

Believers Academy's Directors' Message



This school year denotes our 6th year of operation. We are ecstatic to announce we have been able to increase our staff to better service our students and continue striving to change lives forever. This year, we have many exciting things happening for our student body. We have implemented an intensive academic focus for our content courses that will monitor, assess and promote even greater academic gains. Additionally, we have provided the students with in-depth, hands-on, vocational training program that encompasses 44 different career exploration courses as well as a hands-on daily living skills curriculum that fosters the development of each students ability to live a successful and independent life. Just as we have done in the past 4 years, our students are dedicated to servicing the community in which they reside. As a school we are involved in community service activities. In September, our students participated in a school wide beach clean-up exercise at a local beach.

During the first 9 weeks, our students and staff have been working diligently on raising their reading scores on the Scholastic Reading Inventory and their Math scores on the STAR Math Assessment. Our teachers are completing evaluations on student progress approximately every 2-3 weeks. I am very pleased to say the results of the mini assessments indicate that these young men and women are on track to knock their previous scores out of the water. I want to thank our parents for making sure that their child attends school and completes his/her homework on a daily basis; as those are keys to their continued success. To the corporate partners, we thank

you for mentoring our students in your career field and always putting education as a priority in your workplace. That philosophy helps motivate these young men and women. Your mentorship speaks volumes. Keep leading these young people and making a difference. Finally, to the student and teachers, Keep the pursuit for perfection, because along the way you will reach excellence. Nothing is more powerful nor as meaningful than the feeling of accomplishment, especially when you put your sweat and tears into it. We can't wait for the results of the mid-year assessments.

Believers Academy 2012 Staff



Not Pictured: Jackie Reed

Vocational Program

We are very pleased to announce that Believers Academy has not only continued to meet and exceed expectations in the classroom but our vocational team has worked countless hours in the community. They have established relationships with various corporations that truly support our mission and believe in MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

“IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD”

There are common problems in society and education that are adversely effecting our community. Rising unemployment rates, employees with unsuitable skills, High School dropouts, young adults that cannot read or write, and increasing illegal operations are just a few that continue to cripple our society . It is our Mission at Believers Academy to break these cycles. The following are specific areas we plan to address with the assistance of Corporate America: Unemployment, Illiterate citizens, Low Functioning Math skills, Successful employment traits, Lack of Vocational Training, Inadequate Occupational Exposure, Nonexistent Role Models, Low Self-esteem, Community Pride & belonging, Respect & Pride.

Together with Corporate America, we can make a difference by conquering each students' academic weaknesses, while teaching them a trade (emphasizing strengths, increasing self-esteem, providing suitable role models). Investing in students today will yield better citizens of tomorrow. To see a list of all the community heroes that have joined the Believers Academy family please visit www.believersacademyinc.org and click on our corporate partners link.

Corporate Partner Corner



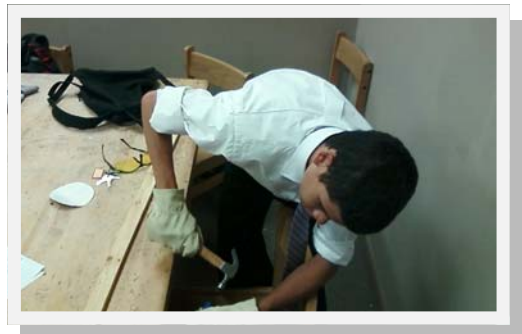
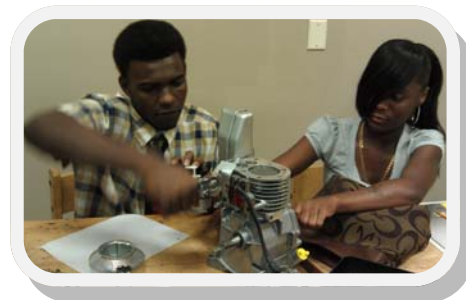
Red Bull has developed a 13 week internship program for our Believers Academy Students that have aspirations to forge careers in the distribution industry. In addition to fostering growth and developing young professionals this organization is a total class act. They have been very active within the community in which they serve. They are changing lives and make a difference daily. The management and employees at all levels have been extremely hospitable and committed to train and coach our students. Our students are learning the industry inside and out as well as developing the soft skills employers desire. It is a true honor to be associated with an organization with such integrity, **THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND CHANGING LIVES FOREVER.**

Academic Arena

Project Discovery Showcase

What is Project Discovery? The Education Associates *Project Discovery Transition System* is a nationally-validated curriculum. This comprehensive hands-on curriculum provides middle and high school students with career development, vocational training and job preparation skills necessary for entrance into the general curricula, the workforce and an independent life. Students are exposed to a variety of career opportunities (approx: 22 Careers each year) as they learn hundreds of real world job skills in many diverse career cluster areas. Students use real life tools of the trades to perform actual tasks of workers in career fields, while learning the academic skills necessary to perform the tasks. Students also gain important life skills and employability skills. Careers taught this year are:

Animal Care	Cleaning/Maintenance
Sales Rep	Lawn Care
Public Health & Nutrition	Wall Covering
Child Care	Autobody Repair
Retail/Stocking	Upholstery
Medical Emergency	Masonry
Sewing	Landscaping/Horticulture
Dental Care	Capentry
Skin/Nail Care	Plumbing



FY12 BELIEVERS ACADEMY BOARD MEMBERS

The Board that governs Believers Academy meets on the second Wednesday every Month; except January and July. These meetings are held at 6:00pm in the Believers Academy Conference room. Listed below are the names of our Board Members, their titles and their email/contact information. If you would like to put an item on the agenda, submit it to Ms. Dyer 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

Melissa Smith (President) - MSmith@cherryedgarlaw.com

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* NCLB SPAR Reports is available in the Academic Director's Office for your review

Report Card Distribution Dates

Grading Period	Distribution Dates
1	November 14, 2011
2	January 24, 2012
3	April 10, 2012
4	Mailed after June 14, 2012

Student Attendance Days

Grading Period	Begins	Ends	Number of Days
1st Quarter	August 22, 2011	October 27, 2011	47
2nd Quarter	October 31, 2011	December 22,	35
3rd Quarter	January 10, 2012	March 16, 2012	47
4th Quarter	March 27, 2012	June 7, 2012	51

LTM - Learning Team Meetings

LATE START—10:00 am

September 15, 2011	January 26, 2012
October 13, 2011	February 9, 2012
November 3, 2011	March 8, 2012
December 1, 2011	

Teacher Work Days

October 28, 2011 February 20, 2012
 November 11, 2011 March 26, 2012
 January 9, 2012

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

November 18 Field Day
December 21-22 Holiday Camping
Trip (over night)

HOLIDAYS

July 4, 2011	Independence Day
September 5, 2011	Labor Day
September 29, 2011	Fall Holiday
November 23—25, 2011	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23, 2011— January 6,	Winter Holidays
January 16, 2012	M. L. King's Birthday
March 19—23, 2012	Spring Break
April 6, 2012	Spring Holiday
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day