

# GOLDEN NUGGETS

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER STEM SUCCESS—CAAAE STYLE, PART 3!

Some of you who actually read the e-newsletter monthly might have noticed that we did not publish one in April. This was not intentional! The month was so jam-packed that it simply fell off our plates.

This month we are going to make up for it by having two pages of news.

In this column in February and March, I shared about why the CAAAE's STEM initiative called the Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program ([www.greenscholars.org](http://www.greenscholars.org)) has been so successful. I stated that in our next e-newsletter I would complete that topic by sharing with you how high expectations contribute to its success.

At the beginning of each pro-

gram year for the GSP, parents and Scholars must sign a Commitment and Pledge form. It reminds them that we EXPECT for the Scholars to earn B grades or better in all academic subjects.

We EXPECT them to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

We EXPECT them to be good citizens and not get in trouble on campus or off.

We EXPECT them to render community service.

We EXPECT them to attend cultural events that affirm the dignity and celebrate the many contributions of African people.

We also have expectations for parents. We EXPECT them to serve on one of our several committees.



The CAAAE's distinctive logo is well-known among people who attend our events.

We EXPECT them to attend their parent empowerment sessions.

We EXPECT them to contribute \$350 annually to help support the program.

Do all of our Scholars and their parents meet these expectations? No, but if they find themselves faltering in any area, they know that the healthy village is there to help them.

This is our version of STEM!

### Sites to Check Out

<a href="http://www.caaae.org">www.caaae.org</a>
<a href="http://www.empoweringparents.org">www.empoweringparents.org</a>
<a href="http://www.nbcdi.org">www.nbcdi.org</a>
<a href="http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org">www.preschoolcalifornia.org</a>
<a href="http://www.xcelinmath.com">www.xcelinmath.com</a>
<a href="http://www.culturallyresponsive.org">www.culturallyresponsive.org</a>

### Startling Facts!

- With just 5% of the world's population, the United States currently holds 25% of the world's prisoners.
- Although black people make up just 13% of the overall population, they account for 40% of U.S. prisoners.
- According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), black males are incarcerated at a rate more than 6.5 times that of white males and 2.5 that of Latino males.

Join the CAAAE to help us stop the school-to-prison pipeline that fuels these awful statistics!

## POWERFUL KELLOGG FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ON AMERICA HEALING

From April 24–27, the CAAAE's President and Executive Director had the privilege of attending an invitation-only conference of the Kellogg Foundation in New Orleans.

The goal of this all-expenses paid gathering of about 500 grantees, community leaders,

practitioners, advocates and funding partners was to "engage participants in a collaborative process to move from a 'racialized democracy' to an inclusive one."

To even begin to meet that lofty goal, the conference was designed for people to be

inspired by legendary social activists like Harry Belafonte, to be empowered by knowledge as arcane as voter suppression and to be motivated by anti-racist educators of all ethnic backgrounds committed to justice for all. Visit [wkkf.org](http://wkkf.org) to learn more.

## CAAAE HELPS SPONSOR RECOGNITION CEREMONIES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—A HEALTHY VILLAGE!



In the first picture above, Elders of the “healthy” village lead a processional of 373 students of African ancestry who were honored at the 23rd Annual Recognition Ceremony of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators (SCCABE) on May 6.

The CAAAE has been a sponsor of this event since our inception ten years ago. Prior to that, our President

*The CAAAE is proud to help sponsor recognition ceremonies for our students from around the state in an effort to increase their high school and college graduation rates.*

and Executive Director served as president of the SCCABE from 1994–2001.

In the picture in the top right hand corner, Bryson Young, a Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholar, plays the clarinet at the recognition ceremony. Bryson was recognized for maintaining a 3.5 or better GPA. He will be attending U.C. Berkeley in the fall and majoring in molecular biology with a minor in Spanish. On stage with him is Sydnie

Turner. She is headed for Xavier University in the fall.

In the picture just above this article on the right, Joyel Hames, 17, of the San Jose Akoma Arts/Ezinwanne Igbo Cultural Dance group, leads children in a performance at the awards ceremony.

For the 8th consecutive year, the CAAAE also helped sponsor a similar awards ceremony for 588 students hosted by the Southern Alameda County Alliance of African American Educators (SACAAE). Held on April 22 at Chabot College, over 1,200 people were in attendance.

## FIRST ANNUAL CARVER SCHOLARS PROGRAM SCIENCE FAIR

On May 10 at the Bay View Opera House in San Francisco, a science fair was held for the CAAAE’s first-ever, school-based version of its highly-successful Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program.

This program is housed at the Dr. George Washington Carver Elementary School in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). Named the Carver Scholars Program, there were 26 participants in the inaugural fair. First, second and third

place awards were given. For pictures of the fair and a complete list of winners, please visit [www.caaae.org](http://www.caaae.org) and click on the link to the Carver Scholars Program.

That evening, a soul food dinner was catered. A room full of parents, friends and relatives showed enthusiastic support as each Scholar was called on stage to receive a certificate of participation. The judges were impressed with all of the Scholars and look forward to next year.

*The first place winner pictured to the right did an experiment to show that electricity could conduct through a potato and power a clock!*

