



BUILDING UP CARING AND RESPONSIBLE YOUNG MEN



A LOOK AHEAD

In summer 2013, our organization implemented its Middle School Ranger Program component. This component expanded our program model to begin working with boys entering 7th and 8th grade.

Since that time, we have served approximately 141 additional boys and young men (including 29 currently enrolled in our 2016-2017 program season). I believe that the work to be done at the urban core is paramount and must be inclusive of young men from childhood through adolescence and pre-adulthood.

As an organization we intend to give priority to the developmental pieces surrounding a so-called "lost generation" of boys and young men. Our perspective is, as this generation of boys and young men mature, a void grows in their lives that leave them less proficient and interested in productive and worth-while activities. We are tasked with filling this void with viable activities that will promote these boys and young men to utilize their time to become involved in positive endeavors that will continue throughout most of their lifetime."

Our Middle School Ranger Program component puts the Urban Ranger Corps at the forefront of creating caring pathways to access and harness opportunities for boys and young men to extend their abilities, strengths, hopes and dreams beyond the boundaries of the neighborhood.

J. Erik Dickinson, President
Urban Ranger Corps

Our mission is to help prepare at-risk inner city youth for responsible and productive futures through a program of disciplined work experience and service in their community; leadership development; and individualized planning for post-High School careers.

WHO WE ARE

The Urban Ranger Corps program is designed to work as a comprehensive community based system that promotes and shares ownership of its program success with the entire population of Kansas City. All programs and activities are designed to offset some of the major problems affecting youth in the urban core while at the same time working to upgrade the status of our future human resource pool.

We offer each participant a global view in the content areas of **Career & Academic Enhancement, Financial & Entrepreneurial Education and Neighborhood & Community Involvement.** Our intention is to make available to young men a comprehensive program that improves their academic performance and expands their interest in activities that will augment their future personal growth and development.



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WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY

- ✓ We have served more than 634 youth.
- ✓ 94.5% completed a summer work program.
- ✓ 100% of those successfully completing our summer work program returned to school in the fall.
- ✓ 98% of Rangers completing the school year session improved their GPA. *The average GPA increased from 2.8 at the end of the 2015 school year to 3.1 at the end of the 2016 school year.*
- ✓ 100% of Rangers in their final year of high school graduated on schedule (vs. a 57.2 percent graduation rate for Kansas City MO public school enrollees).
- ✓ 100% completed their community service. *Last school year (2015-2016) Rangers completed 811 volunteer hours in the Kansas City metro area — comparable to \$17,169 of in-kind service. (2015 volunteer rate for Missouri was \$21.17 based on a report from The Independent Sector.)*

2015-2016 Academic Program Year

- ✓ 100% of Rangers are African American young men
- ✓ 97% of Rangers live within the program target zip codes; 64110, 64127, 64138, 64130 and 64132. *(These zip codes have the highest crime rate in the Kansas City metropolitan area).* Although priority is given to youth within the targeted five zip codes, 3% of participants are accepted in from other communities or municipalities.
- ✓ 75% of Rangers live in single-parent households
- ✓ 96% of Rangers receive free and/or reduced lunch
- ✓ 97% enrolled in Kansas City MO Public Schools and/or Charter Schools. The other 3% are enrolled in other area high schools.
- ✓ 100% of Rangers completing the school-year session met all academic requirements to pass on to the next grade level.
- ✓ 4 out of 91 Rangers enrolled this program season entered their senior year of high school. Of those, 3 graduated from high school in May 2016.



SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF KANSAS CITY MISSOURI:

Various Community Service Projects

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF MIDDLE AMERICA:

Entrepreneurship Programming

MISSOURI CONSERVATION: Annual Summer Canoe Trip

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA: Horticulture Training

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY: Money Smart Program

W.E.B DUBOIS LEARNING CENTER: College Preparation

BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Step Ladder Internship Program

