

The workshops and programs have helped me a lot. For instance, when we did the workshop presentation “Don’t Get Hooked” ~ the “interviews” taught me that communication is important. I learned that I have must talk more instead of being quiet all the time. I also liked when we had to do the college prep and resume writing. It taught me that college admission offices really look at your resume, your SAT scores and other things. GADAAY has really pulled me out of my comfort zone, of being home everyday doing nothing on the weekends and it gets me out of the house. It allows me the chance to meet new people, and make new friends. From what I learned with my group from the making prom dresses activity using only tissue paper, magazines, and tape was an eye opener. I learned that there are many ways I can be creative by being able to just experiment with certain ideas. GADAAY has inspired me on so many levels. My first conference call was one that I was really looking forward to participating in. I think it will help me to make my strengthen my communication skills with my friends, my family, at school and in the workplace. So I would like to say thank you to everybody by helping and inspiring me on everything. I hope I will be doing this more often. Lastly, this experience has been a journey for me.

Thanks again love, Miss Breia B.
Institute GADAAY 11th Grade Fellow

If I could choose a word to describe my experience with GADAAY, I would choose the word “Opportunity”.

Opportunity is missed by most because it is in a disguise and looks like work. When I was first told that I was going to participate in GADAAY, I did not view this as an opportunity. I thought this was going to be another activity that my mother signed me up for that I would take part of the Saturday. I thought I wouldn’t learn anything from this experience. But as you know as I learned, opportunity is not an opportunity if you don’t act on it. So, I would like to thank the Ivy Community Charities for allowing me the opportunity to take part in this program.

Mr. Aaron A.
Institute GADAAY 11th Grade Fellow

I have been a member of GADAAY since I was in the 7th grade. GADAAY has taught me how to prepare for college. I have mastered skills I need to have a successful professional interview. They taught us to do and what not to do in public. GADAAY has strengthened my skills in public speaking, because I plan on majoring in Journalism where the skills are needed. I really enjoyed putting together the “Social Networking” PowerPoint workshop. I hope to have more interaction with workshops in GADAAY. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to next year.

Miss A’Leecia D.
Institute GADAAY 10th Grade Fellow

One of my favorite things was when we learned about Kwanza and its history. This session opened my eyes to a celebration that I did not know much about. I also learned the different ways to carry myself formally and informally, how to dress casually, proper etiquette and how to speak properly. These all very important qualities that young men like I need to learn in order to be successful. In addition, to all these things I met a lot of new people that I hope to gain a closer relationship with as I continue through the GADAAY program. The trip to the Wizards game was a great bonding experience and I am eager to see where our next outing will be. Thank you for hosting such a wonderful program that helps influence and motivate young men to stay positive and make something out of themselves.

Mr. Jordon C.
Institute GADAAY 9th Grade Fellow