



LINDY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Through the generosity of Phillip B. Lindy, Drexel University has established the Phillip B. Lindy Inner-City Public School Program at Drexel University ("Lindy Scholars Program") to provide enhanced educational services to students, their families and schools in West Philadelphia.

The Lindy Scholars Program aims to "level the playing field" and increase student retention, academic achievement, and access to post-secondary education. We want to inspire children to see a personal future in a technologically driven global economy and provide them with the enrichment and support that will ultimately enable them to be admitted to and succeed in college.

The Lindy Scholars Program will provide free mathematics, writing, and literacy tutoring and related mentoring to selected students in grades 6-8 enrolled in 3 elementary schools within the West Philadelphia region. Drexel staff, faculty, and student volunteers will work closely with school administrators, students, and parents to help identify needs and then provide services on campus and within the community to improve student performance and increase student interest.

The program will consist of three parts:

- a tutoring and mentoring component
- teacher professional development
- parent/guardian information sessions



TUTORING/MENTORING

Each student enrolled as a "Lindy Scholar" will be paired with a Drexel college student, or "Lindy Advisor", who will serve as both a tutor and a mentor. Twice a week after school, trained Drexel tutors will meet with the Lindy Scholars at their elementary school to assist with homework and enhance student learning in math, writing and literacy. On select weekends, Lindy Scholars and Advisors will meet on Drexel's campus for fun social activities. On occasion, they will go on trips to different events in the city, including exhibitions at museums and other cultural activities.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents of the Lindy Scholars will be invited to participate in informational sessions. These workshops will provide parents with information on high school selection, college access, strategies to increase learning at home, and other relevant topics for caregivers of middle school students. Workshops will include refreshments and take place at convenient times and locations. Parents will be compensated for their time and involvement.



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All teachers within each school will be invited to participate in professional development activities directly related to the academic supports provided to the Lindy Scholars. Participating teachers will be compensated for their time and involvement. As a result of the professional development activities, all students in the school will potentially benefit from the program, not just those enrolled in the program.



THE MURALS OF THE MIND PROJECT PRESENTS...

Vocal Uprising

The Philip B. Lindy Scholars Program
Poetry Anthology
Summer 2010

Edited by Kenyetta Overton



This book is dedicated to:

the families: moms, dads, grand moms, grand dads, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Your commitment and support of the Lindy Scholars is commendable and greatly appreciated.

to:

the teachers and administrators of Martha Washington, Alain Locke, and Charles R. Drew Schools.

to:

Mrs. Shayla Amenra and the Lindy Scholars staff and volunteer counselors, who tirelessly pursue creative, innovative and fun ways to engage and educated youth; and whose efforts have set in motion character ripples not yet realized or understood by each participating scholar.

to:

Drexel University and the Center for Civic Engagement

to:

Mr. Philip B. Lindy, whose love, commitment, and support helped to make the Lindy Scholars program possible.



Lindy

local children stars
grow with opportunities
destined for greatness



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by Katelynn Montgomery

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Drexel

by Egypt Henry

The knowledge they give,
The students on campus there,
Great education!



Summer Days

by Christina Amos + Kheyana Murray

Swish Swish Swish
The wind goes through my hair

Beep Beep Beep
Cars go by

Active Active Active
Kids run past my door

Old folks walking dogs
Adults watering lawns

Brouhaha, Chaos, Drama, Collision, Division
Some of the words zooming through my head as look at
this wonderful day



SWIMMING

BY KHEYANA MURRAY

JUMP DIVE DUNK DIP SWIM

DON'T GO TOO FAR OR YOU'LL DROWN

SPLASH WIGGLE CANNON BALL!



As You Grow

by Samantha Edwards &
Selena Anderson

as you grow you have family
then you decide your destiny
try to change

but remain the same
it's about you
you want your dreams

to come true

though homeless
still smell the roses
because there's always hope

For Raymond

by Adeeyah Scott

I am saying this to my brother, Raymond
Because when I was little he always
used to watch me when mom needed him to
My brother is the best brother in the world

Raymond is:

Nice
Caring
Loveable
A Great Cook
Smart
Handsome
and

The best brother in the world!!

Poem

by Boris Perez

Love is

something that grows in you, in your heart

has the audacity to choose your soul mate

Don't destroy

roses have the audacity to live

are active and growing

You

are brilliant so, make peace!



Lindy MOMBOS!!

(Murals of the Mind Outstanding Scholars)

Summer 2010



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