

THE ROYAL STAR

THE ROYALTY INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER



FIRE SIDE THOUGHTS: SNOWFALL

CORNELL WADE

Guilty pleasure, I love snowfall. I sit down once a week to make sure I'm up to date on all things Franklin, And for those who think that this type of commentary shouldn't grace the pages of a school newsletter. I wish you well.

Can you all believe how much Franklin and his enterprise have grown since the start of the show. I remember Franklin very early, frustrated at life... making the decision to go after everything he has ever wanted. It has been pure entertainment to watch him develop from corner boy to a business man, with millions of dollars in holdings every spring. In our society, we would never celebrate the business acumen of a drug dealer (questions to ponder), but I must say, it is impressive.

One of the things I really admire about the character : "Franklin Saint". is his constant struggle to keep perspective. It reminds me of Mark 8:36, the eternal battle of gaining while not losing (or selling) your soul. I am happy the illustrious Mr. John Singleton created this character, rest his soul.

Franklin is about his business, but presents a nuanced man, contemplating fatherhood, and leadership among the many other thoughts that race the mind of a black man in America. Franklin is a great example of the journey, all people, but specifically black men take to success in every field. That said, The Franklin State story should always be viewed as a tragedy. The fact that being a cocaine dealer for the CIA was one of few opportunities he had to become a success, evoke constant questions of what if. What would Franklin Saint's future look like, if his opportunities in South Central LA. during the 1980's weren't tied to the illegal trade? Would he have been a lawyer, a doctor? And then I remember, Franklin Saint isn't fiction, but the tragic biography of black men from LA to DC and everywhere in between, trapped by the "war on drug", or "superpredators" during that time. And I can't help but ask, what may they have become as well

Love Royal
Cornell Wade

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SCHOOL UPDATE

New Anticipated School Opening Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances with the building permitting process, we will begin enrollment for 2022 in July and the first day of school will take place September 6th 2022

The Atlantic Coast Elite 7v7 Invitational League

The Royalty Institute of Leadership and Innovation will host The Atlantic Coast elite 7v7 tournament in Ocean City MD this summer. This summer league was built to provide affordable, meaningful, football experience for the young men in the state of MD and the surrounding states. Please see more information on the league on our website.

CyberSecurity Warriors Event - April 16th 2022

On April 16th 2022, we hosted the second Cyber Security Warriors program with Justin Drummond and Dreamerz Inspiration. The program was another success, as we have had over a dozen young people exposed to this emerging industry through this program. Please be on the lookout for more information on this program, including our summer enrichment camp

KING SPOTLIGHT



JAY CLARK
C/O 2023

Homeschool - Riverdale Baptist Football
Jay Clark is a captain of our 7v7 football program and one of the youngest youth leaders in his church. He came to Royalty as a Freshman, and has stayed connected to the program his entire High school career. He is one of the most upstanding young men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Jay recently was invited to a college visit at Albright College, where we have him pictured. Jay is the epitome of a well rounded young man

Welcome to our new Board Members - Thank You for your service

Marcus Womack - Leadership

Brittany Womack - Operations

Calvin Smith - At Large

Toyin Layeni - At Large

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:

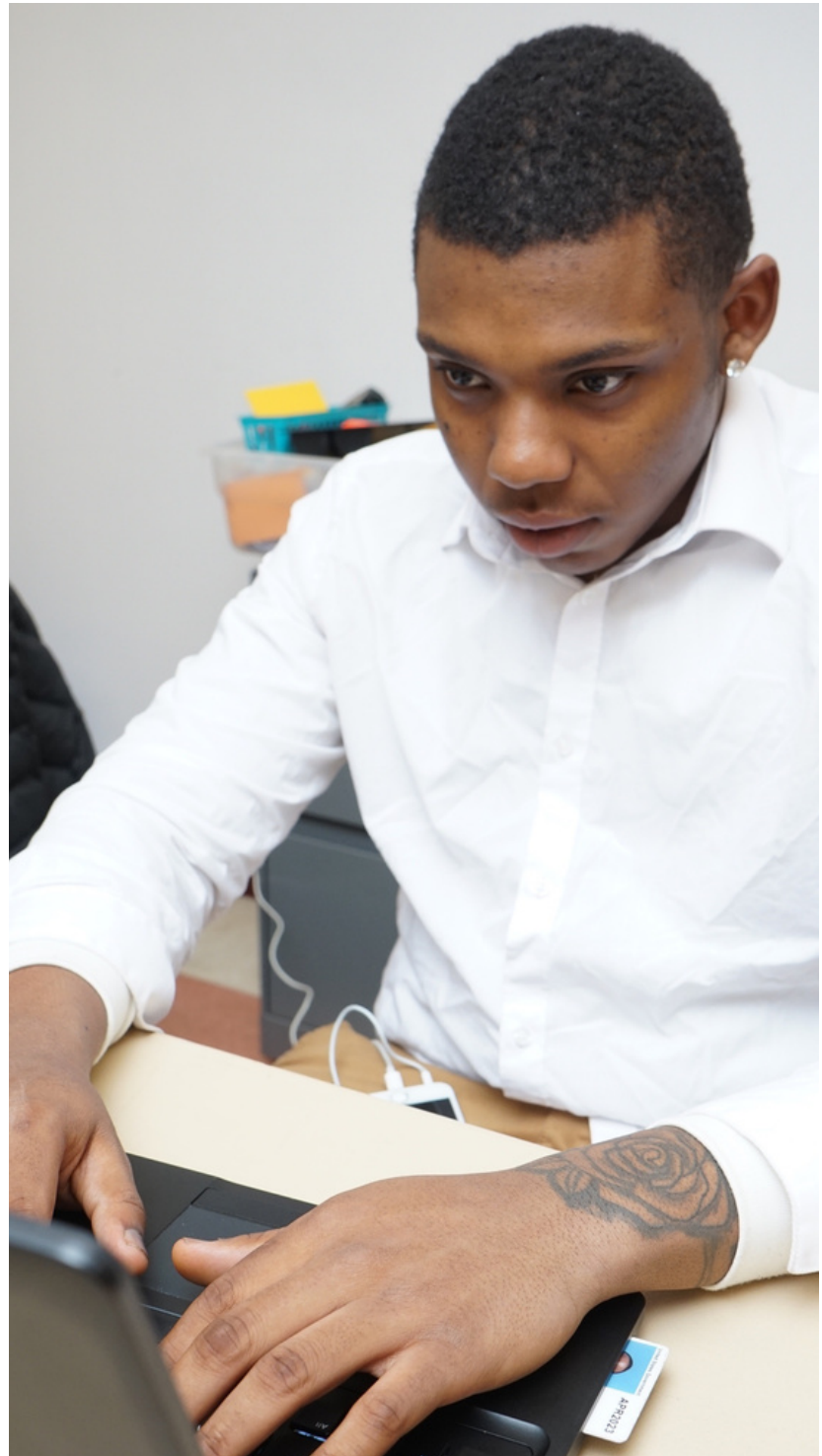
<https://www.royaltyinstitute.org/royalty-education-fund-2022>

Upcoming Events

MAY 15th/16th - Atlantic Coast Elite 7v7 Invitational - Session I

CyberWarriors Event - May

May 28th - Stakeholders Luncheon



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