



The Leadership Initiative

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Saturday, Dec 2, 2023, Summary - "Education – The Key to Success..."

When: Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Where: Naperville North High School or Alive, Naperville Teen Center

Education – The Key to Success

On Saturday, TLI Mentees and Mentors held an interactive discussion on components which are instrumental in experiencing Success throughout one's academic, social, and professional life. Mr. Demming inquired about the atmosphere within students' academic and extra-curricular lives, as well as their thoughts regarding Education.

- Education was defined as: The process of facilitating learning; the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, habits, and personal development.
- Education is considered "The Great Equalizer"
- It was also pointed out that Education can take place in both formal or informal settings
- Education increases one's knowledge-base. Thereby, positioning one to educate future generations

Take-away nuggets from Saturday's session include:

- Education is a lifelong process; one should not ever cease wanting to learn
- Education is about taking responsibility for personal growth; developing essential life and coping skills to manage difficult times, and unlock the right doors of opportunity
- It was pointed out that involvement in extra-curricular activities serves to build one's Network
- One's Character and/or Personal Brand, if highly regarded, can serve to open doors of opportunity
- Mentors Demming & Davis shared aspects of their backgrounds, highlighting how Education played a major role throughout their personal journeys
- Mr. Demming left students to ponder the question "How will they define Success for themselves?"

TLI will host their next Mentoring Session on Saturday, December 9th. The session will be held at The ALIVE Teen Center, 500 W. 5th Ave. Naperville, IL 60563. Saturday's topic will cover "Money Management – Budgeting & Smart Spending".

The Leadership Initiative appreciates your **Tax Deductible Donation**. All Donations are applied to Youth Programming, Field Trips, and Scholarships for Mentees graduating from both TLI's Mentoring Program and High School, and who demonstrate intent to pursue post-secondary education. **Donations can be made by mailing a check to The Leadership Initiative - 3440 Butler Walk, Naperville, IL 60564,** or visiting our website at:

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Questions pertaining to the content of this Summary may be forwarded to my attention.

Yours very truly,

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