



Annapolis Arts, Sports and Leadership Academy (AASaLA)

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Men Aiming Higher, Inc.

- Established in 2009
- Mobilize young boys and girls through educational and leadership training, life coaching programs, and community service projects
- Model transformative leadership and self sustaining social capital models in the State of Maryland through collaboration with school systems, businesses, universities, and government
- Develop a pipeline for students to matriculate successfully from ages 8-18 into college or trade/technology program
- Operating in Annapolis since 2015 serving 250+ youth during the school year and summer



Annapolis Arts, Sports, and Leadership Academy (“AASaLA”) Mission

Under the umbrella of Men Aiming Higher, Inc., a Maryland 501(c)(3), collaborate with Anne Arundel County organizations, that serve youth and families, to provide youth with structured academic enrichment and leadership programs to develop positive, high achieving, civic minded adults.



Why AASaLA Was Created

- Void in Summer programming for youth in the area of Leadership Development and the Arts
- Significant number of requests to provide life/academic coaches for youth and young adults
- The need to create an environment for youth to engage with positive male and female role models on a consistent basis
- To provide parents with skills and resources to support themselves, their families, and communities



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Summer Program Summary

- 3rd Year Partnership with the City of Annapolis
- June 16th – August 4th Thursdays 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. & Saturdays 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Boys & Girls Ages 10-17
- Pip Moyer Recreation Center – 273 Hilltop Lane – Annapolis, MD 21401
- Academic & Leadership Coaching
- Physical & Mental Health Initiatives
- Reading, Financial Literacy, Arts, Entrepreneurship, and Technology
- Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center Basketball League
- Mandatory Leadership Sessions at each game
- Parent University
- Game of the week will be recorded and broadcast multiple times on City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Public Access Channel and sponsors will be named during the broadcast



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School Year Program

Overview and Outcomes

- A partnership with the Annapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Sessions held on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - Noon
- The location of the sessions rotate between the Pip Moyer Recreation Center and educational field trips
- Each session consists of conversations regarding positive leadership traits, current events, an opportunity to share accomplishments, etc.
- Topics include: Political Awareness, College Readiness, Physical and Mental Health, Black History and Cultural Awareness, STEM, Financial Literacy, Community Engagement, etc.
- An average of 8 -10 young men attend each monthly session

