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A Message FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ilene Harper, PhD, Executive Director, Family Life and Community Resource Center

The Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) students embarked on a powerful year. In January, we welcomed Y.A.L.E. leaders to the ninth year of the program. FLCRC's outstanding team hosted several influential Y.A.L.E. events with interactive engagement this quarter. In February, FLCRC hosted its first Black History program, drawing a full house of active and engaged guests. The Y.A.L.E. students captivated the audience with a Jeopardy-style Quiz Bowl Competition, showcasing their in-depth knowledge of Black History.

FLCRC continues to serve as an exceptional resource for this community. During March's scholastic session, Y.A.L.E. Leaders emphasized college and career preparation to support our high school seniors. FLCRC is delighted to showcase our 2025 graduates this year. Their diligence and dedication have equipped them for the next phase in their journey towards excellence.

FLCRC is preparing for our June Summer Enrichment Camp, and registration is now open on a first-come, first-served basis.

This engaging week-long program is tailored for students from grade 2nd to college level

Furthermore, Y.A.L.E. has launched a fundraising campaign to support their upcoming trip to Canada in 2026. FLCRC is organizing various activities to support the Y.A.L.E. leaders' trip. Several opportunities are available to provide support. Please visit our website, download the FLCRC App, and follow us on Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube for more information.

Top: Participants in the fashion show at our Black History month celebration; bottom left: our Y.A.L.E. Orientation Meeting was a fun kick-off for new and returning members; bottom middle: Y.A.L.E. leaders volunteered and competed in a Quiz Bowl Competition at the Black History month event; bottom right: Y.A.L.E. students participated in a podcast discussion at the Orientation Meeting.

ANOTHER *Awesome* YEAR FOR Y.A.L.E.

OUR STUDENT MEMBERS ARE **LEADING AND SHINING IN 2025!**

We have kicked off another great year of the Youth Ambassador Leadership Education program with a vibrant group of student leaders! At the 2025 Orientation Meeting on **Saturday, January 11th**, we introduced potential members to the key components of the program, which include character building, leadership, service learning, and college and career preparation. Our current members had the opportunity to share about their personal experiences with the program. The students did a fantastic job volunteering and participating with our Black History Month celebration on **February 22nd**. At the **March 8th** Y.A.L.E. meeting, they completed a college and career preparation session and participated in a podcast discussion.





KEEPING BLACK HISTORY *Alive*

FLCRC HOSTS A SPECIAL **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** CELEBRATION

On **Saturday, February 22nd**, FLCRC hosted *Keep Black History Alive in 2025!*, an inspiring program celebrating Black History Month.

The program featured a variety of engaging presentations and entertainment. Dr. Cleo Wadley provided a **comprehensive examination of Black history** spanning 400 years. The Y.A.L.E. student leaders demonstrated their knowledge in a **Black History Quiz Bowl Competition**, shared beautiful musical performances, and engaged in a **podcast discussion** on the Community Garden in Kendleton with

Fort Bend County Judge KP George. Attendees enjoyed a stunning **African attire fashion show** and an informative **panel discussion** on contemporary Black history topics. The event also included prizes, an impressive display of exhibits, and an interactive **Black History "Learning Log"** activity from The Links Inc. Katy Chapter.

Thank you to our amazing presenters and performers, fashion show participants, volunteers, and all who attended and helped make this a very special occasion. Together, we are keeping Black History alive!



Congratulations TO OUR Y.A.L.E. GRADUATES!

Please join us in congratulating our Y.A.L.E. 2025 graduating seniors!



Trinity Brown

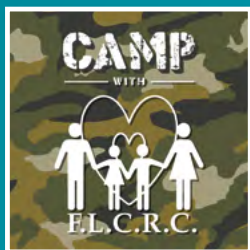


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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer Enrichment Camp

June 16–20, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | 821 E Hwy 90A, Richmond, TX 77406

Calling all students grades 2nd through college level: join us for five days of fun and learning at “Camp with FLCRC”! We will engage students with interactive sessions focused on STEM, leadership, fitness & sports, college & career preparation, technology, and much more! Register today at FamilyLifeCRC.org/camp2025.



21st Annual Back-to-School Parent Chat

In-Person/Zoom Sessions: July 30 & 31, 2025 | 5 – 6 p.m. | 821 E Hwy 90A, Richmond, TX
Backpack Pickup: August 2, 2025 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Kick-start your school year with this high-energy event linking families with educational information and resources throughout Fort Bend County! Each student attendee will receive a FREE backpack with school supplies. Learn more at FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat.



SAVE THE DATE! Dakota Merriweather 5K Walk/Run

Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Save the Date for this exciting fundraiser honoring former Y.A.L.E. leader Dakota Merriweather! Proceeds will support the FLCRC Dakota Merriweather Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a high school student with outstanding character and service to the community. Learn more at FamilyLifeCRC.org/dakota-merriweather-5k.



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