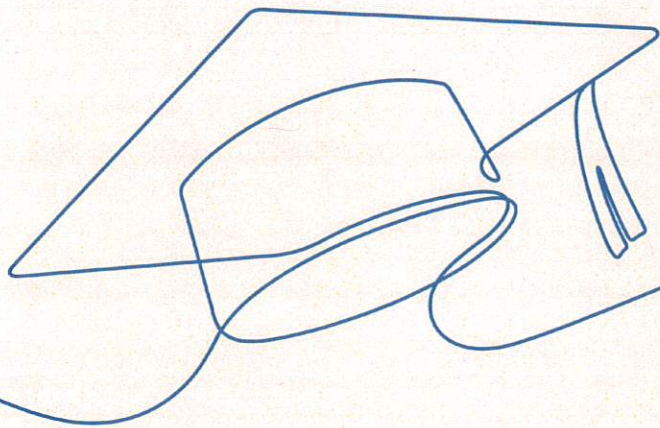


2025  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



ACADEMY FOR  
URBAN SCHOLARS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
**COLUMBUS**

## A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the year wraps up, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve our scholars and work alongside an incredible team of educators and support staff. Together, we have achieved remarkable accomplishments, and I am proud of the growth, resilience, and success our students have experienced because of our collective efforts. Every lesson learned, every challenge overcome, and every milestone reached is a testament to the dedication of everyone in our school community.

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, I am genuinely excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to build on our successes, innovate, and create even more impactful experiences for our scholars. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion. Together, we will make the next year even more extraordinary as we work to empower our students and strengthen our schools for another successful year.

## DIRECTOR OF INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

This year has been one of resilience, growth, and shared commitment. As I reflect on my transition into the role of Director of Innovative Academics at Prep Academy, I'm both humbled and proud of the progress we've made together. We successfully implemented project-based learning across content areas, fostering collaboration and critical thinking, while expanding technology integration to enhance digital literacy and classroom engagement. At the same time, we've continued to strengthen connections with families through initiatives like Parents with Purpose and broadened our reach through community partnerships that provide mentorship, enrichment, and real-world learning opportunities. Together—with our staff, families, and community partners—we will continue to foster growth, ignite passion for learning, and prepare our scholars to lead with purpose and confidence.

## DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

As we reflect on the 2025–26 school year, I am proud to share that The Academy for Urban Scholars has reached a remarkable milestone again with over 100 scholars graduated, many of whom earned industry-recognized credentials and left equipped with the tools needed for success in their post-secondary journeys. This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to student growth, academic excellence, and real-world readiness. Our work extended beyond the classroom as we deepened our partnerships with families and the broader community, ensuring our scholars and their loved ones receive the wrap-around support necessary for long-term success. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to expanding our impact by strengthening family engagement, fostering community collaboration, and providing holistic services that empower our students both in and beyond high school. Together, we will continue to transform lives and fulfill our mission to uplift and equip the next generation of leaders.



**Sabrina Jones**



**Dr. Sherrell Davis**

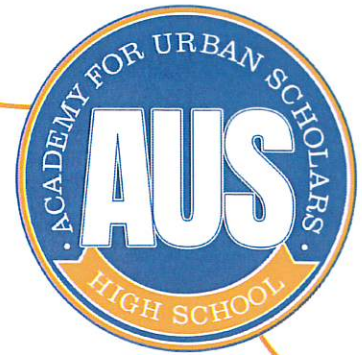


**Charles Jefferson**

# STAFF

## WORK ACADEMY LEADERSHIP

**Sabrina Jones B.S.** Superintendent  
**Dr. Sherrell Davis Ed.D** Director of Innovative Academics  
**Chaz Jefferson** Director of Workforce and Education  
**Jerrica Manley M.Ed** Director of School Counseling  
**Derek Lee M.Ed** Director of Student Affairs/Special Education Director  
**Bridgette Boffman** AMP Program Manager  
**Alonee Gray** Senior Advisor  
**Jaden Manley** Senior Advisor  
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**Kanai Brown** Success Coach  
**Raquwan Camara** Success Coach  
**Eugene Padgett** CTE Advisor  
**Jonathan Bentley** General Education Instructor  
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**Khari Wilcox** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Coordinator  
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**Pamela Duncan MSA** Academic Advisor  
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**Jacob Stephens** Social Studies Instructor  
**Maniki Prysock** Science Instructor  
**Marchea Wiley** English Instructor  
**Anne Hatter** Math Intervention  
**Carlos Wortham** Engagement Coach  
**Melissa Davis** Engagement Coach  
**Michelle Page-Moon** Engagement Coach  
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**Jordan Harrison** IT Help Desk Technician  
**Derek Knight** Mentor Coordinator



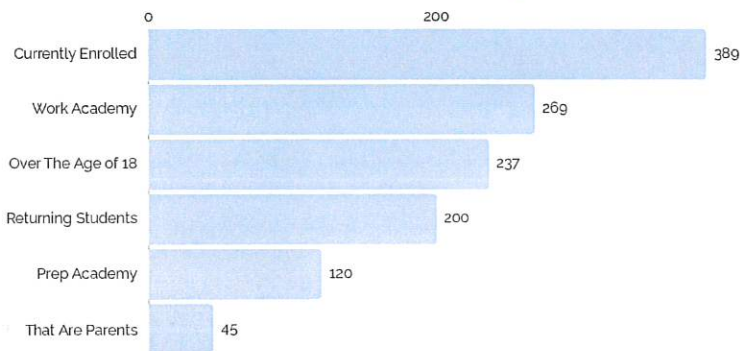
# HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS

AUSC is committed to assisting our students to obtain jobs, get to and through college and the workforce. Guiding students to achieve their dreams is only possible if we monitor our progress. Data helps us understand our impact, what is working and what needs to be enhanced. Our data team meets frequently to examine our program. The school's leadership team meets often to examine the data. We use seven essential questions to provide a measure for our progress, keep us focused as we have grown, and most importantly, help us keep the promise we make to your students, their families, and our community.



## Essential Measurements

### Student Body



### Education Increases

Reading  
**44%**

Math  
**50%**

### Retention of Staff 2024-25

Prep Academy  
**12**

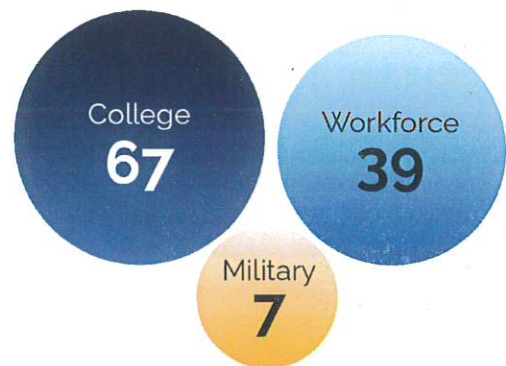
Work Academy  
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### Industry Credentials Total: 113

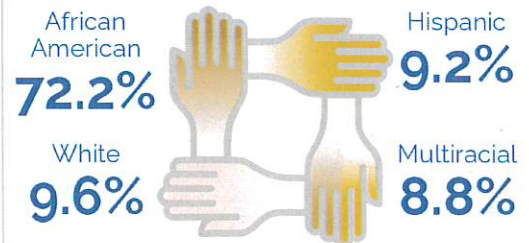


### Post-Secondary

Total Graduates: 113



### Diversity Demographics



# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

For Black History Month, our school hosted a vibrant and impactful series of events celebrating the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. Teachers engaged scholars in Project-Based Learning (PBL) units focused on notable African American figures, including influential writers, activists, and scientists. Students explored these leaders' legacies through research, presentations, and creative projects, which they proudly showcased during the month. The celebration also featured dynamic performances such as spoken word, rap, and special recognition of our honor roll scholars. Adding to the inspiration, local guest speakers shared powerful messages, and our school founders, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, delivered heartfelt words of encouragement, emphasizing the importance of heritage, perseverance, and community. This event not only deepened students' understanding of Black history but also highlighted their talents and fostered a strong sense of pride and unity throughout our school.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

The Academy for Urban Scholars High School hosted a fun-filled Trunk or Treat on October 24th as part of our Title I and 21st Century programming. Families and community members came together for a safe, festive evening with decorated trunks, candy, music, and a car decorating contest with cash prizes. The event created a welcoming space to celebrate Halloween, strengthen school-community relationships, and promote family engagement.

## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

During School Choice Week, we celebrated the power of educational options with a week full of school spirit and community engagement. The week kicked off with a Family Fellowship event, bringing staff, scholars, and families together to build connections. Scholars participated in themed Spirit Week activities, creating a fun and unified atmosphere throughout the building. Daily raffle prizes added excitement, and open house events welcomed current and prospective families to explore our school's programs and culture.



# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

## FIELD TRIPS

The school fishing trip was a fun and educational outing for the students, filled with excitement and teamwork. With guidance from staff and volunteers, many scholars experienced fishing for the first time and learned about patience, nature, and local wildlife. Some scholars were even able to catch a fish, adding to the excitement of the day. Overall, the trip was a success—full of laughter, discovery, and bonding outside the classroom.

## DAY OF THE GIRL:

Recognized globally, International Day of the Girl Child was established by the United Nations in 2011 to shine a light on the unique challenges girls face and to promote their empowerment and human rights. This year, The Center for Healthy Families will host over 500 girls, young women, and gender expansive youth for a powerful celebration at the Lincoln Theatre. With a focus on mental health for youth ages 15–24, the day will include affirmations, a changemaker roundtable, a reimagined BET Teen Summit, and a high-energy pep rally. Together, we celebrate, uplift, and inspire the next generation of changemakers

## SPORTS & ATHLETICS

Our sports and athletics program at The Academy for Urban Scholars continues to play a vital role in keeping our scholars engaged, motivated, and connected to the school community. Athletics offers more than just physical activity—it provides structure, discipline, and a positive outlet that reinforces academic and behavioral growth. Through participation in sports, our scholars learn the value of teamwork, resilience, and leadership, all of which are transferable to their lives beyond the classroom. Coaches and staff serve as mentors, building meaningful relationships that support our mission of holistic development. This year, our athletic program became a powerful tool for reinforcing school culture and fostering pride among students. We are committed to expanding these opportunities as we recognize sports as both a source of inspiration and a pathway to success.

## ASCENSION GALA

The 2025 AUS Ascension Gala was a powerful showcase of our students' growth, leadership, and commitment to excellence. This signature event highlighted the transformative impact of our year-long programming, where scholars engaged in community service, developed public speaking skills, and received etiquette training that prepared them to present themselves with confidence and poise. Through months of preparation, our students worked collaboratively, demonstrating the importance of teamwork and accountability in executing a high-level event. The Gala was more than a celebration as it was a reflection of the values we instill every day at The Academy for Urban Scholars. It allowed our young leaders to step into the spotlight, representing their families, school, and community with pride and purpose. We are proud of their accomplishments and remain committed to providing opportunities that elevate student voice and real-world readiness.

## MILK BREAKFAST

Our scholars and staff had the honor of attending the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast in Columbus, Ohio—recognized as the largest celebration of its kind in the nation. The morning was more than just a meal; it was a powerful gathering of community leaders, educators, and young people united in honoring Dr. King's life and legacy. The program featured moving speeches from keynote presenters, reflections on the ongoing struggle for justice, and a celebration of the progress made through courage, unity, and service. Throughout the event, themes of equality, justice, and community responsibility were woven into every message, reminding our scholars of the vital role they play in carrying forward Dr. King's dream. For our scholars, it was both an inspiring and educational experience—an opportunity to witness history, engage in meaningful dialogue, and reflect on how they can contribute to positive change in their own lives and communities.

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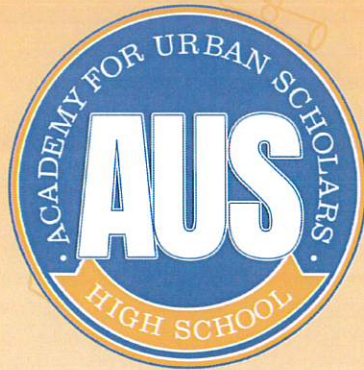


The ceremony itself was a blend of emotional farewells and hopeful forward-looking speeches. Graduates, their families, and school faculty shared in the pride of academic accomplishments and personal growth. As the caps were tossed in the air, the moment symbolized not just the end of an era but the beginning of new journeys, whether they be in higher education, the workforce, or other endeavors. The celebration of a total of 113 graduates in Columbus underscored the community's success in preparing its young people to become the future leaders, creators, and change-makers.

The Academy for Urban Scholars High School class of 2025 celebrated a landmark achievement with graduations marked by excitement and a sense of a future full of possibilities. A graduating class of 113 scholars is a significant milestone, representing a community's collective effort in nurturing the next generation. This particular class was recognized for its resilience, having navigated unique challenges during their high school years.



Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) relies on multiple sources of data to evaluate the community school's performance including academic performance on national normed tests and academic scores published by the Department of Education & Workforce on the Local Report Card. In addition, BCHF conducts multiple onsite visits to the school throughout the year to ensure compliance with all Rule and Law, as well as the sponsorship contract. Performance results for the school will be available for the 2024-2025 school year on the BCHF website ([www.bchf.org](http://www.bchf.org)) after November 30.



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