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As an esteemed member of our community, you are an integral part of the success of Prattville High School's students. Contributions of time, money, and guidance have enhanced students' learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom. Because we value your continued support, we wish to apprise you of our plans to expand our Academy of Leaders and Freshmen Boot Camp programs and to make improvements for more meaningful student engagement.

The Vision

The Academy of Leaders, a leadership program, and Freshmen Boot Camp, a high school familiarization program, were the 2012 brainchild of Mrs. Janice Stockman. The leadership summit gathered students in an atmosphere away from the classroom to build relationships through teambuilding activities. Leadership qualities that are often suppressed in a traditional classroom setting are likely to emerge in an alternate environment that creates additional opportunities for problem solving and teamwork. The vision also included guest speakers whose knowledge and experiences enabled them to become leaders in their respective fields. Freshmen Boot Camp consisted of multiple days for upcoming freshmen to tour their new school without the stress and uncertainty of the typical first-day jitters. Students had the opportunity to meet teachers on the freshman hall and to visit with their classmates who were also transitioning to high school.

Growth and Change

Since 2012 there have been many changes in faculty and administration at Prattville High School, but the importance of these two enriching programs is still recognized as an invaluable service to incoming students. Prattville High School coordinates with many school, community,

and business leaders whose contributions make this possible and free of charge for every freshman. It is our intention to maintain the success of these programs well into the future with the goal of supporting and inspiring young people who will someday raise their own families and open their own businesses in our beautiful and thriving city.

This year, we are making some changes to the Academy of Leaders and Freshmen Boot Camp in a continued effort to improve the experience and better meet the needs of our students. One way we will be altering these experiences is by scheduling separate trips to Lanark for male and female groups to cater to their more specific areas of interest and their ability to relate to peers and adult leaders. Scheduled speakers will facilitate discussion on issues such as bullying, suicide prevention, and the impact of the pandemic on student learning and motivation.

Community Support

Such trips are not possible without the support of our community. We canceled this program in 2020 because the pandemic created too many uncertainties. Asking for donations as many households and business faced related financial struggles was not something we were willing to explore. We now feel that it is time to breathe life back into these programs for the good of every incoming freshman. We have established \$20,000 as our fundraising goal. We have great appreciation for all who have stepped up to make this achievable. If you have been willing to donate in the past, we ask for your continued support in all the ways that you are able to contribute. If you have not been able to collaborate with us in the past but would like to do so at this time, we would love to have you work alongside us. Every amount of money and time is vital to our programs' vitality. Together we can help students recognize their leadership talents for their success both in the classroom and in their future roles as community leaders.

If you have questions, please contact me by email at Tony.Camara@acboe.net or by phone at 334-365-8804 ext. 23016. I look forward to working with you.

As a special way of showing our appreciation to you, we would like to display your name and/or your business name on our Hall TV feed as one of our Academy of Leader Sponsors. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate below.

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