

Welcome

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:45 AM - Check In

10:00 AM - All Aboard

*Final Parent and Scholar
Meeting - Mandatory for Tour
Participants*

Facilitated by: Alethea Gaddis



***“Succeeding is inevitable for
me. Success is my reality.”***

Today's Agenda :

- Welcome and Our Appreciation
- Introduction of Team
- What Scholars Can Expect
- Communication
- Scholars Roll Call & Parents Sign In Link (Pre-Boarding Link for Parents Only)
- Required Forms – Deadline October 25, 2025
- Proposed Itinerary
- Student Honor Code of Conduct
- Attire Guidelines & What To Pack
- Spending Money
- Closing Remarks
- Payment Reminders and Upcoming Sessions



Introduction of Team

Leadership Team

Alethea E Gaddis, Tour Director
Sylvia E Gaddis, Assistant Director

Chaperone Team

- Isaac Wilson - Engineering Major, The Ohio State University; Facilitator with SEE Brilliance | 614-218-8810
- Christian Noel Johnson - Former Gaddis tour participant; Empowerment Coach; Kentucky State Alumni | 614-595-4748
- Joshua Goshay - Minister; Chaperone, Spring 2025 Cohort 1; Political Science Major, Otterbein University | 614-680-1753
- Tahlia Slaughter - Educator; Gaddis Foundation Lead Program Manager; Edward Waters University Alumni | 407-534-3103

Media & Creative Team

- Lashawna Thomas - Photographer, The Capital Creative | 614-496-7570
- Davante Goings - Videographer | 614-818-8670
He'll also be working with students to create media content through their eyes—an exciting new component!

What Scholars Can Expect

- A carefully curated itinerary of college visits, Black-owned businesses, and legacy-building workshops
- Daily reflections, motivational mantras, and situational awareness training
- A community of chaperones, mentors, and peers committed to safety, growth, and excellence



Required Forms

- Release of Liability
- Medication Authorization
- Digital Media Release Form
- Emergency Medical Release

Deadline: October 25, 2025



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JUMP
COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
START

Proposed Itinerary Jump Start College Experience - Highlights

Day 1 Itinerary Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Departure Day | The Road to Ready

📍 11:00 AM - *Check-In with Chaperones*

Location: First Church of God (East Lot)

3480 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH 43232

- Please pack a lunch for the road.
- Instructions - Prayer - Roll call - Mantra.

11:15 AM - *Bus Arrival & Luggage Loading*

11:30-11:45 AM - *Jump Start Spirit Tunnel*

Celebration & Departure

- Join us for a joyful send-off.

Dinner Stop - TBD - Scholars should follow 2 x 2 Rule



Hotel Check-In

7:00 PM - *Arrival & Check-In*

Hampton Inn by Hilton

15202 Major Lansdale Blvd, Bowie, MD 20716

Phone: (301) 809-1800

- Evening Gathering: The Road to Ready
- Distribution of room keys, hotel guidelines, and prepare for the next day.
- Scholars must be in their assigned rooms by 10:30 PM.

10:30 - 11:00 PM → Doors Taped

Once doors are taped, no one may exit their room unless in an emergency. This is a critical safety measure and will be strictly enforced.

Proposed Itinerary - Day 2 Itinerary - Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Exploration, Engagement, and Elevation

☺ Morning Routine

7:00 AM - *Rise & Strive*

8:00 AM - *Morning Meetup & Breakfast*

Location: Hotel Lobby

- Scholars and chaperones gather for breakfast.
- Come dressed and prepared for the day's activities.

9:00 - 9:30 AM - *Schedule Review, Mantra, Roll Call, Calibrate*

9:15 AM - *Depart for Campus*

Bowie State University

10:00 AM *Campus Tour & Bookstore Visit*

Location: Bowie State University

Address: 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD 20715

- Scholars will engage with campus representatives.
- Be attentive, ask questions, and make a strong impression.

Lunch on Campus

🌞 Afternoon Exploration

Depart for **Coppin State University** (*Tentative*)

Historical Sites in Washington, D.C. (Time Permitting)



Proposed Itinerary - Day 3 Itinerary - Thursday, November 6, 2025

☺ Morning Routine

6:45 - 7:45 AM - Rise & Strive | Breakfast

Location: Hotel Lobby

- Scholars and chaperones gather for breakfast.
- Come dressed and prepared for the day's activities.

7:45 - 8:15 AM - Schedule Review, Mantra, Roll Call, Calibrate

8:15 AM - Board and Depart for Campus

Morgan State University

8:45 AM - Arrival

Location: Calvin & Tina Tyler Hall

Address: 1700 East Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD

9:00 AM - Campus Tour & Bookstore Visit

- Engage with campus representatives, ask questions, and explore academic offerings.

11:00 AM - Lunch on Campus

TBD - Depart - Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM - Visit to the **National Museum of African American History and Culture** (Strict chaperone and group guidelines imposed by the Smithsonian)



Proposed Itinerary - Day 4 Itinerary - Friday, November 7, 2025

Morning Routine & Departure

7:00 - 8:00 AM - *Rise & Strive / Breakfast & Hotel Check-Out* (Bring Luggage - Rooms Cleaned)

Location: Hotel Lobby

- Scholars and chaperones gather for breakfast.

8:15 AM - *Schedule Review, Mantra, Roll Call*

- Let's calibrate our energy, expectations, and mindset for the day.

8:45 AM - *Board and Depart for Campus*

Howard University

11:00 AM - *Campus Tour & Bookstore Visit*

Location: Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Admin Bldg

Address: Washington, DC 20059

- Engage with campus representatives, explore academic offerings, and represent with pride.

Lunch on Campus - *Time TBD*

Tentative Drive-By

Georgetown University - *Time TBD*

- A brief drive-through of campus, pending schedule and traffic conditions.

3:00 PM - Depart for VA

Travel to Hampton, VA

Departure Time TBD - *Depart for Hampton, Virginia*

Time: Approx 6:00 PM - Hotel Check-In

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Address: 1813 West Mercury

Bldv., Hampton, VA

Phone: (757) 838-8484

Proposed Itinerary - Day 5 Itinerary - Saturday, November 8, 2025

JUMP START T-SHIRT DAY

Morning Routine & Check-Out

7:00 AM - *Rise & Strive / Breakfast & Hotel Check-Out*

Location: Hotel Lobby

- Scholars and chaperones gather for breakfast. Bring luggage to breakfast.
- Jump Start T-Shirt Day
- Ensure all belongings are packed and rooms are clean before departure.

8:00 AM - *Schedule Review, Mantra, Roll Call*

- Let's calibrate our energy, reflect on our growth, and prepare for the final stretch.

8:30 AM - *Board and Depart for Campus*

Hampton University - Fall Open House

- 9:00 AM - *Campus Tour, Bookstore,*
- Engage with campus representatives, explore academic offerings, and celebrate your journey.

Time: TBD Lunch on Campus

2:00 PM - Journey Home

Time: TBD - Dinner Enroute

1:00 AM - Approximate Arrival

Location: First Church of God

Address: 3480 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH
43230

- Students will call parents 1 hour before arrival.

Scholar Honor Code of Conduct - Highlights



The document you receive should be reviewed as a family. Please. There is space for required signatures in the full Scholar Honor Code of Conduct.

Leadership & Character

- Every student selected for the **Jump Start College Experience** is expected to exemplify:
 - Leadership and initiative
 - Respect for order and structure
 - Personal honor and moral integrity
 - Consideration for the rights and dignity of others

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Full Engagement and Community Commitment

- Scholars are expected to **fully participate in all program components**, both before and during the tour. We are a community. We count on scholars to:
 - Attend scheduled sessions and activities.
 - Listen attentively and respond promptly to instructions.
 - Demonstrate maturity and readiness to be in the program.
 - Contribute to a culture of **excellence, safety, and mutual respect**.
- ⚠ **Note:** Failure to follow directions, especially during travel or in emergency situations—may result in removal from the program at the expense of the participant's parent or guardian.

Scholar Honor Code of Conduct - Highlights



Hotel Expectations & Conduct Guidelines

- To ensure a safe, respectful, and dignified stay for all scholars, the following hotel guidelines must be upheld without exception:

🌙 Nightly Routine |Curfew & Room Safety

- The following day itinerary will be reviewed.
- Scholars must **adhere to the nightly curfew**. Once chaperones tape doors, **no one may exit their room. No excuse is acceptable.** Towels, ice, etc., should be secured before the curfew. **Do not go to the front desk or ice machine alone.**
- In case of emergency, scholars may contact Ms. G anytime via **mobile numbers, room numbers, or GroupMe**. Scholars will have all chaperone phone numbers.
- This curfew is a **critical safety measure** and will be strictly enforced.

Scholar Honor Code of Conduct - Highlights



Room Visitation & Assignments

- **No visitation in rooms of the opposite sex**—this includes siblings. No exceptions.
- Scholars must **sleep in their assigned rooms**. Room changes are not permitted. This is a safety precaution. Chaperones **will** be checking rooms at night and in the morning.

Respect for Hotel Staff & Guests

- Keep **noise levels low** in rooms, elevators and hallways out of respect for other guests. Trust me when I say, the hotel will call Ms. G! 😊
- **Repeat. Do not go to the front desk alone.** ❤️

Amenities & Access

- If you need to use hotel amenities such as **laundry or fitness areas**, a **chaperone must be present**. No exceptions.

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Lobby Etiquette

- Wear **shoes and appropriate clothing** in the hotel lobby. **No slippers or bonnets** in public areas.

Swimming Policy

- **Swimming is not permitted** during this tour.

Student Safety & Conduct Guidelines

- To ensure a safe, respectful, and enriching experience for all participants, the following expectations must be upheld throughout the tour:

Identification Badges

- All scholars must **always wear their assigned identification badge**.
- Badges help chaperones **quickly identify students**, especially in crowded or unfamiliar settings.
- They are **required for meal access** on campus and at restaurants.
- Scholars are **responsible for keeping track of their badges**.

Buddy System & Group Integrity

- Scholars must **never venture off alone**—no exceptions.
- The **two-by-two rule** is mandatory. You and your partner must **notify a chaperone** before separating from the group for any reason.
- **Violation of this policy may result in expulsion** from the tour to ensure group safety and accountability.

Situational Awareness & Emergency Protocols

- Scholars will receive **Situational Awareness training** at the start of the tour.
- Chaperones will review **evacuation procedures and safety protocols**.
- In any situation, students must **follow the directions of chaperones and campus personnel** without hesitation.

Bus Etiquette

- Your seat selection with your roommate becomes your **assigned seat for the week**.
- Keep a **personal bus bag** with essentials (shoes, medications, etc.). Bus storage is only accessible at hotel stops.
- You should bring a **pillow and blanket** for comfort.
- Clean your seat area before each stop. A **\$10 fine** will be assessed if your area is trashed.
- **No beverages without lids.**
- If the bus is left messy, **eating privileges may be revoked.**
- Please do not make “a deposit” that will permeate the atmosphere. Take advantage of rest breaks and ask if you must “take care of biz.”

Campus Visit Etiquette

- Scholars should stay in their assigned groups. There will be plenty of time to talk with other scholars.
- **Ask questions** and **take notes**, this is your moment to shine.
- Speak **confidently and clearly**. Stand when asking questions in auditoriums.
- **Research each campus** beforehand to ask informed questions.
- Be attentive during presentations and tours. Avoid side conversations.
- Use mobile devices **only for notetaking**.
- Be courteous to **college personnel and fellow visitors**.
- Respect the campus you are visiting. Do not wear attire from another university.

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Non-Negotiables

The following behaviors are prohibited and grounds for immediate removal:

- **Uncooperativeness.** It requires too much energy from staff and interrupts other scholars.
- **Theft, taunting, teasing, name-calling, fighting, weapons**
- **Harassment of any kind**, including sexual, racial, religious, or orientation-based
- **Obscene language**, profanity, or derogatory terms
- **Drugs, vaping, tobacco, alcohol**, and unregistered non-prescription medications

Sexual Engagement Policy

- **Sexual engagement of any kind is prohibited** during the Jump Start College Experience.
- This includes physical intimacy, suggestive behavior, or any conduct that violates personal boundaries or community standards.
- Students are expected to **honor one another's dignity**, respect personal space, and refrain from any behavior that could compromise the integrity of the program.

Attire and What To Pack

Why WVGF Embraces a Dress Code

At the Willie and Vivian Gaddis Foundation, we believe modest dress promotes safety, dignity, and unity—especially in educational and community settings. This standard reflects our commitment to helping youth show up well, honor their legacy, and engage with purpose.

Focus Area - Reduces Distractions & Conflicts

Key Benefit - Encourages a respectful environment and minimizes peer pressure tied to fashion trends

Focus Area - Enhances Physical Safety

Key Benefit - Ensures comfort and mobility during walking tours, outdoor activities, and campus events

Focus Area - Prevents unwanted attention

Key Benefit - Helps youth avoid unwanted scrutiny in public spaces allowing focus on learning and connection

Attire and What To Pack

ATTIRE GUIDELINES:

General Expectations

- **Tops:** T-shirts, polos, or casual button-down shirts
Avoid overly graphic or offensive prints.
- **Bottoms:** Jeans, khakis, casual pants, knee-length skirts, shorts, or capris
- **Shoes:** Comfortable sneakers or casual flats
Expect lots of walking—choose wisely!
- **Layers:** Light jacket or sweater for changing weather
- **Accessories:** Minimal jewelry and a backpack for essentials
- **Weather Awareness:** Consider the forecast and campus culture when choosing your outfit

Attire and What To Pack

What to Avoid

- **Revealing Clothing:** Jumpsuits/catsuits, crop tops, short shorts, see-through fabrics
- **Footwear:** Flip-flops, fuzzy slippers, or sandals not suited for walking
- **Athletic Wear:** Sweatpants, gym shorts, or overly casual attire
- **Inappropriate Messaging:** Clothing or accessories that promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, gang signs, or negative social statements
- **Sagging:** Not permitted—undergarments must remain covered at all times
- **Headwear Indoors:** Hats, do-rags, curlers, bonnets, and bandannas should be removed inside buildings
- **Tops to Avoid:** See-through blouses, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or bare midriffs
- **Bottoms to Avoid:** Leggings or yoga pants worn as pants; dresses with slits above the knee (finger-tip rule applies)

Attire and What To Pack

Travel Packing List

- To ensure a smooth and comfortable experience, please pack the following essentials:

Clothing & Comfort

- Comfortable walking shoes (plus an extra pair, just in case!)
- Clothes for the full duration of the trip, including undergarments
- Sweater or jacket for cooler weather
- Blanket and/or pillow for the bus

Daily Essentials

- A watch or cell phone to keep track of time
- Toiletries: deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal items
- Medications (if needed—please pack securely and label clearly)

Weather Readiness

- Umbrella or raincoat for unexpected weather

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Hoodie Expectations for Scholars

- We welcome hoodies as part of our scholars' everyday style. To ensure our spaces remain respectful, affirming, and mission-aligned, we ask that all hoodie choices reflect the following:
- **Clean and Presentable:** Hoodies should be free of stains, tears, or excessive wear.
- **Respectful Messaging:** No offensive language, imagery, or symbols. We celebrate self-expression rooted in dignity and pride.
- **Hoods Down Indoors:** For safety and connection, scholars should keep hoods down during indoor programming unless otherwise approved.
- **Program-Ready Style:** Oversized or layered hoodies should not interfere with participation, visibility, or engagement.
- **Legacy-Inspired Looks:** Scholars are encouraged to wear hoodies that uplift culture, community, and personal identity.

"We believe style can be a statement of legacy. Wear what affirms you—and honors the space you're in."

Chaperone and Roommate Assignments/Chaperone Contact Info

- Joshua Goshay | 614-680-1753
- Christian Noel Johnson | 614-595-4748
- Isaac Wilson | 614-218-8810
- Tahlia Slaughter | 407-534-3103

Chaperones are contractors. Please do not contact them for roommate changes. If you just want to meet your chaperone/scholar's chaperone, feel free.

Q & A

This presentation will be available for your careful review.

ALL FORMS will be available via email and on the website. Due 10/25/2025

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