recently, Jerome is focusing his energies into the opening of the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship (RICE). RICE is an economic mobility engine geared towards Black entrepreneurship.

Like his father, Herman J. Russell, Jerome has an entrepreneurial flair, he is involved in various business and civic pursuits. In 1997, he was named to the Board of Citizens Trust Bank. As an active board member, he was part of two (2) successful mergers taken on by Citizens Trust Bank. In 2005, he was named Chairman of the Loan Committee at Citizens Trust Bank. He currently continues to reside as Chairman of the Loan Committee and is an active board member. He also serves on the board of H. J. Russell & Company, Concessions International, Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship (RICE), Chairman of the West End CID, Metro Atlanta YMCA, Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Historical Society and Central Atlanta Progress. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, Atlanta Rotary, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Tiger 21 and Board of Councilors of The Carter Center.

Jerome is a native of Atlanta. He is married to Stephanie and, together, they have four children.

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