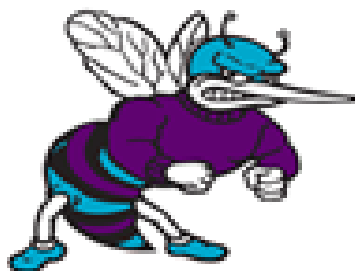


LIVE FROM THE NEST



South Atlanta Student and Parent **Freshman and Sophomore** Newsletter

March 2016

Happy March Good People!

It's "Grind Time" here at South Atlanta High School. With only a little under three months left of school, it's important that we encourage a strong finish. My name is **Ms. Sims**, your **College Access Coach** and I am here to help! This newsletter is tailored to the success of 9th and 10th grade students equipped with summer opportunities, community service, academic resources, and more!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

If you have a specific question as a student or parent that you think everyone should know, please submit them to ksims@achieveatlanta.org

Q: Should my child stop at the required 75 community service hours?

A: Not at all! Encourage your children to go way above and beyond to gain as many community service hours as possible. Many scholarships and organizations look for students who are actively invested in their communities. It is also advised to volunteer at a place where the student may be interested in that particular field. If a student aspires to be a teacher, volunteering at a daycare or summer camp can give them hands on experience, possible recommenders AND hours!

"If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

-Michael Jordan



Ms. Sims and students (Left 9th, Right 10th) Fall 2015

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Serving the Community? *Benefits & Gains*

What are your interests? Serving the community is a very admirable trait. Don't know where to start? Try the community service opportunities that are attached to this newsletter on the fifth page!

It's Summertime now what? *Staying Cool out of School*

Below are some summer opportunities in Atlanta. Although school is out for the summer, as a student who is invested in their future, you should continue to build your resume!

Atlanta Technical College Institute for Males (AIM)	Henry M. Carter Director Atlanta Technical College Institute for Males 1560 Metropolitan Parkway, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30310 Office (404) 225-4620 Fax (404) 225-4607 hcarter@atlantatech.edu	Camp will be held on the campus of Atlanta Technical College. The purpose of "Summer Leadership Camp" is to provide young men the opportunity to engage in intensive educational and leadership activities. -Available for males in 10 th through 12 th grade	
CDC Disease Detective Camp	Global Health Odyssey Museum Tom Harkin Global Communications Center Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Road, N.E. at CDC Parkway Atlanta, Georgia 30329 Tel: (404) 639-0830	High school juniors and seniors Learn first-hand how the CDC safe- guards the nation's health.	One session will be offered June 13-17 and one July 18 - 22 of 2016. All days are 8:45 am- 4:00 pm
College of William and Mary Pre-Collegiate Summer Program in Early American History	Pre-Collegiate Program in Early American History National Institute of American History and Democracy The College of William and Mary P.O. Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187- 8795 precol@wm.edu http://www.wm.edu/as/niah_d/precollegiatesummer/index.php (757) 221-7652	Participants in the Pre-Collegiate Program are regularly-enrolled summer school students at the College of William and Mary, earning four academic credits for a seminar, History 216. They live together in an air-conditioned dormitory on the campus of the College of William and Mary and take their meals in College dining facilities. Tuition, dorm room, and meals are all covered in the cost of the program. Looking for highly-motivated high-school students with a deep commitment to learning about the past ELIGIBILITY: Students who have completed at least their sophomore year in high school and are rising juniors, rising seniors or graduating seniors are eligible to apply and attend the program.	Pre-Collegiate Summer Program: First Session June 26, 2016 - July 16, 2016 Pre-Collegiate Summer Program: Second Session July 17, 2016 - August 6, 2016

**College is right
around the corner!**
**Are you preparing for
the turn ahead?**

**What's your dream
college?**

**I challenge you to look
up all the requirements
to get into that school
and work toward it!**

**Nine Groundbreaking
steps to remember!**

1. Maintain a 3.0 GPA
2. Participate in Extra-Curricular Activities
3. Determine how to pay for college
4. Complete required community service hours
5. Take ACT/SAT and get qualifying scores
6. Take college prep courses (AP, IB courses)
7. Complete FASFA
8. Complete college application with strong essay.
9. Graduate High school!

**Keep up with these
steps throughout your
high school career. Be
AHEAD of the GAME.**



Students at University of West Georgia on a campus tour February 24th!

Need Help? Sometimes, we all do.
Academic Resources

How can South Atlanta help?

Tutorial is offered **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** after school. If a student is interested, they should speak with their teacher for additional support. Select **1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month** the school is open for academic tutoring.

Programs like Upward Bound at Clark Atlanta also has tutoring resources, if accepted.

Some **FREE** websites you may want to look at:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/> and <http://www.hippocampus.org/>

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON, AND IT'S SHINING BRIGHT!

Special shout out goes to all the **teachers, faculty and staff** who support students while at school and work with the **College Access Squad** with programs! Thanks for being actively involved. **You are appreciated.** Next time you see someone who has supported you, say thank you. Trust me, it makes

a difference. =]

#ManyhandsMakeLightWork

MS. SIMS' TIP OF THE MONTH: Got Clubs and Orgs?

The right amount of involvement.

How many clubs and organizations are you involved in?

In a perfect world, it is my hope each student is involved in at least ONE extra-curricular activity whether it be in school, after school, or on weekends. There is a club or organization for every interest! Some students like to dance, some like to draw, some like STEM activities or sports.

Fortunately, being young, you are given the opportunity to explore what you like. Colleges and scholarships like to see that you add to the culture of the school, especially in leadership aspects. Being involved also opens a world of connections and people who want to see you succeed. [This is key for recommendation letters](#). People need to know **who you are and learn about your talents**. Show them!

Don't be shy... Need help? Come see me. Room D312

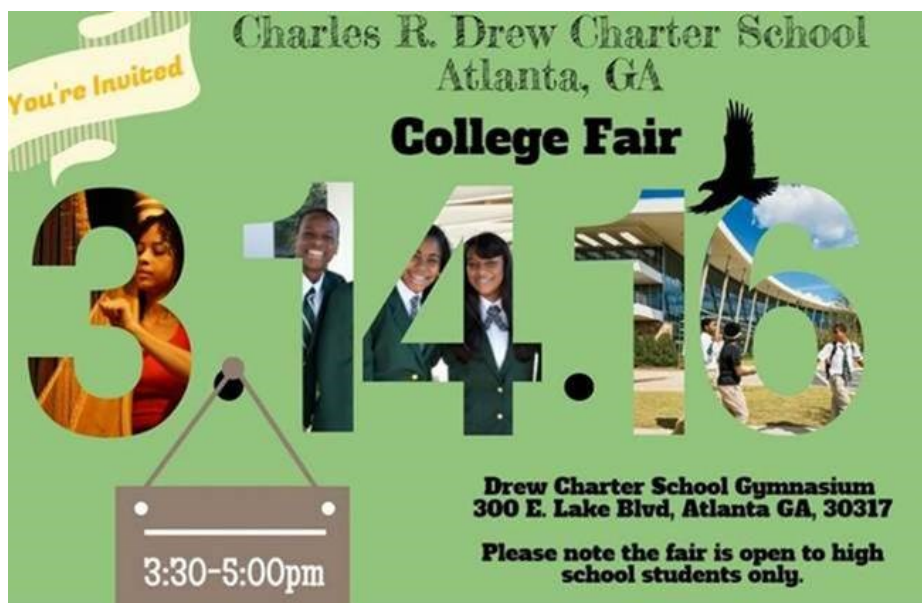
What are the moves? *Upcoming Events..*

March 4th- Sankofa Selections in English Classes [\[for students\]](#)

March 15th—PTSA Meeting/ FASFA Night at 6:30PM. **FREE FOOD**

March 2016— Understanding your Crown [\[for students\]](#) (Date TBA)

April 2016— College Access Squad College Fair



Ms. Sims



Contact Ms. Sims

My goal is to build a strong foundation for 9th and 10th graders, making them well rounded students through workshops & exposure to different activities. By creating a college going mindset, students can start to prepare effectively to go through each step toward graduation and beyond!

Like what you see? I surely hope you do.

Have an idea that you think should be in next month's issue? Email me at ksims@achieveatlanta.org or call me at 404-802-5000 EXT.5040 and **LEAVE A MESSAGE** so I can get back to you as soon as possible.

Have students in 11th and 12th grade? Visit Achieve Atlanta's website for scholarships!

<http://achieveatlanta.org/>