

Celebrating 20 Years of Legacy



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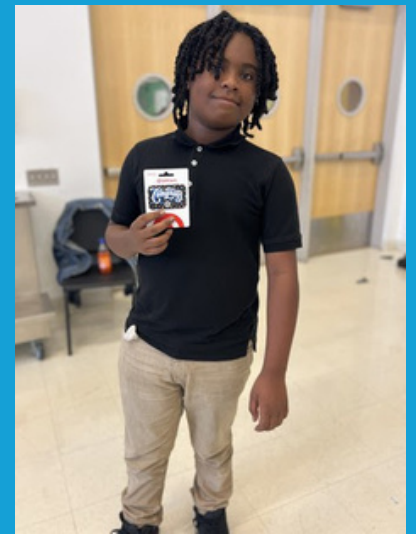


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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Legacy scholars, teachers, and families are starting strong!





Launching the 20th Year of Legacy

In August, we welcomed our 20th class of kindergarteners, our Class of 2033! While we are excited to celebrate our 20th year, we are also resolutely focused on the next 20. We cannot predict the world our kindergarten scholars will encounter when they graduate college in 2041, but we do know they will need critical literacy skills, deep math acumen, a curiosity about the natural world, and a zeal to make our world a better place.

Your ongoing support helps us prepare our scholars for a world we can only imagine. The time and financial resources given to Legacy create invaluable opportunities that shape scholars' passions and trajectories. Last month, our Class of 2024 embarked on their high school journey at schools such as Whitney Young, Westinghouse, and Providence St. Mel. Meanwhile, our Class of 2020 began their college careers at universities including the University of Illinois, Texas Southern University, and Alabama A&M. We are eager to see how they will continue to transform the world!

Finally, I want to invite you to attend our Read Along Volunteer Day on Friday, September 27, 2024. It will be a day filled with the joy of reading, where you can share your love of books with our young scholars and inspire the next generation of readers and leaders. If you would like to participate, RSVP by Monday, September 16, 2024. You can also donate to our Read-A-Thon.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community and for helping us build a legacy of learning and leadership. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our scholars and all of us!

Liz Goss
Executive Director

Celebrating 20 Years of Our Legacy!





ONE MISSION! ONE LEGACY!

We are celebrating 20 years of Legacy Love and learning at Legacy Charter School! My journey started with Legacy in 2016 as a first-grade teacher, then evolved into the Robotics Club founder and volleyball coach, to now, the K-8 principal. What an honor and privilege it is to be able to serve scholars and staff in the community where I was born and raised. As an educator of 18 years, I have served in other schools in the area, but none compare to the experience of being a part of the Legacy Charter School family.

I and each of Legacy's staff, known as Jedi, have committed to upholding our school's mission daily. My vision for our scholars and Jedi's success is rooted in excellence and joy. Whether it be through our highly trained Instructional Leaders who provide immediate coaching for all teachers, or through our new Culture and Climate Team who provide support grounded in Restorative Practices, along with new community partnerships for mentoring and clubs in our after-school programs, we work as one to forge a clear path to a brighter and better future for all generations!

Your unwavering support has been instrumental in maintaining staff, resources, and programs that collectively meet all scholars' needs. Your donations have built a stronger legacy, not just for yourselves, but for hundreds of scholars and families who choose Legacy as their school home each year. Thank you for everything you've done and will do to contribute to our school fulfilling one mission as one Legacy!

—
Ms. Sheila E. Foster (She/Her/Hers)
Principal



Legacy Jedi celebrate 5, 10, and 15 years of service!

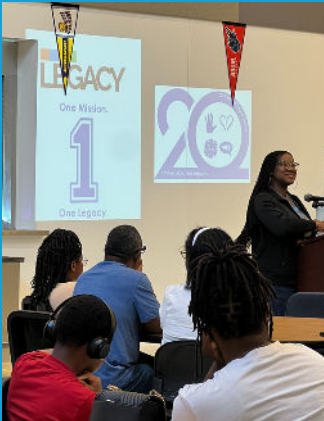


We celebrate these Jedi who have chosen to use their talents and passions at Legacy. We thank them on behalf of the hundreds of scholars whose lives they have positively impacted.



One Mission, One Legacy

Legacy families were all hands on deck for our back-to-school orientation



Legacy Jedi model our mission every day!



We are proud to share that seven Legacy teachers have been selected to participate in the Golden Apple Accelerators Program. Congratulations to Ms. Cook, Ms. McDowell, Ms. Sims, Ms. Stephany, Mr. Wade, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Wesley!

The Golden Apple Accelerators Program provides a path to teacher certification and continued professional development. The benefits include obtaining a teaching license within 15 months, paid tuition and fees at one of Golden Apple's partner universities/colleges, a stipend of \$10,000 for additional education expenses, a one-year residency and training program, instruction from award-winning educators, and mentoring.

We know they are phenomenal teachers committed to their scholars and life-long education. Now the world knows it too!

Congratulations, Jedi! We are proud of YOU!



Where Are They Now? Legacy Alumni Spotlight



Throughout this celebration of our 20th anniversary, we will spotlight Legacy Alumni from our first graduating class.

Jarius Brookins, Class of 2012

Jarius is a creative professional who works as a Production Artist for the Allstate Insurance Company in Chicago. Jarius' lifelong passion for the arts was nurtured by supportive educational environments and lots of mentoring from professionals he admired. These interactions helped him develop a strong sense of identity and commitment to creativity.

One pivotal opportunity came through a mentorship program created by Legacy in partnership with the SNR Dentons law firm. This program allowed Legacy scholars to engage in reading, mathematics, and homework alongside business leaders. As a participant, Jarius connected with Steven M. Levy, a Partner at the law firm, whose influence was profound. This mentorship was just one of several formative experiences at Legacy that broadened Jarius' horizon and prepared him for his future.

As he was inspired to delve into new opportunities, Jarius became a student at the Marwen Foundation, which offers free arts education to Chicago youth. He also joined The Art Institute of Chicago's Teen Council and organized the museum's first 24-hour event for teenagers. These experiences have had a lasting impact on Jarius.

He is currently pursuing a master's degree at Northwestern University, a path influenced by his early interactions with Steven Levy, who is an alumnus of the institution. Jarius also serves as the alumni representative on Legacy's Board of Directors where he influences our vision for alumni engagement and regularly encourages current Legacy scholars to pursue their dreams and passions.

Jarius is grateful for the high-achieving environments he has been part of, recognizing the importance of consistent, quality educational experiences. He believes that his journey is a testament to the potential for transformation when young people are given the support they need, challenging the notion that academic success can be predicted solely by conventional metrics.



LEGACY READ-A-THON Fundraiser!



We are kicking off our 20th anniversary with a Read-A-Thon.

Help us encourage our young scholars to reach their reading goals by donating a minimum of \$20 per month to celebrate Legacy's 20th Anniversary!

**Donate \$20 each month from
September 2024 - July 2025**



Donate Today!

Your generous donation will support tutoring and after-school programs for Legacy scholars.

READERS ARE LEADERS!

Upcoming Opportunities to Meet Our Scholars!

September 27 - Legacy Read Along

We will offer opportunities to read with a Kindergarten through 4th grade class. Please complete the volunteer form in the link below to register as a Read Along leader.

October 19 & 20 - Open House Chicago (OHC)

Legacy is proud to be a featured site during the annual Open House Chicago event. Visit us during OHC to experience scholar-led tours of our beautiful Platinum LEED-certified building. Learn how Legacy scholars benefit from learning in a building intentionally designed to be energy and environmentally sustainable and meet the learning needs of today's scholars.

Learn More: <https://openhousechicago.org/about/>

October 24 - Legacy Career Day

Volunteer to be a presenter during our annual Career Day. We are seeking amazing professionals to participate in our Career Day. Our K - 4th-grade classes will host community helpers such as physicians, police, postal or carrier service workers, chefs, veterinarians, dentists, children's book authors, and elected officials.

Our middle school will host a scholar-moderated career panel with professionals to discuss identifying, developing, and leveraging your unique skills and passions. During the afternoon middle school will experience a selection of curated STEAM Masterclasses led by creatives at the top of their game. RSVP to join us!

Please use the volunteer form to register for these opportunities.



Volunteer Interest Form

Email yvette.warren@legacycharterschool.org for more information about Legacy volunteer opportunities.





There is no us without you!

As little as \$20 can make a big difference in the life of a young scholar.

- \$20 pays for art supplies for one Legacy scholar
- \$200 buys one instrument for Legacy's music program
- \$400 pays for uniforms for a Legacy sports team
- \$500 provides bus transportation for a class study trip
- \$600 buys a set of books for one classroom
- \$800 covers the cost of one teacher to lead the 8th-grade college tour
- \$1,200 provides a light dinner for one Family Learning Night
- \$1,400 covers the cost of one teacher for a ten-week after-school enrichment program.
- \$3,000 buys ten laptops used by Legacy Middle School scholars

As the cost of providing a quality education increases your support is more important than ever. Become a monthly \$20 donor!

Continue the legacy!

Donate Today!



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LEGACY SCHOLARS TODAY!**

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