

Dr. Charles W. Donaldson
Scholars Academy



CWDSA - Parent Letter

We invite you and your high school student who is enrolled in one of the PCSSD high schools to participate in a dynamic new program called the Charles W. Donaldson Scholars Academy (CWDSA). The academy will provide additional nurture to your child during scheduled activities during the school year and after graduation. Upon graduation the student will receive a scholarship for 4 years of approximately \$10,000. They will also receive academic support while enrolled in either Philander Smith College (PSC) or the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). The program is limited to these two schools at this time.

The Donaldson program is primarily for marginalized populations mostly African American and Hispanic/Latino students and others of socio-economic characteristics who are in 1 of 5 PCSSD high schools. The focus of the program is insuring students have a future beyond high school despite their lower standardized test scores and grades. Ultimately, the Donaldson Scholars program wants to give your child an opportunity to become higher achieving.

The Donaldson goal is to increase graduation rates from both high school and college. In order to make that possible, once enrolled at UALR or PSC the program will provide them \$2500 in the form of a scholarships for 4 years.

This is made possible by an agreement between the Joshua Intervenors, representatives of African Americans in county, the county's school district and the two colleges. It is undertaken upon the premise that despite obstacles and hurdles that may have impeded education attainment of your child that there will be another opportunity for your child to be successful in school and life.

Thank you for your support of the Donaldson program.

Sincerely

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