

**Building Self-Esteem by Empowering Girls and Young Women for a Promising Future!**



## **BNURD'E SPOOKTACULAR PAINT FEST**

The Spooktacular Paint Fest activity was an opportunity for our girls to engage in social emotional learning (SEL) utilizing the component *Social Awareness*. This component SEL is designed to help embrace peer interaction with others in a way that shows mutual respect for ideas and behaviors while working collaboratively. Participants soon recognize how much they truly have in common with one another as friendships develop.

*Believe \* Blossom \* Belong*



# Dare To Be Different — Why Being Unique Matters!

Our program focuses on building self-esteem and self-confidence because we understand that the young girls in our program are truly one of a kind and we strive to embrace that through our workshops, seminars, and activities. Our tag line is: **BE You. Just BE!** They are unique, gifted, and special individuals. So, we celebrate the special uniqueness within, and encourage them not to worry about what others think. We discuss life experiences and how thus far it has made them the individuals they are today. The girls are finding their way through this journey and having a blast with discovering who they are. Yes, there is much more work to be done, but together they will see this journey to the end.

## Parent Meeting Highlights

### Parents are IMPORTANT!

Involving parents in mentoring services is one of the best things a program can do to ensure its success. Programs whose parents, guardians, and other caregivers work together with mentors and other program staff are more likely to see positive changes in youth and improved program outcomes. Our Parent Committee hosted four fabulous parent meetings and activities that provided our BNURD'E Parents an opportunity to dialogue on issues of concerns relatable to the whole group. Attending these meetings allowed for relationships to develop, open discussions to occur, and opportunities for them to see the human side of our TEAM. Here are a few of the topics discussed: Challenges of Distance & Remote Learning, How to Tackle Health & Wellness concerns, Parent's Night Out—“Sip & Paint”, and a Panel discussion on Intentional Parenting from a father's perspective during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



# Understanding Social Justice



## *The Power of Your Voices*

### **BNURD'E Girls' Group Reaction Contest** **What Are Your Reactions to the Storming of the Capitol Building in Washington DC?**

What did you feel, notice and wonder as you viewed the video?  
What does Democracy Mean to You?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/06/learning/what-are-your-reactions-to-the-storming-of-the-capitol-by-a-pro-trump-mob.html>

#### Contest Guidelines

- ◆ Open to all BNURD'E Girls'.
- ◆ Student opinions are to be typed and delivered to Ms. Roxanne electronically via Email.
- ◆ Use The Power of your Voices to express your opinions and reaction to the New York Times Article & Video using the link above. Use the questions below to help drive your reaction.
  - ◆ ***What Are Your Reactions to the Storming of the Capitol Building in Washington DC?"***
  - ◆ ***What did you feel, notice and wonder as you viewed the video?***
  - ◆ ***What does Democracy Mean to You?***
- ◆ The "Power of Your Voices" opinion and reaction paper must be submitted no later than **January 29, 2021**. Winners will be announced **February 20, 2021**.

#### Contest At-A-Glance

- ◆ Contestants **must memorize** their "The Power of Your Voices" opinion and reaction paper.
- ◆ Contest winners will be notified by a BNURD'E Contest Committee member regarding the date and time of their oral presentation.
- ◆ All contestants opinion/reaction essays will be read and scored by Professors Toni Rhodes, Jacqueline Williams, and Roxanne Williams.
- ◆ There will be a First, Second, and Third Place winner from each category and presented to the Advisory Board.
- ◆ Reminder: You are all winners! Take your time, think about the questions, and DO Your Best!

#### Contest Winners:

##### **Elementary:**

1st Melia P.; 2nd Qi'Yanna L.; 3rd Cassidy J.

##### **Middle School:**

1st Bailey W.; 2nd Jade R.; 3rd Olivia D.

##### **High School:**

1st Akira M.; 2nd Kayla J.; 3rd Leilah H.



During the Presidential Election there was a great deal of chaos happening in the world that led to a vicious attack on Capitol Hill. This attack viewed by many was very disheartening and unexpected which caused a great deal of dialogue and unanswered questions regarding our Nation's Leadership.



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*A Peek Inside*

**Distance and Remote Learning**

