JALEN ROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





OUR MISSION:

Jalen Rose Leadership Academy will empower all scholars to develop the strength of character, skills and knowledge needed to matriculate, be great in, and graduate from college or a post-secondary program so that they have opportunities to be successful in the competitive world and to take care of themselves and the people that they love.



hat began as a dream for my old neighborhood has become a reality. JRLA has set out to change the course of the lives of Detroit youth and their families through the power of education and that is exactly what we are doing. It's not a matter of if we will achieve our destiny for this Academy, but when.

JALEN ROSE Founder e are deeply invested in providing opportunities to improve the educational outcomees for our scholars. It truly takes a village to raise a child and we thank those who believed in our vision early on as well as those who continue to push our mission forward.

MICHAEL A. CARTER, SR. Co-Founder



ll students do not have equal access to a quality education. Despite major strides toward educational equity, our country still faces an opportunity gap. An education should not be defined by socioeconomic background, abilities, or zip code! That is why Jalen Rose and Michael A. Carter, Sr. founded JRLA – an open enrollment, tuition free, public charter high school in their hometown of Detroit.

Graduation Rates Birmingham Groves 99% JRLA 97% Grosse Pointe North 96% State of Michigan 85% DPSCD 80%

*The percentage of students who graduated in 4, 5, or 6 years in all graduation cohorts between 2015–2021, according to MI School Data.



Founded on a 9-16 model, we are on a mission to not only graduate our scholars from high school, but get them to graduate from college or a post-secondary program as well—outcomes that are real game changers in urban public education.

and individual donors, JRLA once again distributed over \$200K in 2022 for scholarships bringing the cumulative total to \$1.5 Million in private scholarship dollars for our scholars and alumni. These funds help decrease the gap of the full cost of college after financial aid, grants and loans. Nearly every scholar who applied for an in-house scholarship received funding for college to assist them on their path to greatness.

JRLA is one of the few high schools in the state that employs full-time staff to work with the school's alumni.

Scholars receive the support they need during their post-secondary pursuits with the hope they will earn a college degree or trade certification.

The school is committed to going above and beyond what a traditional public school would provide so its scholars can compete in a global economy.

he JRLA Board of Directors collaboratively designed an academic program based on the "Big 3" key predictors of college success: 1) mastery of academic skills and content knowledge; 2) the development of academic habits and soft skills like perseverance and self-advocacy; and 3) the cultivation of identity, relevance, and belonging. By targeting each of these areas, JRLA graduates are much more ready to succeed when they step onto a college campus.

Expectation that all will graduate and enroll in a postsecondary program

A Summer Learning
Adventure program that
places students on college
campuses and in professional
internships in business
settings to expose them to the
broader world of college and
global economy so they
can better envision their
future plans

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College
Prep academic
offerings including
Advanced Placement
and Dual Enrollment
courses

A robust college counseling system that requires that every student to apply to multiple colleges, pursue available financial aid, and helps students and their families select the best post-secondary fit

Strong,
enduring
relationships
between each
student and an
adult Advisor at
the school

Full-time
Alumni Success
Counselors to work
with students once
they are in college to
provide the support
they need to stay
and earn a degree

The tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic is having a profound effect on people around the world, especially school-aged children which has forced us to quickly adopt unique ways of educating and supporting our scholars. To enhance student engagement and support learning loss, JRLA conducted home visits, in-person focus groups and a robust summer learning experience which included credit recovery, internships and social emotional support. The impact of these unpreedented times will no doubt be with us for years to come.

Opportunities to Invest in the Scholars of JRLA

unding a public charter high school is not an easy task, especially in Detroit. For example, some of our suburban counterparts receive \$13,000 per student while we only receive \$9,000 in state aid. In addition, unlike traditional public schools, charter schools do not receive funding to purchase, lease, or improve their facilities. This causes financial challenges that can limit our ability

to reach our ambitious educational goals and provide appropriate accommodations. To fully prepare our students to go off to college and graduate, we need to raise significant funds from private sources (individuals, corporations and foundations) to bridge our gap. We are seeking contributions to support areas such as...



Tax-deductible contributions can be made to:
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy

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Questions on ways to support? Contact Michelle at jrla@jalenrose.com



JRLA Board of Directors

When Jalen Rose and Michael A. Carter, Sr. founded the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy in 2011, they recruited a group of distinguished community leaders to help them launch and govern the school.

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OUR VALUES:

The power of respect: I find success through empathy and integrity.

The power of determination: *I have the will to succeed.*

The power of excellence: *I* must take ownership in my learning to succeed.

The power of family: I succeed when we all succeed.