



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

March 1, 2026 - April 1, 2026

SUMMARY

1. Summer Camp Providers Convening
2. Literacy Convening - Presentation by Helios Education Foundation
3. Staff Retreat & Culture Statement

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR PLANNING,
COORDINATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

DATE	MEETING / EVENT	SUMMARY
March 1, 2026	Sponsored Event: WUFT Stop, Paws, and Learn at Santa Fe Zoo	E. McCauley and Intern A. Wherley tabled at this event.
March 3, 2026	Big Brothers Big Sisters Meeting	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire met with BBBS CEO Robyn Ostrem.
March 3, 2026	Aces in Motion - Afterschool Site Monitoring Visit	B. Wagner and M. DeZutter met with interim CEO, Eric Lanham, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 3, 2026	Safe Kids of NCFL Car Seat Check at Waldo Public Library	E. McCauley tabled at this event.
March 3, 2026	FACCT Program Affinity Group	D. Tyson and B. Wagner participated in the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils & Trusts (FACCT) program affinity meeting.
March 4, 2026	TeensWork Alachua - Program Planning Meeting	B. Wagner met with Madison James from TWA to review and discuss SAMIS import/export capabilities.
March 4, 2026	ELC Contract and Performance Review Meeting	M. Jones and B. Wagner met with ELC for a contract check-in meeting. Reviewed data in SAMIS, CQI, and progress in achieving FY2026 performance measures.
March 4, 2026	Girls Place - Afterschool Site Monitoring Visit	B. Wagner and M. DeZutter met with Executive Director, Christi Arrington and Program Director, Nevada Smith, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 4, 2026	UF School of Education Stakeholders Day	E. McCauley attended.
March 4, 2026	Tour of UF Innovate	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley attended.

March 5, 2026	Read Across America Week Peak Literacy Observation	E. McCauley attended.
March 6, 2026	SWAG Health and Wellness Fair	E. McCauley tabled at this event.
March 7, 2026	Summer Blitz 2026	ED M. Kiner attended and E. McCauley tabled at event.
March 7, 2026	Stomp the Swamp for Autism	ED M. Kiner attended, E. McCauley and A. Wherley tabled at CTAC sponsored event.
March 10, 2026	5th Ave. Neighborhood Association Meeting	E. McCauley attended.
March 10, 2026	Deeper Purpose - Afterschool Program and Family Resource Center Site Visit	B. Wagner met with Executive Director, Adam Joy, and Family Resource Center Manager, Staci Clemons, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 10, 2026	Alliance for Scholars - Gainesville - Contract Negotiation	L. Means, B. Wagner, and B. James met with Dr. Coleman-King to review FY2026 contract deliverables, attachments, and performance measures.
March 10, 2026	River Phoenix - Youth Leadership & Conflict Resolution - Site Visit	D. Tyson and B. Wagner attended a youth teachback session to exhibit the knowledge and skills gained from the program.
March 17, 2026	Sponsored Event: Majestic Oaks Community Spring Break Day	E. McCauley tabled at sponsored event.
March 17, 2026	Sheriff's Office - Readers on Duty Spring Break - Hawthorne Community Center	ED Kiner attended the event and met with the city manager and city commissioners.
March 18, 2026	ELC Board of Directors' Meeting	ED Kiner attended.
March 18, 2026	City of Newberry Meeting - Family Resource Center	ED Kiner and DOP James met with Newberry City Manager Jordan Marlowe and staff to discuss opening a Family Resource Center in Newberry.

March 20, 2026	MySidewalk Review & Discussion	B. Wagner met with Lesley Banis from the Community Foundation to discuss utilization and features of mySidewalk.
March 21, 2026	Sponsored Event: Black Family Wellness Expo	ED M. Kiner attended and E. McCauley tabled this sponsored event.
March 23, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Rawlings Elementary	L. Means, B. Wagner, and B. James met with the CHS staff to discuss programming, data collection, progress in achieving performance measures, and tour facilities.
March 23, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Howard Bishop Middle School	L. Means, B. Wagner, and B. James met with the CHS staff to discuss programming, data collection, progress in achieving performance measures, and tour facilities.
March 23, 2026	Wellness & Health Navigation - Metcalfe Elementary	L. Means, B. Wagner, and B. James met with the CHS staff to discuss programming, data collection, progress in achieving performance measures, and tour facilities.
March 23, 2026	Boys & Girls Club - Northwest - Afterschool Site Monitoring Visit	B. Wagner and M. DeZutter met with Unit Director, D'Acra Hayes, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 24, 2026	Boys & Girls Club - Woodland Park - Afterschool Site Monitoring Visit	B. Wagner and M. DeZutter met with Unit Director, Destinee Collins, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 25, 2026	Meeting with Rev. Donna Schaper at United Church of Gainesville	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley attended.
March 27, 2026	Alachua Elementary Spring Carnival	CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at this event.
March 27, 2026	Meadowbrook Elementary Spring Carnival	E. McCauley tabled at this event.
March 28, 2026	Sponsored Event: GatoRX Community Care Fair	CiviGator Intern A. Wherley tabled at this sponsored event.

March 28, 2026	Alachua County Sheriff's Office: Newberry Community Fun Day	E. McCauley tabled at this event.
March 30, 2026	North Central Florida Family Homelessness Summit	ED M. Kiner and E. McCauley attended.
March 30, 2026	Willie Mae Stokes - Afterschool Site Monitoring Visit	B. Wagner and M. DeZutter met with Executive Director, Christopher Stokes, to discuss the program, review documentation, and see the program in action.
March 31, 2026	Tour of Ronald McDonald House	ED M. Kiner, COO K. Goldwire, and E. McCauley attended.
March 31, 2026	CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	ED Kiner met with new CDS CEO PJ Minzie and outgoing CEO Phil Kabler.

PROGRAMS CALENDAR

March	
March 2, 2026	CTAC Regular Staff Meeting
March 2, 2026	City of Hawthorne Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Family Resource Center
March 2, 2026	Site visit: Aces in Motion After School Program
March 3, 2026	FACCT Programs Affinity Group Meeting
March 3, 2026	Early Childhood Early Intervention Resources and Systems Experts Follow-up Meeting
March 3, 2026	ED Kiner and COO Goldwire facilitated an introduction meeting with the New CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters
March 4, 2026	Contract Meeting- ELC of Alachua County
March 4, 2026	Meeting with Dr. Meg Lietzau, UF CARD
March 4, 2026	Site Visit: Girls Place After School Program
March 5, 2026	Contract Meeting- A& A Doula Consulting
March 5, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
March 5, 2026	COO Goldwire met with Claudia Tuck and the Opioid Taskforce Manager to discuss future funding options
March 5, 2026	Contract negotiation Mirror Image Leadership Academy Summer Camp
March 6, 2026	Literacy Collaborative meeting with Center for Nonprofit Excellence
March 9, 2026	Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance Meeting
March 10 - 14, 2026	National After School Convention, Washington, DC
March 10, 2026	Site Visit: Deeper Purpose After School Program
March 11, 2026	Thriving Parents WorkGroup
March 11, 2026	Contract Negotiation: Alliance for Scholars
March 11, 2026	River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding at the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center: Student Teachback Session

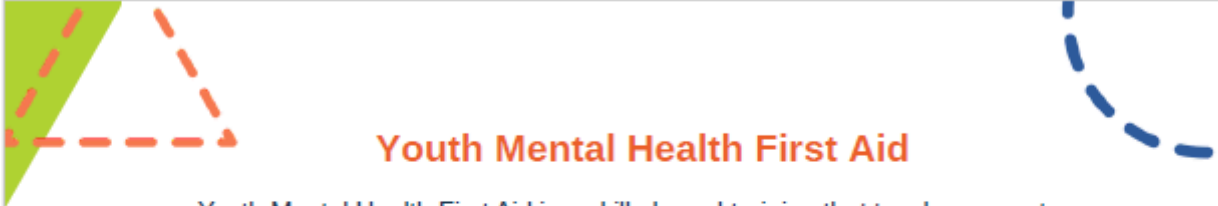
March 12, 2026	UF Maternal Health ACCESS Task Force Meeting
March 12, 2026	Housing First Committee Meeting
March 13, 2026	Contract Meeting NHVP
March 13, 2026	Police Youth Dialogue with River Phoenix, High Springs PD, and Alachua County Sheriff's Office
March 17, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
March 18, 2026	Harmony & Her Contract Discussion
March 18, 2026	FIMR North Central CRT
March 18, 2026	City of Newberry Family Resource Center Discussion
March 18, 2026	Is it Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attachment Deficit Disorder (ADD)-Provider Training with Genesis
March 23, 2026	Rawlings Elementary School Wellness Coordinator Site Visit
March 23, 2026	Howard Bishop Middle School Wellness Coordinator Site Visit
March 23, 2026	Metcalf Elementary School Wellness Coordinator Site Visit
March 23, 2026	Site Visit: Boys and Girls Club - Northwest
March 23, 2026	Contract Negotiation: Strong Minded Mentoring
March 24, 2026	Early Childhood Resources and Systems Workgroup Meeting
March 24, 2026	SAMIS Training: Doulio
March 24, 2026	Site Visit: Boys and Girls Club - Woodland Park
March 25, 2026	Contract Meeting CNE (Alachua County Reads)
March 25, 2026	UF MCH Class Presentation
March 26, 2026	HSNCF Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2026	Closing the Literacy Gap Together: Lessons from Helios Education Foundation and Opportunities for the Alachua County Literacy Collaborative (Alachua Reads)
March 26, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
March 26, 2026	Alliance for Scholars Contract Discussion

March 26, 2026	CTAC and IGB Summer Program Budget Discussion
March 28, 2026	NCFL Chapter of FLAYEC Tracks to Excellence Conference
March 30, 2026	Contract meeting SPARC 352
March 30, 2026	Site Visit: Willie Mae Stokes Community Center - Afterschool Program
March 31, 2026	Summer Camp Kick-Off
March 31, 2026	NCIT Five State Power Sharing Initiative Quarterly Call
March 31, 2026	Ronald Mc Donald tour and Leadership introductions
April	
April 3, 2026	Advanced Human Trafficking Training
April 3, 2026	Flex Enterprise Demo & Webauthor Meeting
April 14, 2026	Florida Afterschool Network Resiliency Training
April 14, 2026	Florida Afterschool Network Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
April 15, 2026	FACCT IT Affinity Group
April 16, 2026	Programs' Team Meeting
April 17, 2026	Summer Literacy Convening
April 21, 2026	SAMIS S3 Meeting
April 22, 2026	Understanding Arousal and Checking out Dysregulation in Children-Provider Training

INITIATIVES

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, skills-focused training that helps adults recognize and respond to adolescents (ages 12–18) who may be experiencing mental health or substance-use challenges. This full-day workshop gives afterschool providers, caregivers, and other youth-serving adults practical tools to identify warning signs, understand what young people may be facing, and use proven strategies to offer effective support.

This training is offered at no cost to Trust-funded afterschool providers, ensuring accessible, high-quality professional development that strengthens the safety net around Alachua County youth and enhances the capacity of our afterschool programs.




Youth Mental Health First Aid



Youth Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training that teaches parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors and health and human services workers and any other citizen how to identify, understand and respond to an adolescent (ages 12-18) who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Mental Health First Aid training gives you the skills to act. You'll be able to spot the signs that someone might be struggling and use proven strategies to help them. Join us for this full-day workshop.

Date: April 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: 4010 NW 25th PL, Gainesville, FL 32606
Registration Cost: \$45

Don't delay, click [here](#) to register or scan the QR code below:



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PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Summer Camp Preparations:

Hosted Summer Kickoff Training for 21 summer camp providers. Training included presentations from CTAC's Contract Management, Fiscal, Communications, Data Support and Evaluation. Summer staff training best practices and a review of FY25 summer staff survey data was also included.

Literacy:

- Met with Dr. Theresa Beachy and Dr. Heidi Keegan from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence for ongoing planning and implementation of Alachua Reads Initiative.
- Planning for Summer Literacy Convening; an opportunity for summer camp providers to hear from and connect with literacy experts in our community and discuss incorporating literacy activities into summer programming.

Site Visits:

Visited sites to see programming in action, review compliance with contract requirements, receive a tour of the program, discuss progress in meeting performance measures and quality of data.

- Afterschool Program Site Visits:
 - Aces in Motion
 - Girls Place
 - Deeper Purpose
 - Boys and Girls Club- Northwest
 - Boys and Girls Club- Woodland Park
 - Willie Mae Stokes Community Center
- Wellness & Health Navigation Site Visits:
 - Rawlings Elementary
 - Howard Bishop Middle School
 - Metcalfe Elementary

Evaluation Planning, Data Analysis and Support:

New and renewal contracts for FY2026:

Developed performance measures, monthly and end of year reporting requirements, and data collection tools for new and renewal FY2026 contracts. Discussed with providers evaluation and data requirements and trained in SAMIS use. Providers listed below:

- Innovation for Impact Grants
 - Play and Wellness Center of Gainesville - Harmony & Her

- Strong Minded Mentoring - Handy Youth in ACTION
- Summer Programs
 - Mirror Image Leadership Academy - Summer Camp
 - University of Florida - Alliance for Scholars
 - Goodwill Industries - TeensWork Alachua
- Doulio - Post Partum Doula Training

Completed and shared with CTAC leadership a mySidewalk dashboard featuring key indicators selected for the FY2027-2030 strategic plan.

Completed and shared with CTAC leadership a Provider Perspectives report summarizing provider feedback on CTAC processes, support from staff, and perception of CTAC overall.

Program Monitoring and Support:

- Observed teachback session facilitated by youth in the Youth Leadership and Conflict Resolution Program offered through the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding
- Reflection and planning meeting with SPARC 352
- Completed mid-year review process for all FY2026 providers

Provided ongoing data collection and reporting support to providers

Board Presentations:

- CTAC Strategic Plan for FY 2027-2030
- Summer Camp Evaluation Results
- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Results

Professional Learning and Collaboration:

- FACCT Program Affinity Group Meeting
- National After School Conference in Washington, DC
- Meeting, collaboration with Dr. Meg Lietzau, UF CARD
- mySidewalk - Sidekick Ask/Think Training
- R / Positron data analysis, reporting, and visualization
- SAMIS S3 Meeting
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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Financial Reports and Addendums

- FY 2026 Budget Report (February)
- FY 2026 Checks and Expenditures Report (February)
- FY 2026 Programmatic Awards and Expenditures Report (February)

****Please see “Annotations to Financial Statements” that accompanies Budget Report for detailed analysis*

FY 2025 Audit

- Preliminary Audit Results anticipated by April 30th
- Final Audit Results expected in early May

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media - Key Points

- Gained **31** net followers on Facebook and **18** followers on Instagram. We also gained 3 followers on LinkedIn.
- We amassed **21.5K** views on Facebook, **23** views on LinkedIn and **2.4K** views on Instagram in the **past 30 days**.
- The most viewed content on our Facebook were:
 - Our post about the 5th cohort of BLI graduates (**4K views**)
 - Our post about the Majestic Oaks Spring Break event (**2.4K views**)
- The most viewed content on our Instagram were:
 - Our post about the Brunch and Learn event at Library Partnership (**480 views**)
 - Our post about the Annual Pinwheel Planting event (**400 views**)

New Campaigns / Projects

- Pinwheels full push: photos from partners, video for post-press-release push, video for in-house editing, Proclamation
- Summer Camps: guide push
- Strategic Plan edits
- Website redesign / YouTube Redesign quotes and research
- Parenting Playbook, content gathering

Continuing Campaigns / Projects

- Limitless Adventures
- Board meeting video pulls for socials and youtube
- Live monthly morning shows with Tu Fiesta
- Monthly podcast

In the news:

- **Gainesville Sun:**
 - [Elegance shines at Renaissance Beautillion-Cotillion in Gainesville](#)
- **TV20:**
 - [Gainesville gun violence prevention program expands with technology hub initiative](#)
- **Alachua Chronicle:**
 - [Safe Kids North Central Florida invites families to “Healthy Heroes Day” on April 18](#)
 - [IMPACT GNV launches technology hubs with Children’s Trust of Alachua County grant](#)
 - [Joint Commissions hear update on Literacy Action Plan](#)
- **Mainstreet Daily News:**
 - [Local agencies raise child abuse awareness with ‘Pinwheels of Possibility’ on April 1*](#)
 - [SPARC352 STEAM Activity Pop-Up event slated for Saturday](#)

- **City of Gainesville:**
 - [IMPACT GNV launches technology hubs with Children’s Trust of Alachua County grant](#)
- **Independent Florida Alligator**
 - [From firefighting to baby-clothes sales, TeensWork program trains Alachua students](#)
(main photo is CTAC sign)

BOARD MOTIONS AND REQUESTS

DATE	MOTION / REQUEST	STATUS
8.12.2024	Member Chance mentioned that programmatic dashboards showing awarded amounts and actual invoiced/funded amounts for each program area would be helpful and useful for staff to create or distribute.	In progress pending website host update.
3.10.2025	Member Chance suggested checking with other CSC's and considering listing funded organizations under priorities on the website for accountability.	
9.9.2024	Chair Pinkoson requested to have a discussion for future RFPs about the maximum amount of funding a provider can request of the total allocation.	Completed at 3.9.2026 workshop with the adoption of the Strategic Funding Plan
11.4.2024	The Board requested a joint meeting with the Alachua County Library Board.	Scheduling in Progress
3.10.2025	Dr. Labarta requested a follow-up to the community needs listing.	My Sidewalk Presentation - April 2026 Board Meeting
11.10.2025	Member Pinkoson moved to: Refer to staff the family eviction issue and to bring back to the Board after the new year possible recommendations to refer to the BoCC and Family Resource Centers. Ask the chair to bring to the BoCC the Trust's concern of family evictions and to potentially put a placeholder to fund any Trust recommendations.	In progress
2.9.2026	Dr. Labarta moved that staff convene the major youth mental health providers and identify how CTAC can improve distribution of services and allot/distribute throughout the county;	In progress
3.9.2026	Member Pinkoson moved to accept the CQI report and have staff bring back a recommendation to include information on providers in the emerging category, staff support, and years contracted with CTAC.	In progress

SUCCESS STORIES

University of Florida College of Dentistry / Saving Smiles

This month, the Saving Smiles team hosted the annual Super Sealant Saturday event at the UF College of Dentistry, which drew a record number of attendees. A total of 354 children ages 1–17 received preventive dental services, including sealants, fluoride, and oral health education. For many of these children, this was their first-ever dental visit, offering an essential introduction to oral healthcare in a supportive and welcoming environment.

During the event, we met an 8-year-old child who attended with their younger siblings. Their parents shared that although the family has dental insurance, they have been unable to afford the deductibles and out-of-pocket costs for their four children. As a result, none of their children had been able to establish routine dental care. At the event, the child received dental sealants and fluoride, providing protection for their newly erupted permanent teeth. Their parents also received education on brushing techniques and strategies for supporting oral health at home. Each child left with a toothbrush goodie bag containing age-appropriate dental hygiene supplies. After their appointments, the family enjoyed the Toy Story–themed carnival, where the children participated in face painting and watched a puppet show. The parents expressed how grateful they were to find a welcoming event where their children could receive needed preventive care without financial strain.

Partnership for Strong Families / CRN | FRC | HMG

A patron initially came to the Family Resource Center seeking job support and assistance updating her resume. During our meeting, we worked together to revise her resume, highlighting her existing skills and experiences while identifying opportunities to strengthen her qualifications for healthcare-related positions. While exploring ways to enhance her career prospects, she discovered a flyer for medical training programs at Santa Fe College. With encouragement and guidance from the Resource Center, she applied to the Phlebotomy Certification Program. Staff provided support throughout the application process, including reviewing application materials and helping her prepare for enrollment. Months later, she successfully completed the program and earned her phlebotomy certification. She returned to the Resource Center to update her resume once again, this time adding her newly obtained credential and positioning herself for expanded employment opportunities in the healthcare field.

Kids Count in Alachua County / After School Program

A Demonstration of Trauma-Informed Practice and Student Growth

Several months ago, Kids Count welcomed a third-grade student who faced significant challenges related to safety, connection, and emotional regulation. He struggled to manage stress and lacked the coping and communication skills necessary to engage effectively with peers and staff. As a result, he often remained withdrawn from program activities and frequently attempted to slip out of the classroom without permission.

Through consistent, trauma-informed support from the Kids Count team—including a master’s-level social work intern—the student began to experience meaningful change. Staff worked intentionally to normalize help-seeking behaviors, encouraging him to request breaks when overwhelmed and guiding

him to do so in safe and appropriate ways. During these structured breaks, the social work intern supported him in identifying personal strengths and developing individualized coping strategies.

Over time, the progress has been substantial. When confronted with triggers that previously resulted in fleeing or dissociation, the student now demonstrates the ability to pause, apply learned strategies, and regulate his emotions. His distress tolerance has increased significantly, enabling him to remain present and engaged in the program environment.

Likewise, the student's overall connection to the program has improved. With increased opportunities for choice and autonomy, he now participates actively in activities and is forming positive relationships with peers and staff. Whereas safety concerns once prevented him from attending field trips, he is now being considered for participation in Kids Count's summer program, which includes daily off-site experiences.

This student's progress illustrates the effectiveness of trauma-informed care in addressing complex behavioral needs while fostering resilience, confidence, and renewed engagement. It underscores the profound impact that intentional, compassionate support can have on a child's sense of safety and possibility.

Kids Count in Alachua County / After School Program

For the past three years, Kids Count has had the privilege of supporting a now-third grade student whose growth has been nothing short of remarkable. When he first joined the program, he was extremely shy and unsure of himself. Forming friendships was difficult, and he lacked confidence in his academic abilities—especially in reading.

Through twice-weekly UFLI tutoring, daily homework support, and intentional social-emotional learning, he slowly began building both skills and self-belief. Early on, frustration often led him to avoid schoolwork altogether; at one point, staff even found his homework discarded in the grass outside of school.

Today, the student approaches learning with an entirely different mindset. He now sits down with his tutor for UFLI lessons and completes his homework without resistance. He has formed a steady group of friends and participates confidently in program activities. His transformation is evident not only at Kids Count—his parents share that they see a meaningful increase in his academic confidence at home as well.

This student's journey reflects the power of consistent academic support paired with social-emotional development. With a strong foundation now in place, he is well-positioned to continue thriving as he moves forward in his education.

Aces in Motion / After School Program *Literacy & Reading Intervention Update*

AIM has made intensive **literacy** and reading comprehension tutoring a top priority this school year, and the results are already speaking loudly. Through our partnership with **PEAK Literacy**, students

identified through assessment have received targeted, evidence-based intervention—and the progress is both measurable and deeply meaningful.

In just **four months** of intervention:

- **732** tutoring sessions completed (each 15 minutes)
- **32** total participating students
- **18 students** improved their FAST score
- **9 students** advanced **an entire FAST level** (e.g., Level 2 → Level 3)

These gains reflect consistent effort, strong instructional support, and students who are showing up ready to grow.

Beyond the data, the personal victories are powerful:

- **One scholar tested out of Intensive Reading entirely**, now performing at or above grade level.
- Another student—who required multiple layers of academic support including 1:1 coaching and PEAK intervention—also **tested out of Intensive Reading last month**.
- A third student earned their **first-ever score of 5** on the ELA FAST exam.

We are incredibly proud of our scholars and the educators supporting them. With this momentum, we're eager to see how much more growth unfolds by the end of the academic year.