



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

In Deepest Gratitude ... Together Everyone Achieves the Mission!

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Mission Statement

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 "We Are Community Builders...Aiming High and Achieving Greatness."

Sheila L. Thorpe, Executive Director/Founder



Effective Teaching Equals High Academic Achievement!

We have achieved our goal! Our effective teaching staff, support staff, parents, community along with the guidance of two building administrators, Mr. Brian Albanese and Ms. Joi Fisher, and a supportive Board of Trustees have made it possible to reach the goal of returning UC TEAMS CS to a highly academic K—12 School.

Our academic probation status has been lifted and we are moving forward as a state approved, academically sound institution for over 385 students.

Our goals are

- (1) to improve our performance on the new PARCC Assessments,
- (2) to continue our 100% graduation rate and college acceptance rate,
- (3) to assist parents in preparing young people for careers in STEM, and
- (4) to provide a highly academic and nurturing culture for all who attend, regardless of race, color, creed, gender, ability, and/or religion.

We Are Moving Forward....



SPECIAL THANKS to OUR COMMUNITY ALL PARENTS ESPECIALLY - PATCO!

In the Site Visits from NJ State Department of Education and our final review, we were



HIGHLY COMMENDED for our parent and community engagement. Thank you to all who supported us through our struggles and made it possible for us to overcome. Because you never wavered, believed in our ability to revive a highly academic K—12 program for your children and for this community, we are here; and we are grateful. Words will never be able to express our gratitude.



One writer once said, "You count not your friends and support by the ones who stand with you while things are going well, but by those who remain when things appear to fail."

Thank you for being there!

UC TEAMS High/School and College Leadership Academy 2016 Graduation

Please join us as we celebrate the class of 2016 on **June 16, 2016** on the SBC Campus for their graduation and commencement exercise at **5:30 pm.** Dr. Lynnette Tanis, a resident of Plainfield, scholar, educational leader, and author will be the guest speaker. This year's graduating class is phenomenal in scholarship, leadership, and service.



The 2016 graduating class will represent the largest high school graduation since its beginning in 2009, boasting a class of 35 college bound seniors.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH SALUTES UC TEAMS AND THE CLASS OF 2016

The Shiloh Baptist Church

Invites

2016 Graduating Class

UC TEAMS CS Staff, BOT, Parents and Community

Sunday, June 12, 2016

9:00 AM Worship Service

(with a reception to follow)

In special recognition of you and your accomplishments.



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Joi R. Fisher, Principal (Upper School)
 Brian A. Albanese, Principal (Lower School)

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Moving Forward....

We are thankful to all made this the *School wide Administrative Team* led by Principal, Joi Bethea, who in addition to having oversight over the high school at the SMC Campus has effectively led the school in this interim period.

Cluster leaders, counselors administrative staff and other school personnel comprise the SAT. K. Moore (K—2), N. Stokes (3—5), C. Osborn (6—8), along with C. Gayle, D. Hilliman (Counselors), M. Chiles (Basic Skills), E. Richardson (Technology), M. Figueroa (HS), Nurse C. Bass, G. Agurs and A. Breland have made a significant impact during the day to day school operation.

To that end, we recognize 'the only constant in life is change', and congratulate staff who have advanced in their studies and moved on to other pursuits. Congratulations to C. Jones who is now a Business Administrator for another district. P. Cook, who is the Coordinator of Technology for a district in North Jersey and kudos to M. Douglas who moved to the state department as a social worker. While we miss them, we wish them well., yet we continue *Moving Forward....*

2013—2014 Statewide Performance Report



Our performance in grades 3—8 struggled under the weight of rapid growth. We met the standard in Language Arts Literacy scoring 10—19% better than the district, but 2% lower in Math. These scores did not meet the absolute standard; however, we are moving on an upward trend towards meeting the goal based upon our report on this year's benchmark assessments in grades 3—8 and end of year assessments for grades K—8. Students in the same grades improved by 17%age points in ELA and 7% in Math.



As a Tier I school, currently, we are on probation



HIGH SCHOOL

We are scoring big at the **High School Level**; a solid Tier 3 school meeting and exceeding the state performance standards with 100% graduation rate, 96% proficiency on the HSPA, 24 percentage points