

Achieve Newsletter June 2023

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## A Message from the Director



June is always a busy month at Achieve. While most of our Nobles colleagues are winding down toward a well-deserved summer vacation, our team is kicking into high gear preparing to welcome our summer staff and students back to campus for another six weeks of learning and joy.

The theme for Summer 2023 is "Celebrate," as we mark the 15th Summer of Achieve. Students will be celebrating themselves and their community throughout our advisory programming, culminating in the annual Field Day Lip Synch Battle, which is always a highly anticipated event. We also look forward to celebrating our oldest Pride (Pride 13) at the end of the summer as we send them off to high school!

In this newsletter, you will find information about our newest class of scholars (Pride 15) as well as our graduates' summer

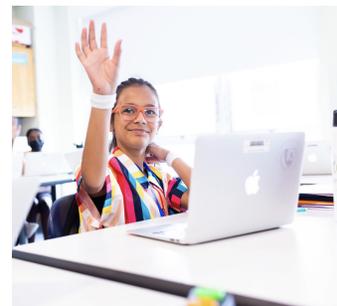


**ACHIEVE OPEN HOUSE**  
**Thursday, July 27**  
**10:00-11:30 AM**

This is an event for school partners, and other supporters of Achieve.

If you have any questions, please contact [lucie\\_torrey@nobles.edu](mailto:lucie_torrey@nobles.edu)

### Thalita Almondes Named 2023 Red Sox Scholar



Congratulations to Thalita (Pride 14) for being named a 2023 Red Sox Scholar! 🏆

This prestigious scholarship is awarded to 12 Boston Public Schools 7th graders

to come:

Sincerely,  
Reginald Toussaint  
Executive Director



# PRIDE 15

## Welcome to the Achieve Family!

Next month, we will welcome 26 new students into the Achieve family to make up Pride 15! These young people represent some of the most motivated and inspiring sixth graders in all of Boston. They represent nearly every neighborhood in the city and bring the same commitment and drive to Achieve that the older students continue to display year in and year out.

Some facts about Pride 15:

- \* 17 different middle schools are represented, over half of which are Boston Public Schools
- \* 100% of students identify as a person of color
- \* Five of them are a sibling of a current Achieve student or recent graduate

Here's to a great summer!



## What Are Achieve Graduates Doing?



and receive support and coaching for 9 years.



### \*ACHIEVE DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT!\*

Achieve depends on the generosity of its supporters. Contributions will be put to use immediately and will help cover the costs of the upcoming summer session.

**Thank you for your consideration!**

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## Family Spotlight: The Williams Family Sheyree, Pride 14 & Shantel, Pride 15



### How did you first hear about Achieve?

I first heard about Achieve at the end of 2021; my daughter Sheyree came home and told me about a presentation she had seen at school about the Achieve program and that she would like to attend it for the summer.

### What made you decide to

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and internships as they continue to explore their passions and build their resumes for college.

Some highlights of what Achieve graduates will be doing this summer include:

**Joceyln (Pride 9)** will work as a Teaching Fellow with Generation Teach, an organization devoted to developing new generations of diverse teachers and leaders.

**Roselym and Nathan (both Pride 10)** will spend this summer at Syracuse University taking college-level courses and living on campus.

**Prince (Pride 10)** will travel to Germany with a group from his high school, Phillips Academy Andover.

**Excel (Pride 10)** will continue her school-year internship with Brigham and Women's Hospital through the Student Success Jobs Program (SSJP).

**Daniel (Pride 11)** will participate in Dana Farber's CURE Program, which provides a full-time, hands-on summer experience in a cancer research lab.

**Hana (Pride 11)** will participate in the LEAH Knox Scholars Program, a two-year program with hands-on lab experience and mentorship for low-income high school students of color.

**Brian and Ayan (both Pride 11)** will continue their work at Artists for Humanity, a local social enterprise that uses creativity and design as vehicles for social change.

**Malia (Pride 11), Rose (Pride 11), Meggan (Pride 12) and Evy (Pride 12)** were selected for Crimson Summer Academy, a competitive three-year residential academic program at Harvard.

**Adrian (Pride 11)** will continue at (MS)2 at Phillips Academy Andover. This three-year residential program advances diversity in the STEM fields by developing the competencies and self-confidence of outstanding high school students of color.

*Are you interested in hosting an Achieve graduate for a summer or school-year internship? Please contact [lucie\\_torrey@nobles.edu](mailto:lucie_torrey@nobles.edu)*

## Achieve Graduates Headed to College

Congratulations to Achieve Pride 9 students who are headed to college this fall! Schools they'll attend include:

Boston College  
Bowdoin College

After attending an informational session and learning more about the program and all that it had to offer. I was sure it would be something my girls would enjoy being apart of. Sheyree started last year as a part of Pride 14, and Shantel gets the opportunity to be alongside her sister this year as part of the incoming Pride 15 group.

### What are your goals for Sheyree & Shantel and how do you feel Achieve will help them reach those goals?

My goal first as a parent is to do my best to have my girls broaden their horizons and be a part of programs that will advance their potential academically as well as foster socialization with children from all over Boston. My goal for them is to take advantage of the opportunities given at Achieve. There's student support during the school year to help them better understand current school work, and during the summer they are getting exposure to curriculum that they don't get access to at Boston Public Schools.

### What are you most excited about the program?

This summer I'm excited that Shantel gets to share in the experiences of being at Achieve, and I'm really excited to see how she will meet the challenges of being in the program and will grow this summer. I look forward to working with Sheyree as we explore the high school process.

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We are so grateful to have received a generous five-year grant from the Trefler Foundation to support and expand our work in Graduate Services.

As part of this grant we are committed to raising \$1.2 million to support the Achieve endowment over the next several years. If you are able, please consider making a donation to Achieve today!

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**ACHIEVE MISSION**

Achieve partners with families from Boston to empower motivated students and close the opportunity gap. We provide transformative academic and enrichment programming from middle school to their first year of college. We foster enduring confidence and agency in our scholars through a supportive and joyful environment.



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