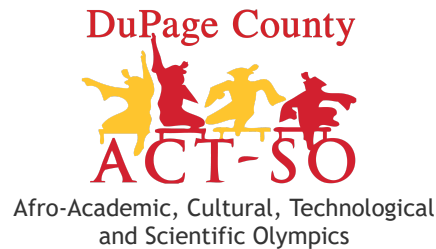


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"Committed to Excellence. Destined for Greatness."

Greetings [REDACTED]. Please take note of the special events, dates and action items for February in the 2017-2018 DuPage County ACT-SO program.

All articles and event details are located on our website at [www.dupageact-so.org](http://www.dupageact-so.org).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
SAT | MARCH 3rd 2018 | 9 AM - 1 PM  
DuPage County  
**JR. ACT-SO COMPETITION**  
Free & Open to the Public

SAT | 3/3/2018  
DuPage County  
**JR. ACT-SO Competition**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
Glenbard South High School  
23W200 Butterfield Road  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

SUN | 3/18/2018  
**Awards Ceremony Banquet**  
Doors open at 2:00 PM, Ceremony begins at 3:00 PM  
Bolingbrook Golf Course  
2001 Rodeo Drive  
Bolingbrook, IL 60490 | Doors Open at 2PM  
Banquet Tickets: \$60 | Deadline: March 11th  
Purchase Banquet tickets at [www.dupageact-so.org](http://www.dupageact-so.org)

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
SAT | MARCH 17th 2018 | 9 AM - 1 PM  
DuPage County  
**LOCAL ACT-SO COMPETITION**  
Free & Open to the Public

SAT | 3/17/2018  
DuPage County  
**ACT-SO Local Competition**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
College of DuPage: 425 Fawell | Glen Ellyn, IL  
Exhibits: Student Resource Center 2000  
Competitions: Student Services Center and Berg Instructional Center  
"Public Viewing of Projects Begins at Noon"

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## Student Enrichment Sessions

### February Enrichment

The next Enrichment Session is **Saturday, February 17** from **2:00 - 5:00 PM** in the Student Resource Center (SRC) 2000 at the College of DuPage located at 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL.

This is the last enrichment session before the competition on March 17. The performing arts category will have seasoned judges providing feedback on student performances, so please come ready to share your performance pieces.

Music Vocal and Music Instrumental students review will be led by Julian Webb, and Dramatics, Oratory, and Poetry Performance student critiques will be led Amos Ellis.

STEM students will receive motivational words from National Society of Black Engineers founder George Smith and students in all other categories will receive final tips and hints for the competition. Students should be familiar with their category requirements and criteria. Please use this last session to ask any questions you may have.

[>>Calendar: Feb. Enrichment](#)

### Pre-Competition Meeting

The Pre-Competition meeting will be held at COD in room SRC 2000 on **Sunday March 4**. Final information and logistics for the March 17 competition will be provided at this meeting. This is also the **deadline for submitting reports and papers**. These items are forwarded to the judges who will review them prior to the competition. Students who are submitting creative

works, such as, poetry, short stories, original essays, and music compositions will need to have them notarized. Please refer to your category's requirements and criteria for details on what should be submitted and how many copies.

>>Calendar: Pre-Competition Mtg

## January Enrichment – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

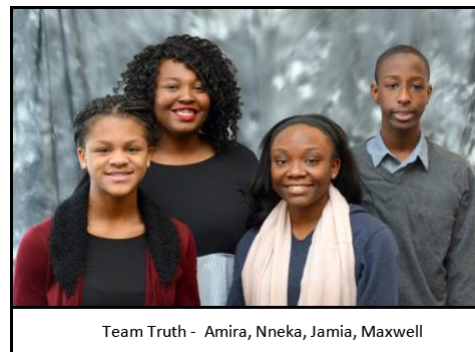
January's enrichment session was a full day of activities beginning with the **23rd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast**. This was



Teams ready to buzz in to answer questions asked by host Chioma George

followed by our very first **ACT-SO Black History Bowl** competition, which was a fun, exciting, and competitive activity. Students were divided into (12) teams of 4 or 5 people each with team names of historical figures - Tubman, Du Bois, King, and Carver, to name a few.

Teams answered black history questions from different categories, such as, Arts, Politics, Business, Education, and Science. At the end of the first round, the top two scoring teams, Truth and Parks, went head to head for the championship. The game was close with team Truth edging out Parks to become the 1st ACT-SO Black History Bowl Champion with each team member receiving a power bank to help charge their phones when the battery is low.



Team Truth - Amira, Nneka, Jamia, Maxwell



One-on-one Interview

After lunch the students participated in **Mock Interviews** and attended their category enrichment sessions. Student competing in Business, Humanities, STEM, and Visual Arts had one-on-one interviews where they discussed their project with volunteer interviewers. Interviewers asked questions to understand the project and its status and provided feedback to the students.

Performing Arts students performed their pieces to a panel of volunteers who provided critiques and feedback to the students.

The purpose of the mock interviews is to help students determine their readiness for the competition in March and to give themselves the



opportunity to make any necessary adjustments. Many thanks go to our volunteers and to Ellen Moore and Brenda Davis for leading the Mock Interview process.

## Community Service



Collections have been low for the supplies that the Central DuPage Ronald McDonald House need. This is one of our community service activities. **Please drop off donation items at the February Enrichment session**, which will be your last opportunity before the supplies are dropped off at the House. Needed items

include individually wrapped snack foods, juice boxes, cleaning supplies, Keurig coffee Kcups, gift cards, flashlights, new toys for infants, mini hand sanitizers, and more. See the link below for the full list of items needed.

[Download: RMH donation wish list \(pdf\)](#)

## Student Recruitment and Retention

Hello ACT-SO Student and Parents!! The competition is around the corner and there is a lot to cover. The last Enrichment Session of the year will take place this Saturday, February 17th from 2pm - 5pm.

Everyone's presence is required, especially PARENTS. We will be discussing key points on how your children need to prepare for competition; so you don't want to miss it.

### Important Upcoming Events:

Event	Date	Time/Notes
Jr. ACT-SO Competition	Saturday, March 3rd, 2018	9:00 - am - 1:00 pm Glenbard South Highschool
Pre-Competition Meeting (Mandatory)	Sunday, March 4th, 2018	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (STEM, Humanities, Filmmaking and Business submissions must be turned in at this meeting. <b>NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!</b> ) College of DuPage- Student Resource Center Rm. 2000
ACT-SO (HS) Competition	Saturday, March 17th, 2018	9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Student Registration 7:30 am -



		8:00 am) College of DuPage
ACT-SO Awards Banquet	Sunday, March 18th, 2018	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm <i>(students arrive at 1:00 pm, doors open to the public at 2:00 pm)</i> Bolingbrook Golf Club
National ACT-SO Competition	July 12th - 15th, 2018	San Antonio, Texas

You're all incredible and we look forward to seeing you do amazing things!!

## Jr. ACT-SO

The Jr. ACT-SO students (grades 6-8) are only weeks away from their Jr. ACT-SO Team Competition. The team competition will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Glenbard South High School from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Each team will present its problem and solution to a panel of judges who will identify two winning teams: 1st Place (Gold) and 2nd Place (Silver). The students and Jr. ACT-SO volunteers have invested many hours into learning how to work as a team, follow a design process, identify a problem, do research, prepare an abstract report, develop presentation skills and use decision-making tools to select a solution for the problem the team identified. The competition is open to the public. Please plan on attending and bring a friend or two. You will be impressed with the maturity of the students and the quality of the solution

developed by each team.



Our thanks go out to the students, parents, coaches and technical mentors who are to be commended for their continued dedication to and support of the Jr. ACT-SO Program.

John Pritchard (Jr. ACT-SO Program Director)

Leslie Ford (Jr. ACT-SO Program Manager)

## **Community Enrichment Sessions**

### **ComEd's Solar Spotlight Program**

**Closing Date: 2/05/2018**

An excellent opportunity for African American High School Students to learn about renewable Solar energy, how to complete a Solar Circuit as well as the importance of Solar power during Safety compromised situations like weather events. Students will also learn about the basics of STEM and how being interested in a career in STEM could help them to be part of the valued workforce of the future.

Students engaging in ComEd's Solar Spotlight benefit from:



- Fun curriculum developed with ComEd mentors that allows them to build interest and confidence in STEM fields
- Exposure to inspiring leaders and mentors working in STEM
- Opportunities to branch out of their neighborhoods to meet new friends/like-minded peers
- Potentially starting down the pathway to fill valuable STEM jobs of the future

This program is open to African American students ages 13 through 18 who are legal residents of Illinois as of January 1, 2018 with parent or legal guardian permission to enter and participate.

**When:** Saturday, February 10 & Saturday February 17 from 8am to 2pm each day

**Where:**

February 10 at ComEd Training Facility 3536 S. Iron St. Chicago, IL

February 17 at Illinois Institute of Technology Crown Hall

Students and their parents can sign up at [ComEdSolarSpotlight.com](http://ComEdSolarSpotlight.com). All submissions must be received **no later than February 5**.

Breakfast, Snack and Lunch will be served during both Saturday's educational workshops.

*\*\*Persons who are an employee, director, officer, or independent contractor in any of the following categories, or are the immediate family member of such person, are NOT eligible to participate in the Promotion: ComEd or its parent companies, subsidiaries, or affiliated companies and any entities engaged in the development, production or distribution of Promotion materials or the prizes.*

### **Sydney Finley Memorial Scholarship**

**Closing Date: 2/12/2018**

### **Sponsored by the DuPage County NAACP!**

The DuPage County NAACP is pleased to announce the 2018 Sydney Finley Memorial Scholarship essay competition. Sydney Finley, Jr. is known for his exemplary service to the NAACP as the regional director in the 1960's and the executive director of the Chicago Southside Branch for six years. The scholarship was established to honor his service and commitment to civil justice, as well as his dedication to our youth and community.

The scholarship is open to high school seniors, graduating in the spring of 2018 from a high school in DuPage, Will, Kendall and Kane counties.

To participate, applicants and at least one parent/guardian must be a member of the DuPage County NAACP branch by February 5, 2018. The cost of membership is \$10 for youth and \$30 for adults. To join, students and one parent should click on to: [www.dupagecountynaacp.org/membership](http://www.dupagecountynaacp.org/membership).

#### **Scholarship Information**

**Open: Jan 21 2017**

**Close: Feb 12 2017**

Scholarship amounts range from \$500 - \$1000!!

Applicant and parent must be members of DuPage County NAACP!

Scholarship Registration Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9qh4k7u>

Scholarship requirements and submission details NAACP

Membership Link:

[www.dupagecountynaacp.org/membership](http://www.dupagecountynaacp.org/membership)

[\[Download 2018 Sydney Finley Flyer \(pdf\)\]](#)

[\[Download Letter to Schools and Organizations \(pdf\)\]](#)

## **TARGET: Science and Engineering Program at Fermilab**

**Closing Date: 2/21/2018**

The **TARGET Program** is a paid, six-week summer internship opportunity for Illinois high school sophomores and juniors who have strong interest and demonstrated aptitude for physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering. The program's design combines both work and hands-on experiential learning. In addition, TARGET interns are expected to attend lectures and participate in program tours and group activities.

**Internship Application >>**



# Experience Fermilab



## TARGET Program

Six-week paid summer internships for high school sophomores and juniors

## Application Period

Dec 18, 2017 - Feb 21, 2018

## Info Here

[diversity.fnal.gov/target](http://diversity.fnal.gov/target)



[>> download pdf](#)

## GPS - Glenbard Parent Series

Dr. Mark Reinecke, Northwestern Medicine

*Taking Care of Ourselves: Lessons for Managing Stress and Worry*

**When:** Noon February 7, 2018

**Where:** District #15 Marquardt Administration Center: 1860 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Chris Herren, NBA Star

***Unguarded—My Message to Parents: a Conversation with NBA Star Chris Herren***

**When:** 7pm, February 21, 2018

**Where:** Glenbard East: 1014 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148

For questions, contact Gilda Ross at (630) 469-9100 or [gilda\\_ross@glenbard.org](mailto:gilda_ross@glenbard.org)

Please visit [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) for more information about all GPS programming, videos, schedule updates and parent resources.




## Volunteers

### Parents, Last Chance To Volunteer

Please register for one or more of the following roles on [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org):

- Student Gift Coordinator
- Gifts to Geniuses (Gifts for Students)
- Raffle Team
- Corporate and Organization Fundraising
- Crowd Funding Coordinator

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- Public Relations (Newspaper, Radio, Online Publicity, etc)
  - Social Media
  - Photographer

### **Competition Day Volunteers**

- Judges Room Support
- Door and area monitors
- Timers
- Photographers
- Videographers
- Administrative Support
- Volunteer Room Support
- Runners
- Refreshment Room Attendant
- Audio Visual Support

Brenda C Davis

Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement  
([Brenda.Davis@dupageact-so.org](mailto:Brenda.Davis@dupageact-so.org)) for more details.


## **Fundraising Committee**

### **DuPage Human Race**

See attached regarding the Fundraising Committee's participation in the upcoming DuPage Human Race to be sponsored by Giving DuPage. Phinnie Amegashie has registered as our ACT-SO representative. We want as many from our ACT-SO family as possible to participate to help raise funds for our students. The registration fee is \$30. If you think you may not be able to participate, you can make a donation in the name of DuPage County ACT-SO. 100% of your donations will go towards ACT-SO. We plan to make a 5-minute presentation at our February enrichment session. Any questions, please email Pam Pritchard (Interim Fundraising Committee Coordinator) @ [ppritchard04@comcast.net](mailto:ppritchard04@comcast.net) or Phinnie Amegashie ([phinnie@comcast.net](mailto:phinnie@comcast.net)).

### **National ACT-SO 2018 Competition**

Looking for some place to take your family to for vacation this year? Why not take them to San Antonio, Texas, July 11-15! The National ACT-SO 2018 Competition will be held in San Antonio, Texas this year. We will be there with our 2018 Gold Medalists winners and you may want to consider bringing your families as well!





There will be 600-800 high school students across America competing at the national level, and it is something to see! To attend some of the events, there is a cost and you can access more information at NAACP's 2018 convention site beginning in May." For more information, please contact Pam Pritchard (National Travel Coordinator for DuPage County ACT-SO) @ [ppritchard04@comcast.net](mailto:ppritchard04@comcast.net).



## Awards Banquet

### 2018 Awards Banquet

The DuPage County ACT-SO Awards Banquet is a special event to showcase exemplary achievements, and to recognize our ACT-SO and Jr. ACT-SO Students.

This gala event is a wonderful celebration of our students and we are looking forward to celebrating and recognizing our students.

Join us in celebrating our students who are Committed to Excellence and Destined for Greatness.

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Bolingbrook Golf Club  
2001 Rodeo Drive  
Bolingbrook, IL 60490

3:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 2:00 p. m.)

Attire: **Sunday Best**

\$60 Per Ticket (no tickets will be sold at the door) / Reserved seating for table of 10.

All tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 11, 2018

### **Awards Banquet Premium Seating Drawing**

Two (2) Premium reserved family seating drawing for all who complete a table of ten seats.

FRONT AND CENTER premium seating.

Qualifications to enter drawing:

- Jr ACT-SO family = seven (7) additional tickets at \$60.00 each for a table of ten seats.
- ACT-SO family = five (5) additional tickets at \$60.00 each for a table of ten seats.

Families cannot combine their program paid allotted seating for a total of ten seats.

Banquet tickets must be pre-purchased by March 4, 2018.

Drawing will take place on March 4, 2018.

To purchase tickets or for additional information contact:

Banquet Chairperson – LaBrenda Slayton, [labrenda\\_slayton@att.net](mailto:labrenda_slayton@att.net)

or

Director of Finance - Yvonne Taylor, [yvonne.taylor@dupageact-so.org](mailto:yvonne.taylor@dupageact-so.org)

## **Stay connected through ACT-SO Social Media**

Students and parents can stay up to date through the following ACT-SO social media links on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn:

 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DuPageACTSO/>

 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/dupageactso>

 LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dupage-county-act-so-7a7b7056>

**Keep on Dreaming!**



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