



Happy Thanksgiving!

Throughout November, many of us take time out of our lives to reflect on our blessings, whether family, friends or career advancements. I know this season isn't always the most cheerful time for everyone. Some of us have been deeply impacted by the losses we've experienced and the pain most prevalent this time of year. Whether you experience this season with gratitude or grief, remember that you are not alone.

The next core belief in our series is, "We believe that LONG-TERM, 24/7 RELATIONSHIPS with caring adults have proven positive outcomes in the lives of our urban youth." Elevate Birmingham takes a different approach than many other mentoring or youth-serving organizations. Students need good programming, but relationships are more important than programs and help those programs to be more effective. We commit to getting to know our students in the classroom and beyond the classroom. We spend time hiking, eating, studying, and having fun with students. Being available to our students teaches them that we care about their academic success and holistic development.

The term 24/7 can be scary for some, but to us, at Elevate, that means that we don't turn it on and turn it off. While we believe in healthy boundaries for staff and students, we also know that life doesn't happen on a schedule or when it's most convenient. Whether it's a Teacher-Mentor taking a call from a student dealing with a personal crisis or seeking wisdom on a decision they need to make, our team is present. Students and families learn that we care and experience this core belief through our presence and dedication. **"No One Gets There Alone."**

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



DeAnna Lockett Teacher Mentor Huffman High School

DeAnna is a Birmingham native who has enjoyed investing in youth ever since her secondary schooling years through tutoring and mentoring. Fulfilling this passion, she earned her Bachelor's of Social Work at The University of Alabama. During her time there, she led youth service initiatives at the Blackburn Institute, University Fellows Experience, and Latin American Youth Center. DeAnna carried her deep passion for public interest with her to Impact America as an AmeriCorps Service Member where she was appointed site coordinator for the organization's busiest tax preparation site in Alabama. Her favorite forms of pastime are playing with her 3-year-old nephew, exploring restaurants in Birmingham, and watching Grey's Anatomy reruns.



ELEVATE BIRMINGHAM STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



JAMIA PRICE
WENONAH HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE: 9TH

FAVORITE SNACK: CHIPS AHOY & HERSHEY

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR
ELEVATE CLASS:
TEACHER MENTORS HAVE TAUGHT ME HOW
TO HAVE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



ANTORN BELL
HUFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE: 12TH

FAVORITE SNACK: REESE'S

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR
ELEVATE CLASS:
TEACHER MENTORS HAVE TAUGHT ME
THAT LIFE IS HARD, BUT IT'S UP TO YOU
TO MAKE IT BETTER.

TAMARCUS TURNER-KEMP
WENONAH HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE: 10TH

FAVORITE SNACK: AIR HEADS

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR
ELEVATE CLASS:
TEACHER MENTORS HAVE TAUGHT ME TO
BE A LEADER AND BE YOURSELF



ADRIANNA KINCEY
HUFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE: 11TH

FAVORITE SNACK: HERSHEY'S COOKIES &
CREAM BAR

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR
ELEVATE CLASS:
THAT IT'S OKAY TO NOT KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN LIFE, AND IT'S
OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP FROM PEOPLE WHO
CARE ABOUT YOU



UPCOMING EVENTS



ELEVATE
BIRMINGHAM
JOIN US FOR A
Lunch & Learn
November 17, 2022
11:30AM-1:00PM
National Christian Foundation
400 Office Park Drive, 3rd Floor
Birmingham, AL 35223
Please RSVP by November 10, 2022



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BIRMINGHAM
No one gets there alone.



Be generous even if it's a small thing.
What's small to you is huge to others.

→ #GivingTuesday ←
November 29, 2022



ELEVATE
BIRMINGHAM
THANKSGIVING
Family Dinner



NOVEMBER 17, 2022
6:00PM - 7:00PM

Elevate Birmingham
700 Huffman Road
Birmingham, AL 35215

