



**DR. RICHARD
BARNETT
FOUNDATION**

Scholars Program

Where Dreams Take Flight

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About the Foundation

We believe success in life starts with education, mental wellness and big dreams.



Our Mission

The Dr. Richard Barnett Foundation Scholars Program levels the playing field for underrepresented students by connecting them with college and career success resources and giving them the tools to unlock their confidence, ambition and purpose. We know that our scholars are so much more than just students. By educating and mentoring the whole person, the DRBF Scholars Program sets its scholars up for success in life, not just high school and college.

We support students from the 9th grade through their first year in college with:

- Small Group Academic Tutoring
- College and Career Guidance
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Engagement with Inspiring NBA Mentors
- Career Exploration Days
- STEAM Summer Camp Opportunities
- Internship Opportunities
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- College Retention Mentoring and Support

Driven By Our Core Values



Character



Community



Confidence



Passion



Balance

Our Impact by the Numbers

Young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor. (The Mentoring Effect, 2014)

3.5

Overall class average score increase amongst scholars

16

Highest overall class average score increase for a scholar

90%

Of our scholars agree "I now have a clearer understanding of my college and career options"

87%

Agree "I now understand how to enter my desired career"

+10%

Increased sense of community among students

100%

Scholars agree "I learned skills that I can use to overcome life challenges"

"The program has created opportunities for my daughter that have really helped her thrive at school. She has more structure now and she's engaging in her community. I'm just so grateful."

Alejandrina - Parent of DRBF Scholar

The Game Plan for Success

From college prep classes to unique workshops led by legends from all walks of life, we enrich lives and outcomes by expanding experiential learning far beyond traditional classroom walls.

01 Career Exploration Redefined

Working hard pays off. Program scholars receive incentives like exclusive tours, free tickets and front office engagement with mentors from Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium and Citi Field to name a few.

Internship opportunities include the NBA, WNBA, Madison Square Garden, New York Knicks, New York Rangers, Major League Soccer, NYFC and Metropolitan Realty Group. Our expanding roster of partners spans almost every business sector and interest our scholars may have.

02 A Focus On Long-Term Academic Outcomes

Education is about so much more than teaching academic concepts. Our executive functioning centered programming instills productivity, study and organization skills that scholars can apply to high school, college or career work.

03 Learning To Take On The Biggest Challenges

Overcoming adversity takes grit, self-awareness and the ability to team up with others. To level the playing field and position scholars for success, **Robin** coaches prioritize mental health and well-being support to sharpen skills needed to take on life's toughest challenges.



Where Dreams Become Reality

04 Retention and Alumni Networking

We're in it for the long haul. While some programs provide retention support, none start as early as the DRBF Scholars Program. By providing five years of sustained effort and development, we set scholars up for success well beyond college.

05 Education Expertise At The Heart of All We Do

Experience counts. A-List Education, our academic and college pathway advisory provider, brings decades of expertise serving New York City Department of Education Schools.

By the numbers:

- 100,000+ students served
- 150+ average SAT score increase
- 100+ hours of training for each educator
- 20 years classroom experience with the New York City Department of Education
- Our partners: Harlem Children's Zone, Bed Stuy Restoration, YMCA, Brooklyn Youth Sports Club, Heartshare St. Vincent



Program Components

Small Group Tutoring: 9th Grade Outcomes

Students meet in small groups once a week to learn how to level up their academic game as we teach skills such as active listening, efficient note-taking and productivity hacks.

- Identify and Implement note-taking strategies
- Identify and Implement study skills
- Implement Critical Thinking Skills
- Implement Problem Solving Skills
- Evaluate one's learning style(s)
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing Skills
- Listening Skills
- Vocabulary Literacy

One-on-Ones + Learning Labs: 9th Grade Outcomes

Our combination of 1:1 mentoring and group work, all in one 2-hour session per week. Students meet 1:1 with their mentors and discuss academic and personal goals for the year. Scholars also engage in interactive Learning Labs on topics such as "Finding Your Career Path" and "How to Pay for College."

- SMART Goals Definition and Development
- Foundational College Exploration
- Identification of Interests and Alignment to College Pathways
- Career Exploration and Pathway Definition

Mental Wellness Coaching

Mental Health & Well-being Support & Skill Development

Live coaching, led by experts (conducted monthly). Group coaching provides a safe space for scholars to emotionally connect and support each other. Scholars learn skills to cope and thrive through life's challenges.

Hear it From Them



"I am so proud to be in the Dr. Richard Barnett Foundation, it has been superb! The Scholars Program has made me a better student in school and having the education mentors and mental health coaches there to support me every step of the way has been a complete game changer for me."

- **Lawrence**
DRBF Scholar

"This foundation is the core to helping out kids and giving them a chance, giving them motivation and believing in them. We always tell kids education is your way out and it's essential that you apply yourself. Dr. Barnett, Earl Monroe, myself and a lot of the Knicks have always been very cognizant of being positive role models and giving back to the youth."

- **Walt "Clyde" Frazier**
Board of Advisors
New York Knicks Hall of Famer



Program Timeline

10th Grade

- Family & Student Welcome
- Small Group Academic Tutoring (groups of 5)
- One-on-Ones + Learning Labs — Academic Purpose & Extracurricular Activities
- PSAT Bootcamp
- Career and College Seminars: Exploration & Shadowing
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Year End Family & Student Closing Event

Summer Post Junior Year: Internship Program + College Essay Bootcamp

12th Grade + College Freshman

- Family & Student Welcome
- Small Group Academic Tutoring (groups of 5)
- One-on-Ones + Learning Labs — Post Secondary Planning
- FAFSA/CSS Workshop & College Transition Prep
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Family & Student Program Closing Event
Alumni Recruitment
- 1-year Retention and Student Success programming for DRBFS College Freshmen

9th Grade Spring Program

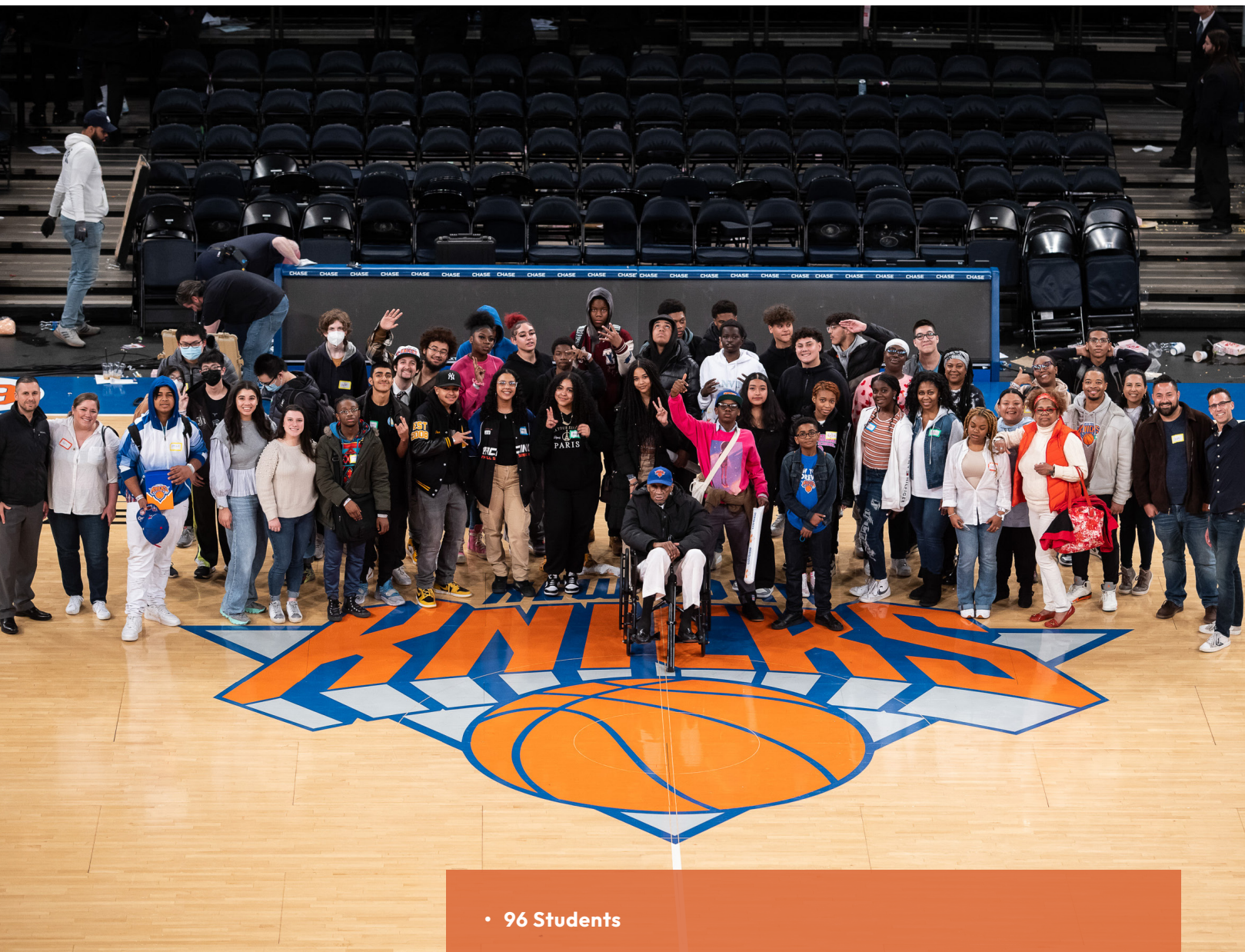
- Family & Student Orientation
- Small Group Academic Tutoring (groups of 5)
- One-on-Ones + Learning Labs (groups of 12)
- Career and College Seminars: Exposure & Exploration
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Year End Family & Student Closing Event

11th Grade

- Family & Student Welcome
- Small Group Academic Tutoring (groups of 5)
- One-on-Ones + Learning Labs — Academic Purpose & Extracurricular Activities
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Career and College Seminars: Internship Applications & Matching
- Mental Wellness Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Year End Family & Student Closing Event

These Are Our Scholars

Our current cohorts total almost one hundred driven scholars from 31 schools across all of the five New York City boroughs. Our school partners demonstrate high rates of economic disadvantage and a profound need for college readiness support.



- 96 Students
- 31 High Schools
- Average Economically Disadvantaged: 80%
- Average SAT Scores: 1070
- Expected Average SAT Score After A-List Test Prep: 1240 >
- 73% of Scholars Retained From Our Inaugural Class of 2022

Student Success Story

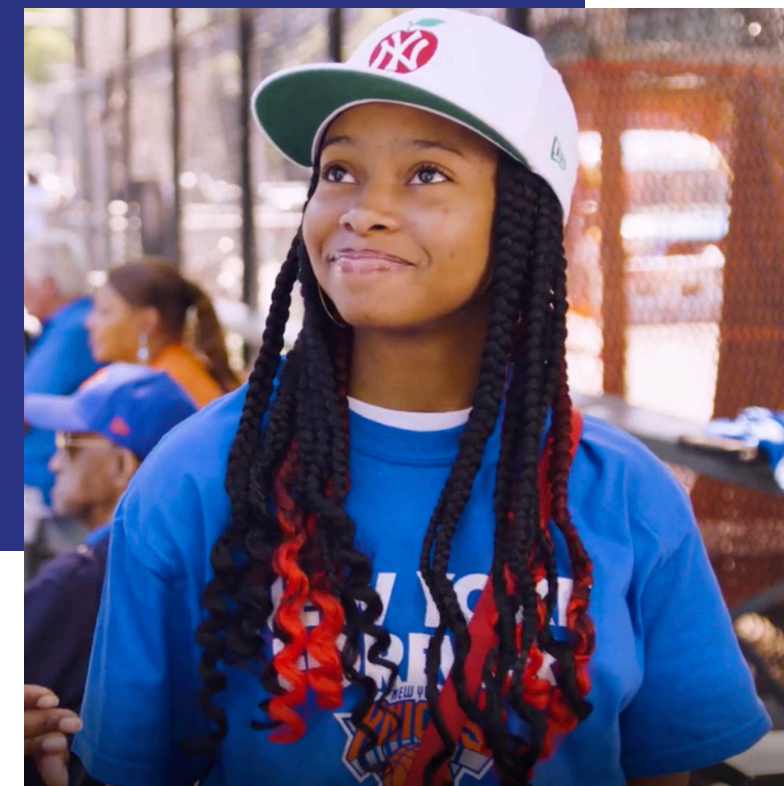
“I have multiple dreams, and the program mentors are guiding me on how to stay focused on my path to college and are always there to support me. I will always be grateful for this opportunity!”

Since Joining Our Program...

- Science and Math class averages have increased by a total of 17 points
- Has become a 2x Gold Honors Student at her high school
- Received free intensive 1:1 SAT Prep and College Advising support to help her get into the college of her dreams
- Awarded a full-tuition leadership scholarship to a Public Ivy University from one of our partner Foundations

- Madison

DRBF Scholar





Join Our Dream Team

Education should never be a dream deferred - we're stronger, smarter and better TOGETHER. In ways big and small, we can make these dreams a reality.

What do you believe in?



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