



# Program Updates

February 2015



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 14 Under Basketball

season kicked off on January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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

# #SOULChallenge2015



## SOUL Corporate Basketball Challenge Have Fun, Network, and Support Local Youth!

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5 on 5 Corporate Basketball Challenge  
8 players per team  
3 games guaranteed  
Free reception  
Wizards Tickets

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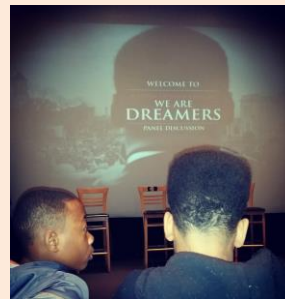


## Program Highlights



### SOUL: HD Woodson visit the Wilson Building

On January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.