

**Invest in  
Your Future**

You are invited to  
participate in the  
**Higher Learning  
Institute:**

**Orientation &  
Registration**

**February 2, 2003**

**5:00 PM**

Come out as we  
start a new

**EXCITING Year!!**

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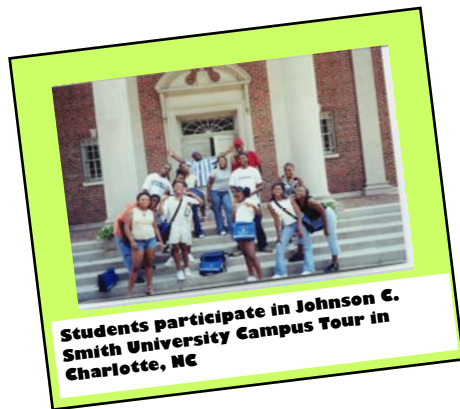
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**"Entering Into  
Higher  
Dimensions"**



# Higher Learning Institute

The Higher Learning Institute is an innovative and fun program designed to prepare the youth of Williams Memorial CME Church for a higher education and a lifetime career. Students are encouraged to pursue a higher education and a career that he/she will enjoy and to develop a future plan.



## Phase I

The first phase of the program consists of four Saturday sessions where current college students and recent college graduates cover a number of topics. The youth are first encouraged to define who they are, what they believe, and what they enjoy. Based on this analysis a career assessment is conducted to pinpoint ideal career choices for each student. The next three sessions concentrate on setting goals, researching different colleges, filling out college applications, writing college admission essays, preparing for standardized test, obtaining financial aid, and much more. This information is presented in creative manners such as student presentations, group games, and chants.



Students work on college essay writing activity

## Phase II

The second phase consists of a myriad of activities. Students participate in a series of area college campus tours. During these tours students are able to see schools that they researched during phase I. Students also participate in a "Shadow Day" where they are matched up with a member of the church or community to go to work with them for one day. This activity allows the students to get first hand experience in a field in which they are interested. There are also special sessions for the Senior Students to assist with SAT registration, scholarship Searches, college applications, and other college admission and survival activities.

## Future Plans

- A HBCU East Coast Campus Tour
- Parental Financial Aid Workshops
- College Fair Extravaganza
- College Survival Student Sessions
- SAT Prep Sessions

The following are comments from current students, parents, and mentors regarding the first phase of the program:

### Students

*"I liked everything about the sessions"*

*"Strangely, I didn't dislike anything about the program"*

*"I would recommend it to my peers because some people need the right direction"*

*"This program was a very good idea and I think more churches and definitely schools should do the program"*

### Parents

*"My daughters figured out that they should be thinking about their future now instead of waiting until it is actually time for college. They talk about what classes they should take now to prepare them for college. They are excited!"*

*"I would encourage other parents because I feel that this is a very beneficial program"*

*"I feel you've done a wonderful job. The Higher Learning Institute was great!"*

### Mentors

*"I feel that the [students] certainly benefited from this program. It is a tool that I wish was available to me prior to applying to college."*

*"One student stated that she didn't want to make an impact on the community because it was not enough – she wanted to impact the world!! This let me know that if these students could have these goals, then I too could set high goals for myself."*

*"It was a good balance of information, fun, and interaction."*

*"It was a wonderful experience!"*



**Cedric Dickerson, A HLI student, presents his future career plans**