

# Philadelphia <sup>ACADEMIES</sup> INC.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

### WHAT MAKES AN EFFECTIVE LEADER?

The Philadelphia Academies Inc. staff and Board of Governors had the wonderful opportunity to do some self evaluation. In this process, we discovered our student voices were not being heard. Our student nationalities, demographics and communities touch a wide spectrum of cultures. Their voices were being muted and directed by community initiatives, school district reform and future business trends. We looked closely at the organizations who reach our students and thought of a concept to use our best commodity; our students. In that vain, we listened to one of our very own student interns, Lares Hinton who informed us we could do more. Her candid responses and well thought out remarks inspired us to do some inventory. How do we continue to reach, motivate and expose our students to relevant career paths? In addition, how do we charge them to lead, network and inspire others.

One useful tool of instruction was to restructure the services we deliver. As a staff we developed a program services student framework to build upon our touches in the classroom. The framework is used as a more general and visible approach for student success. With the help of technology and staying abreast of current trends we hope to accomplish a more dynamic series of in school sessions. Life skills, career, academic goal setting and time management are some of the new menu offerings to our students. One of ongoing projects for the Student Leadership Council will be to review and critique our ever changing framework from year to year to make sure it is high school user friendly. As an organization we will look to our council as reference for our program services planning.

### WHAT ARE THE SLC'S PLATFORMS FOR CHANGES?

With the help of Youth United for Change, our academy coordinator selected Student Leadership Council members were trained this summer on becoming effective leaders, organizers and public speakers for change. During the 2007-2008, the Student Leadership Council will mirror our larger Boards in it's structure and service. Their meeting style and format will be designed by the group as a whole. Their responsibilities will be to focus on selecting and campaigning on issues that affect their schools, communities and population as teenagers. The council will have an opportunity to define their role within the Academies as well as develop a mission statement that best represents them as committee within the organization in 2008 and years to come.

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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

### 2007-2008 MEMBER LIST

#### PROCESS TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

Karee Jones - Bok

#### URBAN EDUCATION ACADEMY

Laquita Wise - Parkway West

#### COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

Robert Grissom - Roxborough

#### HEALTH ACADEMY

Brandi Howard - Overbrook

Kiara James - William Penn

#### HOTELS, RESTAURANT, TOURISM & TRAVEL ACADEMY

Andrew King - Mastbaum

Malique Sherrill - Ben Franklin

#### AUTOMOTIVE ACADEMY

Carol Able - West Philadelphia

#### BUSINESS ACADEMY

Carol Palmer - Kensington

#### ELETRICAL ACADEMY

Vacant - Swenson

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Recommendations Pending