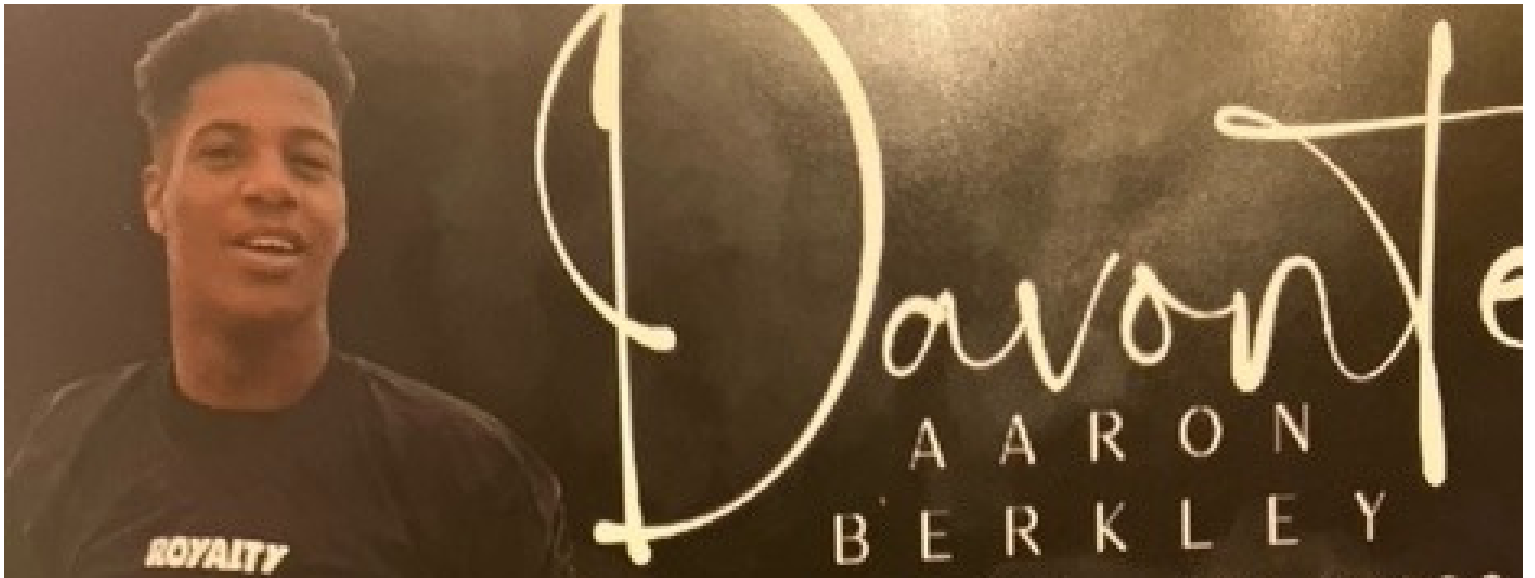


THE ROYAL STAR

THE ROYALTY INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL UPDATES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

Davonte Berkeley was one of the toughest young men I ever had the pleasure of meeting. A member of our Inaugural 2019 class of Black boys who pushed the vision of a school addressing their unique needs. Davonte was a throwback type of young man. In a generation that values flash over substance, it was a pleasure to watch Davonte "Clock In" and handle his business in the classroom, the field, or his job placement at compare foods, which kept him on two years after the end of his placement due to his hard hat mentality. Davonte was a selfless young man, who served as a role model to his younger brothers and would literally give you the shirt off his back if he loved you. And God Knows I loved him! One of my fondest memories of Davonte was during one of our "Barbershop Talk" sessions, where he really took to the skill of barbering, but more importantly, spoke and led so effortlessly. It will forever be one of my favorite memories.

Last month Davonte was gunned down in Congress Heights. Another victim of a culture that glorifies the murder and destruction of people who look like us. A culture that has claimed far too many black boys, and black people, too early in the journey of life. I can't express the emotions, the realization that this culture has claimed another one of mine. Davonte Berkeley was one of those that had the power to change the world... he deserved the opportunity to try.

As I sat in his funeral service and heard Ms. Lesley cry, I watched his 12-year-old brother try to make sense of losing his role model, and hugged the mother of Jason Faison, Davonte's best friend who was gunned down earlier this year it was truly too much. It still is, and I don't really possess the words but ultimately I hope, I pray, any and everyone who reads this, really works to make this world a better place for black boys and girls. God knows they deserve it

May the memory, spirit, and essence of Davonte Berkley live forever.

Long Live Tay!

Royalty Forever,

Cornell Wade

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Giving Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 29th, we launched our giving Tuesday campaign. We were able to raise over \$600 towards our programming. We would like to thank the following individuals for supporting

- Monica Casanas
- Shaska Richardson
- Cathy Abney

Royalty Prep Elite Middle School Team

The Royalty Prep 14u team was created in order to extend our programming to one of our most vulnerable age groups in our community. The preteen years are some of the most important in the development of Black boys, As It sets the foundation for the men they will become. We are entering the youth football space. The Royalty Institute has identified four youth football programs (Kramer Middle School, Camp Springs Boys and Girls Club, Glenarden Boys and Girls Club, and Glenarden Boys and Girls Club) that we will partner with to create an elite group of 8th-grade boys and provide the benefits of Royalty to that group. The young men will begin their season on Dec. 9th in West Virginia, and take part in a 5 Month program that includes:

- Academic Support
- Leadership Development
- Cyber Security training
- Mentorship
- Experiential Learning Trips
- Strength Development
- Elite-level athletic preparation.

This program will equip these young men with the tools to succeed in any high school environment (although we hope they choose to live Royal).

The program is open to all young men who would like to try out, even if they are not a part of our partner programs. Check out the athletics tab of our website for more information

**West Virginia Showdown -
Royalty Prep 14u**

Congratulations to all of the young men selected to participate with the Royalty Prep Elite 14u program. The team officially went 0-2 (1-1 on the field) but the young men exhibited the character and tenacity that we expect from... Kings. It was truly a great time and we are truly looking forward to working with these young men in the future.

- Leul Robel
- Jordan Hunt
- Elijah Hart
- Jermiah Romero
- Dezmond Fletcher
- Christian Smith
- Darreon Gray
- Elias Cortez
- Devin Chittams
- Jayden Negbe
- Javian Hinton
- Andre Hardy
- Jerjuan Thomas
- Kali Bynum
- Christopher Cortez
- Marcus Nyambal
- Arko Colston
- Prosper Ehirim
- Mohamed Kamara
- Fualefeh Fonge



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DAY OF SERVICE & HARLEM RENAISSANCE BALL

In Late October, The Royalty Institute held our Day of Service & the Harlem Renaissance Ball at Culture Coffee too in Washington DC. We had the pleasure of having many esteemed guests, including Delegate Diana Fennell, States Attorney Aisha Braveboy, and Executive Director Daon Johnson of Mentor DC just to name a few. That said we would ultimately like to thank everyone who supported the event, and a special thank you to Ms. V, owner of Culture Coffee Too, and one of our community award recipients. We ultimately fed over 50 families and raised \$1,348 towards the fund and will have the opportunity to take a group of 8th-grade students from the community on a trip to West Virginia to play in a national championship tournament, in an experience away from their daily lives. We truly thank everyone who donated and volunteered together we will change education for black children

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO SUPPORTED THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE BALL



Upcoming Events
 Middle School Elite Football Program
 West Virginia Showdown Tournament
 12/10 & 12/11

Board Meeting - There will be no board meeting in December, we look forward to meeting with stakeholders January 25th 2023 at 7pm via google meet

THE ROYALTY EDUCATION FUND

The Royalty Education Fund allows the institute to offer our education program to young men from all economic backgrounds and family environment. Please donate or volunteer today via our website:

<https://www.royaltyinstitute.org/royalty-education-fund-2022>

#SUPPORTBLACKSCHOOLS

School Search Update

It has been a little over two months since we began our search for a new school site. We have been in contact with numerous potential church partners and have identified a list of potential suitors. We will not release specifics on the process at this time, but would like to assure you that we are working diligently to identify a new church partner for The Royalty Institute. If you or your church family would like to collaborate with our institute, to prepare the leaders of tomorrow through a leadership development and innovative skills training in a christian and equitable environment, contact us today. Please visit the about us section of our website for more details.

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THE ROYALTY INSTITUTE

**EDUCATION FOR YOUNG
MEN OF COLOR**

Maps 2 Manifest Mentoring Program

We are looking for mentors for our Maps 2 Manifest mentoring program. We would like to pair each member of our Middle School program, with a positive male role model in the community. The time is now for men in our community to step up and take back the development of our young men. Please contact us at founder@royaltyinstitute.org subject "Maps 2 Manifest Mentor" to start the process.

Calling ALL Mentors

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