



JUNETEENTH

GIVING CAMPAIGN ★ JUNE 19 – JULY 5, 2021



From **LIBERATION**
To **INDEPENDENCE**

We Can't Leave
Their Future
to Chance

PURPOSE

Building on the momentum of movements around Black independence, this campaign seeks to provide opportunities for increased awareness and financial investment into a solid educational foundation for traditionally underserved boys of the Bishop Walker School for Boys.

OBJECTIVES

To increase awareness of BWS in local and national African-American and Pan-African communities and raise the cost of one full year academic sponsorship of a BWS scholar (\$20,000).

CALL TO ACTION

Share the work and mission of the Bishop Walker School by asking your network to register for participation in campaign events and/or make a donation to support our campaign.

ABOUT BWS

The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys (BWS) is a tuition-free Episcopal school for children from traditionally underserved communities. The School nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, social-emotional, artistic, and physical development of its students in a Christian community of learners that welcomes boys of all faiths and beliefs. Working in close partnership with students and families, the School strives to create an environment where each boy is challenged to reach his full academic potential and receives the structured support necessary to develop his unique gifts.

During my time at the Bishop Walker School, I've learned that to be honest and respectful of others and to be trustworthy is part of our honor code for life... and not to bring your brother down, but to help build your brother up until he can stand again. This is a mindset that can carry me throughout my life.

SANTARICO, BWS '20



EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 17

Welcome

Tuesday, June 22

BWS Student/Alumni Discussion

Thursday, June 24

Founding Story: Interview with School Founders The Rev. Canon Preston Hannibal and Mrs. Sandi Hannibal

Tuesday, June 29

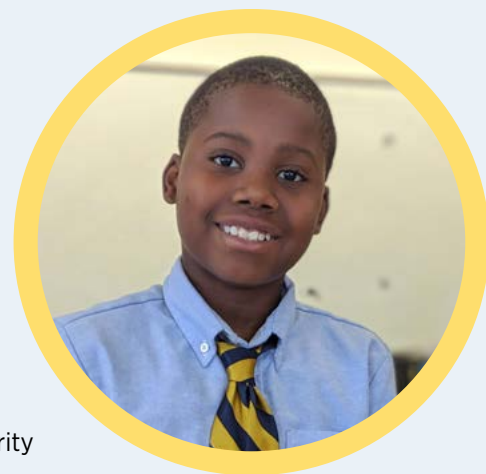
Panel on the Importance of Black Philanthropy in Early Childhood Education

Sign-up to participate in our Juneteenth giving campaign:

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WHY BOYS? WHY HERE?

The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys was organized in 2006 as a response to the serious educational and social challenges facing African-American boys in underserved communities East of the Anacostia River. At the time of the school's inception, a large majority of students living in this community—particularly boys—were not proficient in reading, writing or math. The school—named in honor of the first African American Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington DC—is rooted in the belief of the transformative power of education and exposing students to new possibilities through new experiences.



WHY NOW?

We are leveraging the period between Juneteenth and Independence Day as a time to reflect on the necessity of increased investment in the early educational years of Black boys. By tapping into the influence of our community, we seek to shift the narrative on Black male potential and power through academic progress. An independent educational structure allows the Bishop Walker School to create an academic program that meets the needs of each student while establishing a system that intends to make positive progress toward equity in education for students of color.

Real access to freedom was established by institution builders over the course of the Jim Crow era, and those who founded the HBCUs and African-American churches that powered the civil rights movement expanded true freedom for their communities and for all Americans. As we look to the future, we will need new institutions to face the ongoing challenges to the educational, spiritual, political and economic freedoms that this community continues to face. We need the participation and philanthropic investment of African-Americans to ensure the Bishop Walker School's place in becoming one of those institutions.

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