



Program Updates

February 2015



SOUL: 14 Under Basketball season

kicked off on January 30th in the Boy & Girls Club Winter Basketball league. Unfortunately, we lost our first game but it served as a learning experience for the team. Our youth appear to be more focused as a result of the loss.

The Richard English B&GC has designated a room to facilitate our team's mandatory Saturday study hall. This gives us more space and access to computers.

SOUL: City Gate

We welcome back our student leaders who will be supporting our early education students at our City Gate site. A special thanks to the Center for Community Engagement & Service Center at American University.

In January, SOUL was one of several local nonprofits that American University collaborated with for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

SOUL: HD Woodson

In January, we began SAT Prep with the players. We will continue to provide homework and classwork for our student-athletes during the mandatory study hall hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As of February 2nd the HD Woodson boys basketball team is ranked in the ALL-Met TOP 20. We join the ranks of powerhouses #1 DeMatha, #2 Montrose Christian and #8 Gonzaga. The #20 HD Warriors team is the only DC public school ranked in the area's Top 20.

SOUL In the Media



Former college basketball player uses 'S.O.U.L.' to keep kids engaged in school. [Read More!](#)
1/7/2015.

The Washington Post

For H.D. Woodson boys' basketball, study hall crackdown brings on-court success. [Read More!](#)
1/13/2015

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Program Highlights



SOUL: HD Woodson visit the Wilson Building

On January 12th the HD Woodson Boys basketball team visited the Wilson Building to meet with their Ward 7 Council Members. Council Woman Yvette Alexander was beyond welcoming, making the student-athletes feel at home. Several students had the pleasure of meeting Mayor Muriel Bowser. We extend a thanks to Mark Chisholm, Director of Constituent Service who coordinated the visit. He engaged the HD players in several activities that helped them understand the power of civic engagement. A special thanks to HD teachers, Ms. Fuchs and Ms. "V" for creating class assignments associated with this trip for the student-athletes we all work with.



SOUL: 14u @ Monumental Sports MLK Day Program

On January 19th we visited the Verizon Center for Monumental Sports annual MLK Day program. Our youth met several professionals from the DC community, which includes Wizards co-owner Earl Stafford and former Wizard's center Etan Thomas. This panel discussion "We Are Dreamers" covered the progress in civil rights from 1960 to today. A special thanks to Kristen Miles in Community Relations for Monumental Sports for inviting us. We ended the day watching the Wizards beat the Philadelphia 76ers at the Verizon Center.