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“BUSHWICK LEADERS: VOICING THEIR DREAMS”

On April 7, 2008 Johnnie Williams III, youth activist, motivational speaker and founder of the Change The World Movement, and Jerome Williams, former New York Knicks star, visited students at Bushwick Leaders' High School and inspired them to chase their dreams.

Below are just a few things our students had to say about our recent event:



1. *“I learned to chase my dreams and to achieve my goals. I will give good advice to everyone who wants to pursue their dreams. I feel very important”* Niasia Birch
2. *“Chase Your Dreams showed me that I can improve my financial literacy by reading more books and going to more workshops”* Awa Lo Kane
3. *“The best part of the workshop was the interview with Jerome Williams because we learned how to prepare for a job interview.”* Johanna Rosario
4. *“This financial workshop was valuable information because being able to perform well in a job interview can lead me to a job that I may want.”* Elvira Dipres
5. *“In this Chase Your Dreams workshop, I learned that no matter what happened in your life, chase your dreams and don't give up. This information will help me because it encouraged me to never give up what I want to achieve. The best part of the workshop was when people stood up to share because they weren't afraid and it encouraged me to speak up. Financial literacy is important to my success because it will help me out with anything that deals with value. In the next financial literacy workshop I would like to see more people involved so that we can all get connected even more”* Jessica Cazares
6. *“Chase Your Dreams helped me learn how to save money. When I start making money, it can help me spend it right.”* Satia Bethea
7. *“Through Chase Your Dreams I learned how to protect my signature and my identity. It helped me by protecting me from preventing other people from stealing my identity.”* Ariel Ramos

8. *“Chase Your Dreams helped me learn to never give up on what you want. Stay focused.”* Jennifer Vega
9. *“Chase Your Dreams helped me to apply everyday education to our future careers. The best part is when Jerome Williams chose 3 students to interview”* Crystal Salas
10. *“The best part of Chase Your Dreams is receiving our certificates because it made us feel special.”* Marisol Bueno
11. *“Chase Your Dreams taught me that saving more money would allow my family and I to have more money when we need it.”* Jasari Alicea
12. *“I learned a lot about credit and banks. This will help me with my future.”* Isabel Reyes
13. *“I have become better at managing my money. I feel great.”* Jose Morales
14. *“I learned it’s important to chase your dreams. I can explain the workshop to my younger sister so she can chase her dreams.”* Adriana Rodriguez
15. *“I would use this to help my family and friends so they know how to save money and how to know what is a liability or an asset. The best part was when we had to do the interview with our friends. It was fun to act like we were really interviewing for a job.”* Lillian Martinez
16. *“I learned not to give up, and I hope that I will achieve my dream. I might use this information so family and friends could do their best to achieve their dreams. I will continue my financial literacy by reading books. Financial literacy is very important to my success because financial literacy makes me more effective.”* Daniela Molina
17. *“I learned that it is important to balance out your life, and I learned that it’s good to have good credit. This is important because when you have money, you have options. I learned to always chase my dreams. I will pass this information on to people I know who need it.”* Jilda Rodriguez
18. *“I learned how to manage my money more and I learned about resumes and working. It will help me in the future. I can help my family with this because I can educate them and they find a good job. The best part of this workshop was being able to interact with Johnnie and Jerome Williams.”* Crystal Del Valle
19. *“One thing I learned in Chase Your Dreams was that goals are steps to reach or accomplish a desired outcome. I must keep doing the right thing.”* Tasheem Johnson
20. *“One thing I learned in Chase Your Dreams is how to make a check, how to earn money and get a job. It is important to be good at finance, and I will keep reading things that I need to improve my financial literacy.”* Joshua Rodriguez