



The Higher Learning Institute

Williams Memorial CME Church

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Dear Parent:

At Williams Memorial we have been blessed with many youth, and we know that these youth are our future. All of our youth have great potential, and we want them to live to the fullest of his or her ability. We are now about to begin our fourth year of an innovative program to invest in the future of our youth called, "The Higher Learning Institute." The main objectives of this program are to use Godly principles to help the youth of Williams Memorial and the surrounding communities become conscientious of his or her future and pursue a higher education.

This Institute consists of two phases. The first phase includes a series of five sessions between January and May. We opt to say sessions rather than workshops, because these sessions will not be your typical workshops. These sessions will be filled with interactive games and activities, chants and cheers, and creative presentations. These sessions will also provide your child with information that will be valuable throughout the course of his or her life. The second phase of the institute will be a series of events such as area college campus tours, a career shadow day, and a back-2-school celebration.

All youth who are currently in middle and high schools are invited to participate in this program. A detailed schedule of events and registration forms are included. Please encourage your child to participate in this program; this will be a very rewarding experience. **The registration deadline is Sunday, January 16, 2005.** If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may contact Rolanda W. Baldwin via telephone at 698-9054 or via email at hlistep@yahoo.com or you may contact the church office at 883-7330 or via email at williamsmem@northstate.net.

Yours in Christ,

Rolanda W. Baldwin, Higher Learning Institute Director

Ms. Ella McCollum, Youth Department Director

Rev. Robert J. Williams, Pastor

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Objectives:

- To aid the youth in discovering his/her God-given purpose and spiritual gifts
- To provide a framework for the youth to walk in his/her purpose and God-given talents
- To provide students with a skill set that will aid in his/her development of a personal action plan in pursuit of higher education and a lifetime career
- To provide the youth an opportunity to interact and fellowship with other church family and surrounding community youth members

Expectations:

- Each youth must attend all sessions, arrive on time, and stay for the complete duration.
- Each youth must act in a respectable, attentive, and cooperative manner while in sessions.
- Each youth must complete all assignments by stated deadlines.

Schedule of Events:

- January 16, 2005: Registration Deadline
All forms should be returned to Mrs. Rolanda Baldwin or the Church Office
- January 22, 2005: Saturday Session I 9:00am-12:30pm
Parents are asked to remain for the first thirty minutes
- February 19, 2005: Saturday Session II 9:00am-12:30pm
- March 12, 2005: Saturday Session III 9:00am-12:30pm
- April 23, 2005: Saturday Session IV 9:00am-12:30pm
- May 2005: Saturday Session V 9:00am-12:30pm
The date is TBD.
- June 12, 2005: Graduation Ceremony 4:00pm

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Registration Form

*All Forms should be returned to Mrs. Rolanda Baldwin or the Church Office no later than
Sunday, January 16, 2005.*

Student Information:

Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

Referred By: (1st Year Students Only) _____

Parent Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Primary Telephone: _____ Secondary Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

In case of emergency contact: (other than parent/guardian)

Name: _____

Primary Telephone: _____ Secondary Telephone: _____

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Commitment Form

I, _____ (student name), commit to attend all sessions, participate in all activities, and act in a respectable, attentive, and cooperative manner. I commit to completing all assignments on time. I understand that this program will be a fun, learning, and enriching experience if I abide by these guidelines.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I, _____ (parent/guardian's name), commit to bringing my child to all sessions on time and allowing them to stay for the complete duration. I commit to assisting my child to complete his/her assignments on time. I understand that this program will be a fun, learning, and enriching experience for my child if I provide my support and ensure that my child abides by the guidelines.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

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Each participating student and his/her parent should fill out a Pre/Post Assessment. It is okay if you do not know the correct answer to some of the questions. The purpose of the assessments is to determine what topics need to be covered during the program.

Student Pre-Assessment

Student Name: _____

1. What are your interests/hobbies/extracurricular activities?
2. What are your future plans?
3. Name factors that should be considered when choosing colleges.
4. Name high school subjects that are commonly required for college admission.
5. What standardized tests are required for admission to college?
6. What form needs to be filled out to receive federal financial aid for college?
7. What supporting documents are required to accompany college admission applications?
8. How should you prepare for an interview?
9. In a budget, should the expenses or income be greater?

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Parent Pre-Assessment

Parent Name: _____

1. Name factors that should be considered when choosing colleges.
2. Name high school subjects that are commonly required for college admission.
3. What standardized tests are required for admission to college?
4. What supporting documents are required to accompany college admission applications?
5. What form needs to be filled out to receive federal financial aid for college?
6. What are the different types of financial aid?

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