In the first three months of the school year, the Career Readiness and Internship goal of the My Brother’s Keeper Initiative has offered 19 opportunities for 272 disadvantaged students, including 125 young men of color.

Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology

The After School Career Success Program is underway at the Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology. This year, the program will feature curriculum provided by Junior Achievement focused on critical thinking, creativity, conflict management, and collaboration. In addition, students will create a resume and apply for jobs online.

This year, LJB will participate in ECC Teach Wars. Guided by their teacher Mr. Cottman as well as various mentors assigned through ECC’s Mechatronics Department they will design, build and program robots to compete in head-to-head challenges. The team has met for some initial planning and will begin design and construction of their robot next month.

East Community High School

On October 16th, Buffalo Council Member Ulysees Wingo, Sr. visited East Community Criminal Law classes in preparation for their visit to City Hall. Councilman Wingo explained the processes and procedures of the Buffalo Common Council meeting to identify and discuss issues and pass ordinances for the City of Buffalo. On November 20th students were able to observe various Council Committees address Civil Service, Finance, Education, and Community Development.

IMPACT Sports welcomed Personal Agility students and provided a Q&A session for students to engage with business owner and personal trainers followed by an invigorating workout session and a tour of the Harbor Center facility. As a bonus, students were able to observe the Buffalo Sabres practice.
Lafayette International students will be participating in the “Six-Hour Canoe” program at the Buffalo Maritime Center beginnings in November and running through the official student boat launch in May. The program uses wooden boat building as a tool to teach technical and practical life skills to middle and high school students. On their first trip to the center, they were provided a tour and overview of the program as well as a chance to get a sneak peek at a canoe being built by Riverside Institute of Technology students who are engaged in a separate program.

Students in the Building Maintenance program at Lafayette International took an educational tour of the Darwin Martin House where they learned about architecture, design, and landscaping. They took a tour of the site and learned about the history of engineering from the early 1900s through modern day. They engaged in an experiment with geo-exchange and learned the importance of I-beam construction.

South Park High School

On November 20th, the Buffalo Adult Education School of Cosmetology welcomed 20 students taking Spa Specialty at South Park High School for a tour of their facilities and background on their program. Many of the students have aspirations to continue their education in Cosmetology and hope to open their own shops. All of the students left looking stylish with a fresh hair cut or manicure.

Business and Entrepreneurship students have engaged with various guest speakers including local business owners and other professionals as well as competing against each other in fundraising campaigns for a different organization each month. Their first two campaigns raised money for the United Way and Childhood Cancer Awareness.

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