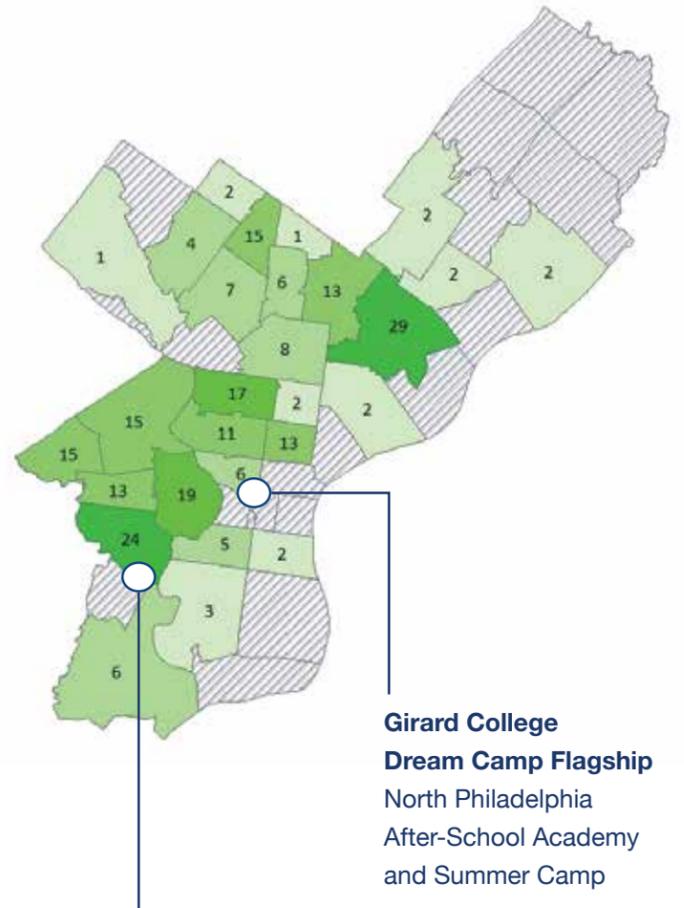


Dream Camps Reach



Girard College
Dream Camp Flagship
 North Philadelphia
 After-School Academy
 and Summer Camp

Cornerstone
Christian Academy
 Southwest Philadelphia
 After-School Academy



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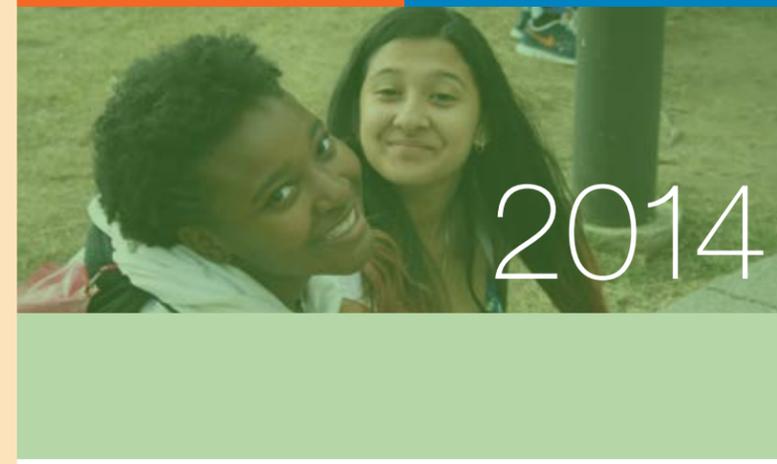
This is a snapshot of Dream Camp's 2014 enrollment. The numbers indicate the number of students that reside in many different zip codes throughout the city of Philadelphia. In addition, there are 23 students who live outside of Philadelphia that attend Dream Camp. Dream Camp has a North Philadelphia and Southwest Philadelphia presence with sites located at Girard College and Cornerstone Christian Academy. As you can see from the map, Dream Camp attracts students from all regions of Philadelphia. Providing free transportation for students from their homes or schools and back is another way that we make the dream a reality.

How are students referred to Dream Camp? Dream Camp begins to identify potential participants at the age of six. Teachers, social workers and guidance counselors from schools in communities in Philadelphia and the city of Chester identify children who could benefit from Dream Camp. They select children who need the holistic support Dream Camp offers. Some of the students selected to participate in Dream Camp do not have adult role models in their lives, others are struggling academically and/or behaviorally and still others do not have the appropriate care during out-of-school hours. In addition to the students, Dream Camp also invites the families of its students to participate in helpful workshops and informational sessions. Once children engage in Dream Camp, they have the option of staying in the program through college.

Dream Camp has been there and will continue to be there to provide Philadelphia's underserved children with resources, leadership and guidance so they are given the best opportunity to succeed. Teachers, mentors, staff, volunteers, donors, and most importantly, the students, all share in the success of Dream Camp. Together, we make the dream a reality.



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Report Card

Changing the World...One Child at a Time

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The mission of Dream Camp

is to transform the lives of low-income, urban youth through innovative yearlong educational programs that nurture the individual, educate the mind, and inspire the spirit. In partnership with families and schools, Dream Camp develops young leaders who embrace challenges, seize opportunities and overcome obstacles, and are inspired to live their dreams.

The Philadelphia Dream Camp was started in 2002 on the campus of Girard College in Philadelphia, PA. In the past 12 years, Dream Camp has provided more than 3,000 Dream Camp Scholarships to underserved children to attend the after-school, summer, and mentoring programs in Philadelphia. Through the generosity of individuals, companies, foundations and grants, all tuition, fees, transportation and supplies are provided for Dream Camp students free of charge.

Student lives are changed and measurable results are achieved through four core Dream Camp programs. The After-School Academy, Summer Camp Program and Dream Camp's Young Leaders Program and Mentors in Training Program have made a profound difference in the lives of children and their families from Philadelphia.

Educational success is the primary focus, however, a holistic approach is taken to develop the comprehensive Dream Camp curriculum in order to ensure academic achievement as well as character development and physical health.



Dear Friends,

Dream Camp is grounded in the belief that every child has an innate desire to succeed, and all children should be provided the opportunity to flourish. Over the past 12 years, we have seen the many obstacles our campers face to reach high school graduation and embark on their college careers. We honor their tenacity and celebrate their achievements in school, sports, service, and in life.

Dream Camp offers engaging experiential learning activities which cultivate an enthusiasm for education year-around. Gaze into our classrooms during the school year and you'll see Dream Camp students paired with mentors who provide guidance, life skills and homework assistance. In the summer, you'll find our students competing in athletics, performing on stage, creating their own music video or engaged in literature discussion. Each year we strive to introduce new programming to enrich the Dream Camp experience. By providing healthy role models through our dedicated staff and a safe educational environment, Dream Campers are empowered to become leaders in the classroom and their community.

From the outset, Dream Camp's mission has been clear; to nurture, educate and inspire our Dream Camp students. We are humbled every day by the triumphs of our students. We also remain truly grateful to all who invest in the educational aspirations of our Dream Campers.

As you read the following pages, you will see statistics and measurable results, which are truly awe inspiring. Coupled with their determination and problem-solving skills, our children can overcome the hurdles placed before them and experience success.

Please enjoy the results featured in this report. There is no comparison to seeing the faces of Dream Camp children in the midst of discovery and achievement.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the impact Dream Camp has made on the lives of so many. Thank you for being instrumental in our efforts to break the cycle of generational poverty that has existed among so many underserved families we work with. Girard has allowed us to create a successful pathway for the youth of Philadelphia helping them to become responsible adults and future contributors in society.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Rouse
Executive Director and Co-Founder

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2013-2014 Year in Review



September 2013

Welcome back! To insure another successful year in our afterschool program, the staff participated in a night of training. Staying true to the mission of Dream Camp, great emphasis was placed on safety and security, roles and responsibilities as well providing instruction on all programming and enrichment opportunities developed for the coming year.

Our enthusiastic staff members were finally ready for our students!

We were so excited to have the Dream Campers back at Girard College and Cornerstone Christian Academy.

October 2013

We enjoyed many fall-themed activities. Our students made fall wreaths out of leaves they collected on the campus and created spooky spiders for Halloween. What a great way to finish our first full month!

November 2013

Dream Camp is constantly striving to find ways to pay it forward. For the Thanksgiving holiday, we delivered a full Thanksgiving feast complete with all of the trimmings to one of our families. The family was very thankful for the delivery of food because it gave them an opportunity for the whole family to celebrate for the holiday season.

December 2013

Once again the Dream Camp team insured that the holidays were a special and joyous time for a very deserving family. Food and presents were given to add some sunshine to their day! The family was extremely excited and appreciative of the gifts given to them.

January 2014

Because of snow and the Polar Vortex, students had many days off from school and program. When they were at program, students were engaged in a variety of winter activities that connected to the books they were reading.

February 2014

Finally, after being rescheduled due to snow, Dream Campers laced up their skates for the annual reunion at the

Blue Cross RiverRink at Penn's Landing. We took a break from our homework and celebrated the holidays a little late. Students took to the ice and got their faces painted while listening to Senior Camp's CD. Students were treated to Philly soft pretzels and hot cocoa. A fun time was had by all!

March 2014

The After-School program was in full swing, but it's never too early to start planning and discuss programming for the summer!

Applications were sent out to returning campers and employment applications were flooding in. Dream Camp began to schedule interviews and work with Girard College to solidify rooms and facilities.

April 2014

Preparing for our summer program became a main focus of our time. The staff got all of the programming in place and our leadership teams began to meet. Students and mentors alike left for spring break and returned with great energy to finish out the semester. Students completed a gardening project in which they planted fresh herbs and flowers.

May 2014

Our mentors could hardly hold back their excitement! For some, graduation was upon them. For others, another successful year of college neared the end. The After-School program ended on an interesting note, the first ever talent show.

The summer leadership team made their way to an annual leadership summit hosted by ESF at Rosemont College. Many of the new programs and opportunities were unveiled, along with the opportunity to learn from leaders of several different ESF camp sites and businesses.

June 2014

Dream Camp welcomed its staff to Girard College for an intensive training. During this time, many of the everyday protocols and safety procedures were introduced. This year, training was differentiated for Veteran and Rookie staff members, which was a huge success!

Also in June, Dream Camp presented its staff with a "day in the life" of Dream Camp. We reviewed a sample schedule of a typical day at camp so that everyone was prepared to start on day one.

July 2014

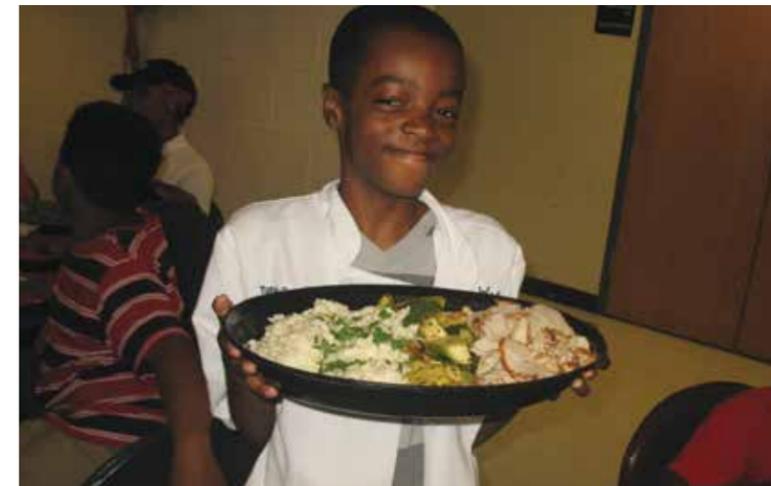
Camp Begins! 268 campers took Girard College by storm. We were excited for another fantastic summer at Dream Camp, and continued to be inspired by the personality and determination of all of our campers.

Alvin Williams

Villanova standout and long-time NBA player, Alvin Williams, provided our Senior Camp with a daylong basketball clinic. During this well received event, Williams preached the importance of teamwork as the key to victory both on and off the court. The day finished with a campers vs. coaches basketball game.

"Eatiquette" Program

Dream Camp enjoyed another summer of wonderful cooking offered by the Vetri Foundation as part of its "Eatiquette" initiative.



Mobile Library

Rebecca Benjamin, an ESF camper, put together a service project for Dream Camp. She spent many hours collecting books and putting together a Mobile Library which she brought to Dream Camp every week. Campers in both Day and Senior Camp were able to check high interest books out of the Mobile Library and return them for a new one each session. The campers also participated in activities that focused on reading comprehension and literacy skills.

College Send-Off

This year, we celebrated 11 of our former campers who graduated from High School. Most of those who graduated are still a part of our program either as a staff member, a YLP, or a volunteer. The graduating seniors came to our last Pow Wow and were announced to the campers, staff and some family members. They each received a t-shirt to the college they would be starting in the fall. You can see some of our featured graduates in the "yearbook" section.

August 2014

Another successful summer came to a close. Campers enjoyed themselves and continue to learn what it takes to be responsible and civic-minded members of society. Our staff performed, in many cases, well above expectations. They gained great experience and take with them as many lessons learned as their campers did from them.

Overnight Adventure Camp

For five Senior campers and some of the "best of the best" staff, the summer was not quite over. These campers joined ESF campers from several sites, at Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, for a week-long overnight adventure camp. This camp focused on leadership and teamwork. Dream Campers served as great role models for the rest of the campers. They exhibited what it meant to work together, rely on one another, and truly engage in the challenge at hand.



Spotlight on Dream Camp Graduates



Joshua Tirado

Josh Tirado has been with Dream Camp for a total of 12 years. He spent the summer of 2012 as a Mentor in Training (MIT) and was a member of Dream Camp's Young Leaders Program (YLP) during the summer of 2013. In the summer of 2014, Josh was hired as a staff member and was an assistant to the Day Camp specialists. Josh graduated from Franklin Learning Center and is currently pursuing his degree in Diagnostic Medical Imaging at the Community College of Philadelphia.



Rodesha Washington

Rodesha has been with Dream Camp for a total of 11 years. She was involved in both the summer and after school programs. Rodesha was a Mentor in Training (MIT) in 2012 and a member of the Young Leaders Program (YLP) in 2013. She graduated from Merion Mercy Academy in Merion Station, Pennsylvania and is pursuing her degree in Biology at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Rodesha's nephew, Zaid, also attends Dream Camp.



Marcus Peele

Marcus has been with Dream Camp for a total of 12 years. He was involved in both the summer camp and after school programs. Marcus served as a Mentor in Training (MIT) during the summer of 2012 and was a member of the Young Leaders Program (YLP) during the summer of 2013. He spent summer of 2014 volunteering his time with Dream Camp. Marcus graduated from Boys Latin High School and is currently pursuing his degree in Chemistry at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Marcus's younger sister, Marissa, also attends Dream Camp.



Devon Clark-Walker

Devon has been with Dream Camp for a total of 9 years. He was involved in both the summer camp and after school programs. Devon was a Mentor in Training during the summer of 2011. Due to prior commitments, he was unable to participate in the Young Leaders Program (YLP), but he still chose to volunteer more than 90 hours of his time to Dream Camp during the summer of 2012. Devon was hired on staff and spent the summers of 2013 and 2014 as a Production Assistant, as well as being a Mentor in the after school program. Devon graduated from Girard College and is currently pursuing his degree in Liberal Arts at the Community College of Philadelphia with intentions to pursue his bachelor's degree in Political Science afterwards.



Bryanna Teagle

Bryanna has been with Dream Camp for a total of 9 years. She was involved in both the summer camp and after school programs. She was a Mentor In Training (MIT) during the summer of 2012 and was a member of the Young Leaders Program (YLP) during the summer of 2013. Bryanna spent the summer of 2014 volunteering her time to Dream Camp, where she worked alongside the Dance Specialist in Senior Camp. Bryanna graduated from Mercy Vocational High School and is currently pursuing her degree at Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts.



Jamil Lawimore

Jamil has been with Dream Camp for a total of 10 years. He was involved in both the summer and after school programs. During the summer of 2014, Jamil was hired on staff and spent his time as a Day Camp Counselor where he worked with 2nd graders in the Chenowah tribe. Jamil graduated from LaSalle College High School and is currently pursuing his degree in Sports Psychology at West Virginia University. Jamil's younger sisters, Briana and Janiya, also attend Dream Camp.



Garrison Joseph Hines

Joe has been with Dream Camp for a total of 10 years. He was involved in both the summer camp and after school programs. During the summer of 2014, Joe was hired on staff as a Day Camp Counselor where he worked with 4th graders in the Niantic tribe. He graduated from Saint Andrew's High School in Middletown, Delaware and is currently pursuing his degree in Political Science at University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he is also on the track team.



Marquise Coleman

Marquise has been with Dream Camp for 6 years and has been involved in both the summer camp and after school programs. During the summer of 2014, Marquise donated his time to volunteering at Dream Camp. Marquise graduated from Roman Catholic High School and is currently pursuing his degree in Psychology at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Marquise's younger brother, Mekhi, also attends Dream Camp.



Noteworthy Numbers

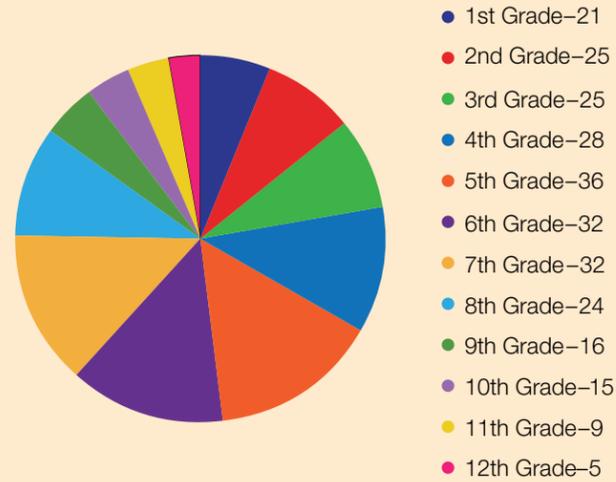
College Matriculation

- Dream Camp Graduates attend two and 4-year colleges, many of which are located outside of Pennsylvania.
- The schools are located in the following areas:

- Pennsylvania**
 Bloomsburg University
 Kutztown University
 Holy Family University
 Peirce College
 Shippensburg University
 St. Joseph's University
 Community College of Philadelphia
- Washington, D.C.**
 Howard University
- Connecticut**
 University of Connecticut at New Haven

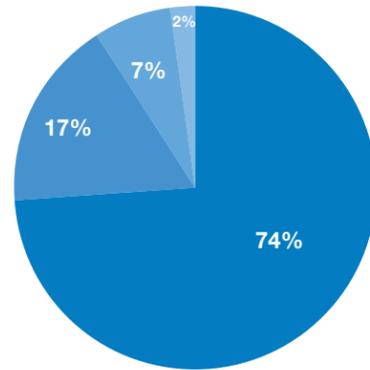
- Georgia**
 Spelman College
- Massachusetts**
 Dean College
- North Carolina**
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- New York**
 Syracuse University
- West Virginia**
 West Virginia University

Summer Enrollment by Grade



Profile of Dream Camp Graduates

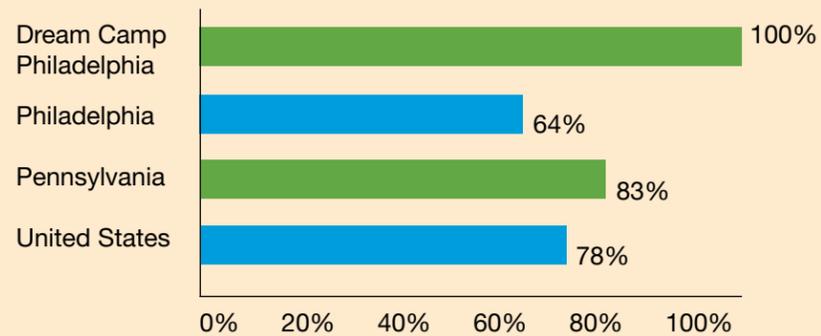
- 4 Year Colleges—74%**
- 2 Year Colleges—17%**
- Trade/Technical School—7%**
- Public Service Academies—2%**



Higher Education Participation

The ACCEPTANCE RATE for higher education participation amongst Dream Camp applicants is 100%. Moreover, from 2012 to 2014, the percentage of Dream Camp Alumni attending a 4-Year College or University has increased from 55% to 73%.

High School Graduation Rates



In Philadelphia, the average high school graduation rate is 64%. For low income students, the percentage is even smaller. Among Dream Camp alumni, that number is an astonishing 100%.

Thank You to our 2014 Mentors and Staff

Mentoring “is a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.” For many children, parents satisfy this role; however, there are a multitude of children who do not have someone to serve in the capacity of mentor. It is estimated that 20 percent of youth, approximately 8.5 million children, do not have supportive adults in their lives.

The success of Dream Camp is built upon the relationships between staff and students. Staff members consider themselves to be mentors, get to know each child individually and learn about his or her talents, hopes and aspirations. With a mentee to mentor ratio of only three to one, mentors are able to create a real support system for the students. Mentors typically stay with the program for years and are able to see the children reach their goals.

Our mentors are tremendous role models for our students because they can share their college experiences with students and are great examples of how the world opens up when you believe in your dreams. Some of the colleges that our staff members attend are: Temple, Penn State, Community College of Philadelphia, Saint Joseph’s, Rutgers, Susquehanna, Virginia State, University of Delaware, Widener, East Stroudsburg, The Art Institute of Philadelphia, Elizabethtown College, University of Scranton, Haverford College, West Chester, Holy Family, Spelman College, Keystone College, Binghamton, Kansas State, The University of North Carolina, McDaniel College, University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, Villanova, Montgomery County Community College, Wesleyan, Arcadia, West Virginia, Bloomsburg, Bryn Athyn College, and Cheyney.



Danielle Nicoletti

Site Director, Girard College

Danielle “Dani” Nicoletti has been with Dream Camp Philadelphia since 2006. Dani is a graduate of the University of Scranton, where she earned her degree in Human Services Counseling and Human Resources. Following graduation, she volunteered as the Education Coordinator at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, a residential home in Chicago. Dani enrolled in the EPICS (Educational Partners In Catholic Schools) Program at Seton Hall University in 2006, where she earned her Master’s Degree while teaching 3rd grade at St. Michael’s Catholic School. After graduation, she became the Program Director of ESF Dream Camp’s year round programs from 2006-2010 in Philadelphia. She eventually left her full time position with Dream Camp in order to pursue her goal of becoming a principal. Dani is currently the Director of Student Life for the Mastery



Charter School’s Smedley campus during the school year. Since her heart is truly with Dream Camp, she could never leave it completely. Dani continues to participate in Dream Camp’s special events and activities throughout the year and is the Site Director for Dream Camp in the summer at Girard College in Philadelphia.

University in 2007, and has since worked in various roles including Counselor, Floater, YLP Director, Sr. Camp Director, and most recently, Assistant Site Director. Upon graduating with a degree in Elementary and Special Education, she spent almost 5 years teaching at Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School in Philadelphia. Her classroom experience includes teaching 4th and 6th grade girls and science to 6th grade boys. In addition to her roles in the classroom, Natalie served on several academic committees and facilitated the extracurricular volleyball and soccer programs. In 2014, she received her Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Scranton. Throughout the years, Natalie always dedicated her summers to Dream Camp. In the fall of 2014, Natalie stepped away from the classroom in order to join Dream Camp full time and continue working with the program she is so passionate about.

Natalie Padula

Program Director, Girard College

Natalie began working with Dream Camp Philadelphia as a Mentor at the After School Academy when she was studying at Temple



Accolades for our 2014 Mentors and Staff

Leteef Street

Master Teacher

A 12 year veteran, Leteef dedicates his summers to sharing his knowledge and love of chess to Dream Camp. His talent to encourage campers to try something new, along with his outstanding ability to teach, has helped them improve their problem solving skills and become excellent chess players. Whether he is first introducing the game to a group of Day Campers, or teaching the oldest tribe in Senior Camp how to perfect their strategy, Leteef gives it his all. Every time a staff member walks into his room, they are surrounded by a group of students who are fully focused and trying to improve their skills. He holds yearly tournaments and also gives the campers opportunities to challenge reigning champions and former campers. Every year, the campers also look forward to the time when they get the

chance to try to beat Mr. Leteef. No accomplishment is too small for Leteef to recognize. Whether it is a compliment in class, an award at Pow Wow, or a 5 foot champion’s trophy, one of Leteef’s best qualities is his ability to make campers feel pride in their accomplishments. We look forward to see what Leteef has in store for years to come.



Top Performer List:

Margaret Anzalone, Mykyia Arthur-Richardson, Emma Bechill, Rasheed Brokenborough, Allison Connor, Nicholas Esposito, Ashley Figaniak, Colin Forman, Jenna Hannan, Khashae Jackson, Tamika Jackson, Marcie Mamura, Dionysius Nugin-Waites, Tyreek Peeples, Sierra Stark, Lauren Ward

Gregory Wright

Ichiban

Greg may be new to Dream Camp, but the impression he leaves will be long lasting. Greg’s positivity and energy are impossible to ignore. Regardless of the situation, Greg is always smiling and willing to step up to the plate. He is a natural leader and can always find a way to get his campers engaged. His ability to build trust and community within his tribe allows his campers to find success easily. Greg always goes out of his way to learn something new about his campers and co-counselors. He is a superstar Senior Camp Group Specialist, a standout Rookie of the Year, and the obvious choice for the Ichiban award. Greg will do amazing things in his future at Dream Camp.

