

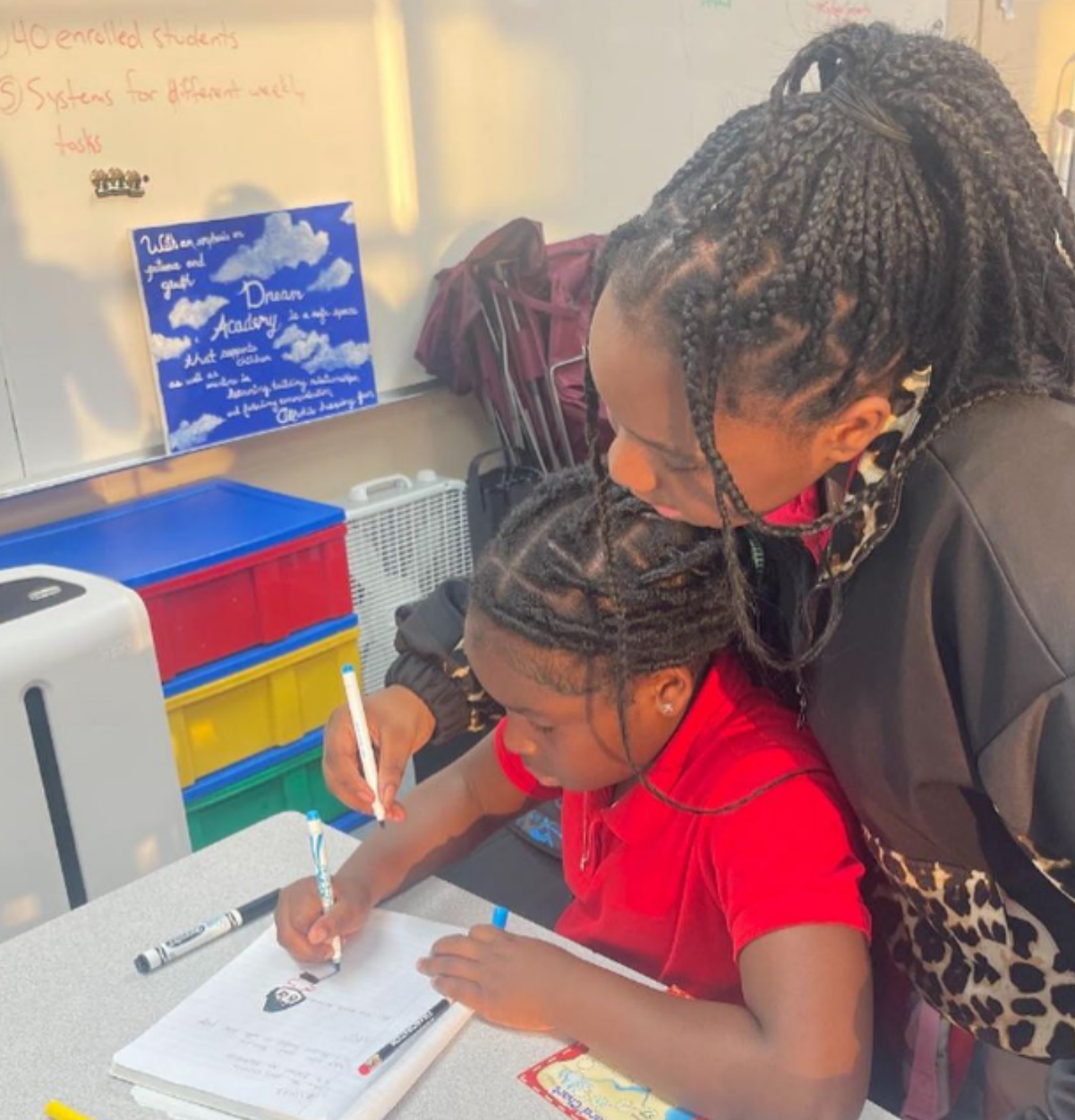
2023 IN PHOTOS





1,248

STUDENTS SERVED



JANUARY, BLACKSHEAR LEARNING CENTER IN HOUSTON

DreamKids were highlighted working on their vision boards and journaling about their new year resolutions.



JANUARY, BALTIMORE LEARNING CENTER

Students participated in yoga as a social-emotional learning enrichment activity.



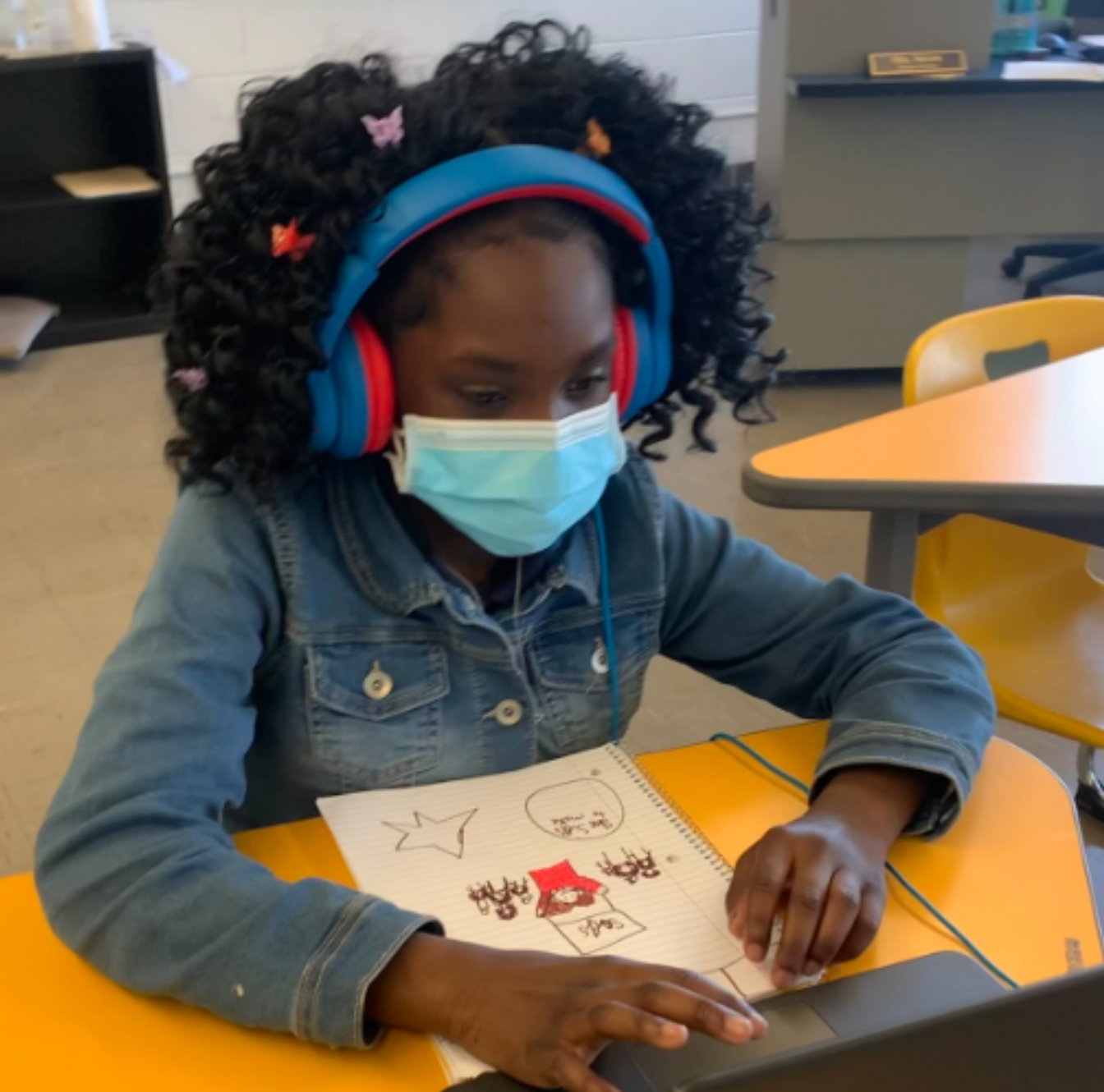
FEBRUARY, HARTSFIELD LEARNING CENTER

We took 70 of our DreamKids along with some of our mentors to Astro Skate World for a time of fun & entertainment! This was a great way for us to wrap up BlackHistoryMonth .



FEBRUARY, HARTSFIELD LEARNING CENTER

Exploring creativity and celebrating Black excellence! These young artists are using their imagination to honor Black history and culture through their colorful and inspiring arts and crafts projects.



MARCH, PHILADELPHIA LEARNING CENTER

DreamKids learned about history - each DreamKid chose a historical figure to research and created colorful art! We love to bring fun and educational activities to our DreamKids.

MARCH, SAN BERNARDINO LEARNING CENTER

DreamKids in California spent the day with high school students from Takoma Academy Choir for "music mentor day" and then jointly performed a community concert at San Bernardino SDA Church.



APRIL, SAN BERNARDINO LEARNING CENTER

ACHIEVE 3000 in full swing! This program helps our DreamKids advance in their reading and comprehension skills!



MAY, BLACKSHEAR LEARNING CENTER

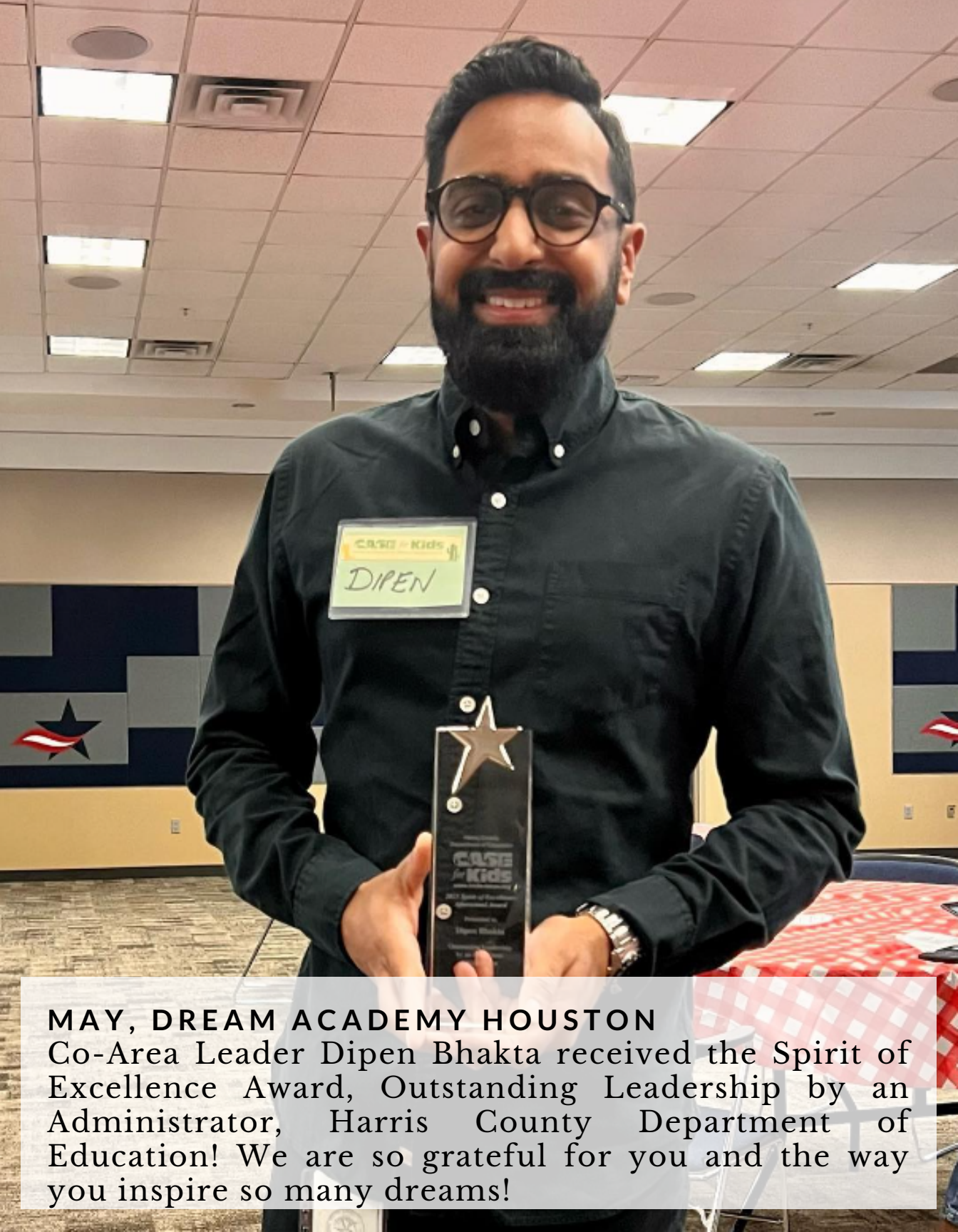
Our students at Blackshear Elementary in Houston finished the school year strong with STEM activities, Genius Hour presentations, a small group field trip, and a hip-hop dance performance!





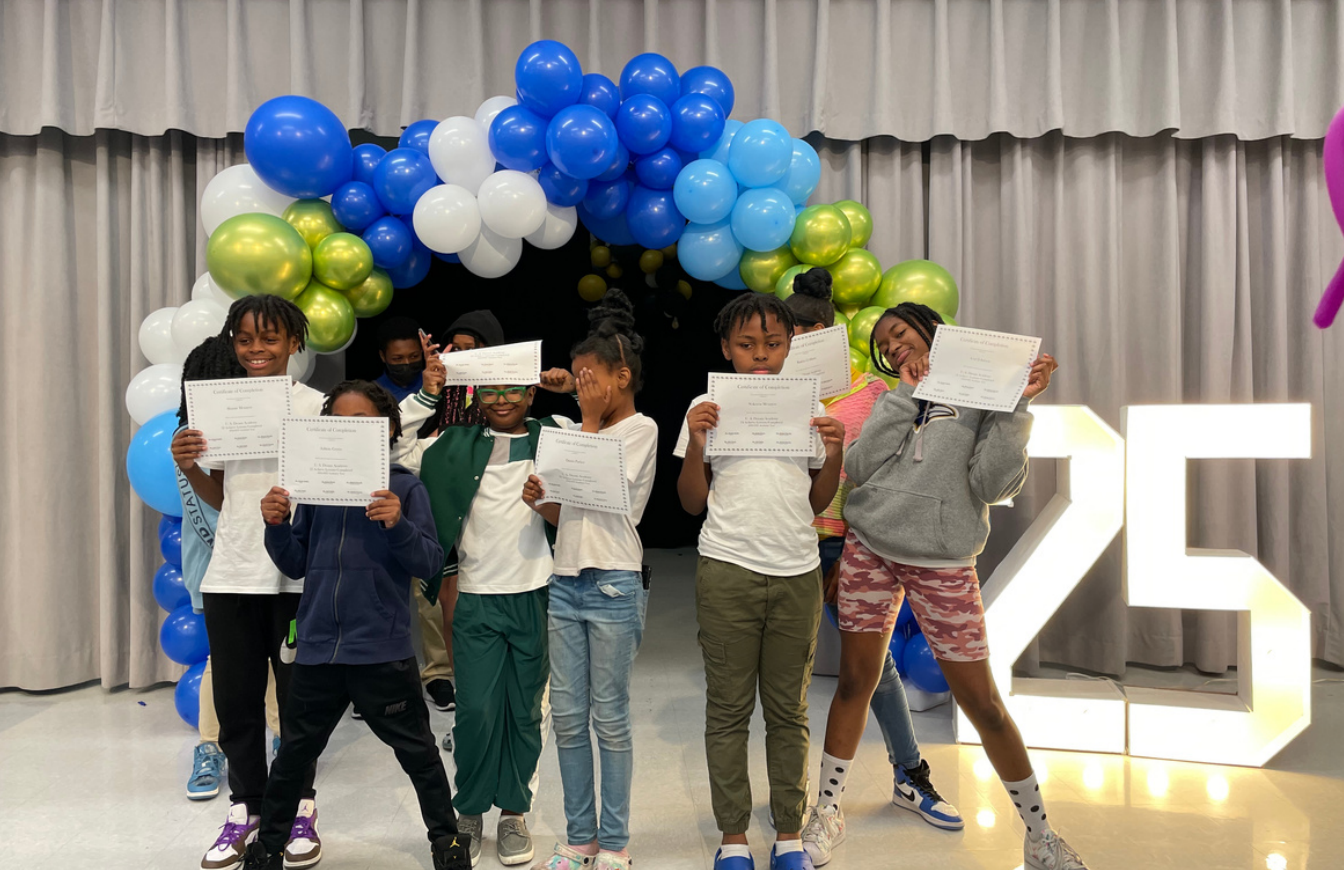
MAY, DREAM ACADEMY HOUSTON

Teacher Appreciation Week was a blast! We had a wonderful time exploring foods from different cultures and showing our appreciation to our teachers !



MAY, DREAM ACADEMY HOUSTON

Co-Area Leader Dipen Bhakta received the Spirit of Excellence Award, Outstanding Leadership by an Administrator, Harris County Department of Education! We are so grateful for you and the way you inspire so many dreams!



JUNE

DreamKids, mentors and staff had fun celebrating the 25th anniversary of US Dream Academy with afterschool parties. Board member joined in the celebration at our Orlando Center.

A child with a dream is a child with a future









JULY, DREAM ACADEMY HOUSTON

In our photography and film class at the Village of the Arts Summer Camp, our students got to open their brand new cameras and learn about the practice of visual storytelling through photos and videos.




AUGUST, DREAM ACADEMY HOUSTON

We are honored to be the recipient of the 2023 County Connections Youth Summer Initiative Grant presented by the office of Harris County Precinct One, Commissioner Rodney Ellis. Thank you to our partners and their staff at the Harris County Department of Education and the Commissioner's Office, who helped secure over \$500k+ to fund 43 non-profits and community-based organizations fulfilling program initiatives this summer.

“I wanted to create a space for the kids to be heard without judgment; to help them confidently be who they want to be.”

**DANIEL
GUERRERO**

Mentor of the Year
sponsored by 

SEPTEMBER, SALT LAKE CITY LEARNING CENTER

We were excited to announce our Mentor of the Year Award, sponsored by QTS, Daniel Guerrero from Salt Lake City. He was nominated and selected by QTS employee selection committee. We were thrilled to honor Daniel at our 25th anniversary event held in Washington, D.C. in October.

SEPTEMBER, SAN BERNARDINO LEARNING CENTER

Students meet regularly with mentors from nearby universities who also introduce them to careers in medicine, including La Sierra University and Loma Linda University.



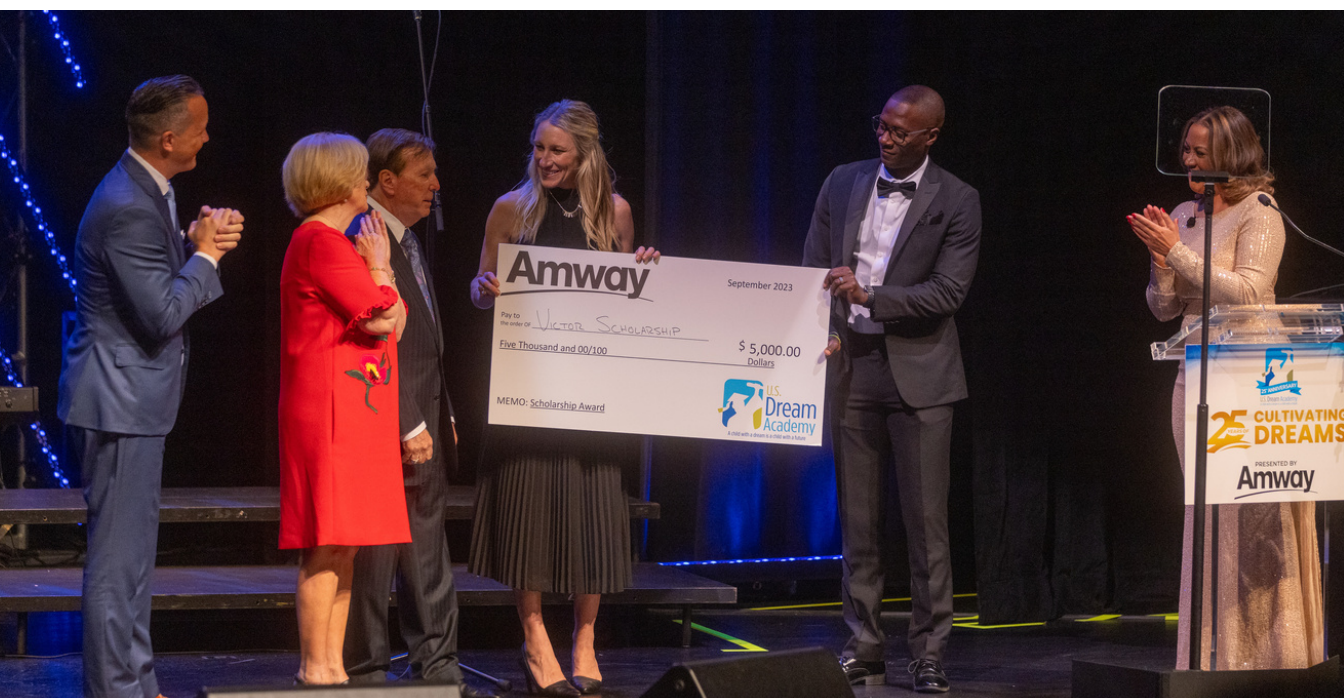


**OCTOBER 2023 ,
MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The U.S. Dream Academy's 25th Anniversary was a significant event to honor our accomplishments, supporters, partners, and volunteers.



Wintley Phipps, founder, with guest artist Jennifer Holliday and the Takoma Academy Choir



Victor Family Scholarship Awards



Oprah Winfrey making a surprise announcement of a \$2.5 million gift for US Dream Academy 25th Anniversary.



Governor Wes Moore of Maryland. long time supporter, sending greetings and congratulations to US Dream Academy.



OCTOBER , ORLANDO LEARNING CENTER

On Memorial Middle School's morning announcements today, our DreamKid TV Production Crew shared the importance of Lights On Afterschool and gave a shoutout to all our school's afterschool programs and the difference they make everyday!



NOVEMBER, SALT LAKE CITY LEARNING CENTER

Our amazing staff has shown their creative side with some seriously impressive Halloween costumes.



DECEMBER, BALTIMORE LEARNING CENTER

We celebrated the opening of a new Learning Center at Collington Square Elementary/Middle School, and thank you to our partners Giant and Coca Cola Bottling for donating 100 backpacks filled with nonperishable goods and \$5,000 to support students and families.



DECEMBER , ORLANDO LEARNING CENTER

Before the break we were able to partner with two different organizations to surprise our Dream Kids with gifts and toys for their holiday season! A HUGE thank you to Toys for Tots and SimonMed for providing our Dream Kids with so many gifts!