

Greetings!

With your help 2019 has proven to be as exciting and impactful as hoped. Here's a quick recap of an amazing year!

Expansion Plans Take Shape

The OUSD Board of Education and the City of Oakland approved our partnership with OUSD and the Oakland Athletic League to replicate our success district-wide for all student-athletes!

In August we kicked off the *College & Career Performance Initiative* for over 500 student athletes who gathered at **Fremont**, **Skyline**, **Castlemont** and **McClymonds** along with **Westlake** and **Montera** Middle schools. Our Sports and Education assemblies offered a great opportunity for students to learn about academic support, college requirements, leadership and much more!



Dr. Solomon Hughes, joins the Board of Directors

to empower the next generation of college athletes. As a former student-athlete, I often reflect on the incredible impact great mentors had on me, and I see this as an opportunity to give back in a similar fashion."

- Solomon Hughes

Dr. Hughes has worked in higher education as an administrator and instructor for over a decade, most recently as Associate Director of the Enhancing Diversity In Higher Education Doctoral Fellowship program at Stanford. Solomon is a member of the Screen Actors Guild Inc. and recently chosen to star as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the hour-long HBO drama to premier in 2020!



Student Athlete Spotlight

2019 Student Athlete of the Year, Tiffany Siu off to college!

"We never would have guessed a low profile, not so popular, Asian girl like me would be acknowledged for such a prestigious award. But most importantly, this award has opened a world of incredible options for me." Tiffany is excited to be studying Mandarin and

playing basketball at Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University in China.





Fire Academy Graduate, Christian Andrews
Class of 2010 SPAAT alumni, Christian Andrews,
graduated from Howard University in 2014 but did not
let that stop him. On November 23rd, Christian
graduated from the Oakland Fire Academy and is now
serving his community in the Oakland Fire
Department!

SPAAT Alums Graduate from College

Congratulations to the following graduates:

- Javin White (left) graduated with honors from the UNLV
- Mike Walker (middle) is now an alumni from University Northern Colorado
- Ronald Mills (right) graduated with his Masters in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco



CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE

We are excited to have launched this initiative for Oakland student-athletes. In three years our goal is to scale this support to reach every high school and middle school. But we can't do it without your continued support!

Make a one time or set up your recurring monthly <u>INVESTMENT</u> in our youth today!



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