



# Pre-Collegiate Initiative

MSD of Pike Township  
Engaging Student Success

## Programs and Events for 2018-2019 School Year

In dealing with high school students, Pike's Pre-Collegiate Initiative Team has found essentially two reasons why qualified students don't make it to college. The first is lack of information; and the second is lack of support. Although other factors serve as obstacles to college enrollment (i.e. money), we find that lack of information and lack of support to be the two most critical and this is where we step in.

**ACT Test Prep Lab** – Scheduled three weeks prior to every ACT test date. The Lab's fall schedule is for seniors only and the spring schedule is for juniors and seniors. The Lab is offered Monday-Thursday, periods 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and one hour after school.

**Pike's Scholarship Opportunity Program**: Provides an academic scholarship completion program for "College Bound Seniors" in September and January. Beginning with The Gates Scholarship, AXA Achievement Community, Generation Google, etc.

**United Negro College Fund Scholarship Workshop**: For the sixth year in a row, Pike and their community partners the Indiana UNCF office and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's HBCU Crusaders will host and sponsor an annual community college scholarship workshop and forum. The event will be held at the Pike Freshman Center where Indianapolis area high school juniors, seniors, their parents and guidance counselors will receive comprehensive training on how to apply to UNCF colleges and how to apply for their national scholarships including the Anthem Corporate Scholars Program, The Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship, The Coca-Cola Scholarship, etc. UNCF's Senior National Director of Outreach and Recruitment Mary Williams will be the featured facilitator.

**Indianapolis Black Alumni Council's HBCU College Fair Program**: Conduct "College Preparation" sessions to prepare all students and their parents for a successful visit to

**IBAC/HBCU Scholarship Opportunity Program**: Pike students with a 3.0 grade point average or higher will prepare scholarship application packages for the on-site scholarship offers from the college fairs participating schools. PCI team will take our students on an MSD of Pike Township bus to the event at Crispus Attucks High School.



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**Student/Parent College Business Workshop:** This event is designed to teach parents about the social, cultural, academic and financial realities of the college decision process.

**Student Academic Transcript Review:** Conducted all school year by Dr. Ruth Woods and Derrick Wilkerson.

**Pre-Collegiate Student Athlete Workshop:** Conducted for Pike HS boys and girls track team athletes and parents.

**United Negro College Fund Scholarship Ball:** Provide a group of Pike students for the Scholarship Ball Host/Hostess Program. Prepare students for the event and chaperone their participation. Students also receive assistance with managing the scholarship application process.

**College Buzzer Beater Day:** Uncommitted students have the opportunity to connect with 4-year schools that have rolling admissions. This is attractive to students who need a second chance to find a college that meets their needs academically and financially.

**IU Simon Cancer Center Summer Research Program:** Host the Simon representative who presents the program to Pike students. Students from this event become candidates for a paid summer research project. The Pre-Collegiate Initiative team assists students with the application process. The goal of the program is to increase the number of students from underrepresented populations in biomedical and behavioral science careers. During the summer of 2018 four former Pike students participated in the program.

**National Association of College Deans Registrars and Admissions Officers (NACDRAO):** The Pre-Collegiate Initiative team conducts workshops for black college representatives at the annual NACDRAO Conference. This is one of the opportunities to generate connections and renew relationships with representatives who can offer scholarships and academic options to students. Past presentation topics include, "Building the HBCU Pipeline" and "Pre-Collegiate programming for Diverse Students". Team members attend the conference each year. The 2019 conference will be held at Delaware State University.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Partnership:** The Pre-Collegiate Initiative team conducts college going workshops for students who attend the afterschool learning program.



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**Pike College Crew Forum:** This event features a 10 to 15-member panel of Pike alumni who currently attend an HBCU. They discuss a variety of topics concerning college life and best practices for academic success. This is moderated by the Pre-Collegiate Initiative team. This forum is conducted during the first week of December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

**College Visits at Pike:** Host college representatives at Pike High School who are interested in meeting students from a diverse population. During the 2017-2018 school year Wiley College (Featured in The Great Debaters movie) and Wilberforce University (OH) were two of the guest schools.

**Community Outreach:** The Pre-Collegiate Initiative team members participate in a number of programs each year as facilitators and presenters.