

# DIVERSITY

## NEWS



### ST. EDWARD STUDENTS VISIT THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Daylan Jernigan speaks to students at Citizens Leadership Academy on the importance of respecting each other

## EAGLES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Members of the diversity program took a few of our students to their former middle school, Citizens Leadership Academy, to participate in a program on the epidemic of bullying. Each of our students, Andre Holland, Teon Smith, and Daylan Jernigan, presented on their experiences at Citizens Leadership Academy and St. Edward High School in front of a jam-packed auditorium. Our students spoke on the importance of treating everyone with respect, especially those different from us. Part of the training our students have been receiving at St. Ed's Diversity Club is learning the difference between being a "bystander" and an "upstander." An upstander is a person who sees wrong and acts by taking a stand against acts of injustice.

## LET'S DO DIVERSITY TOGETHER

A few members of our diversity club are talking with Erika Hakko, from Lakewood High School's Race & Diversity Club, in an effort to collaborate on future programming. Next semester, students from our diversity club will be working with students from Lakewood High's race and diversity club on movie nights and other programming that will bring awareness to our communities.



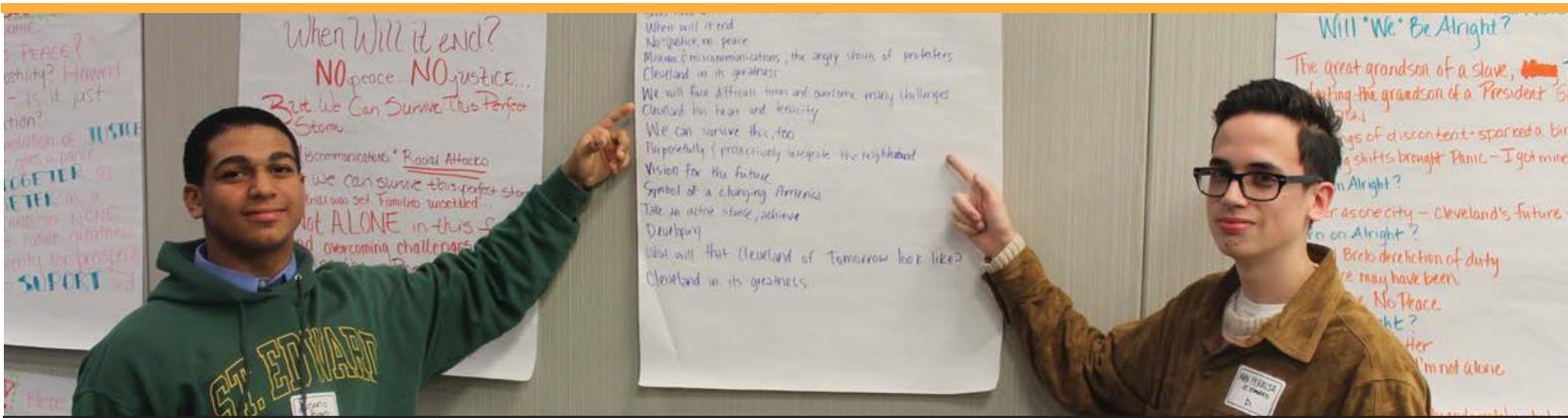


## ST. EDWARD STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVERSITY CENTER'S 62nd ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD DINNER

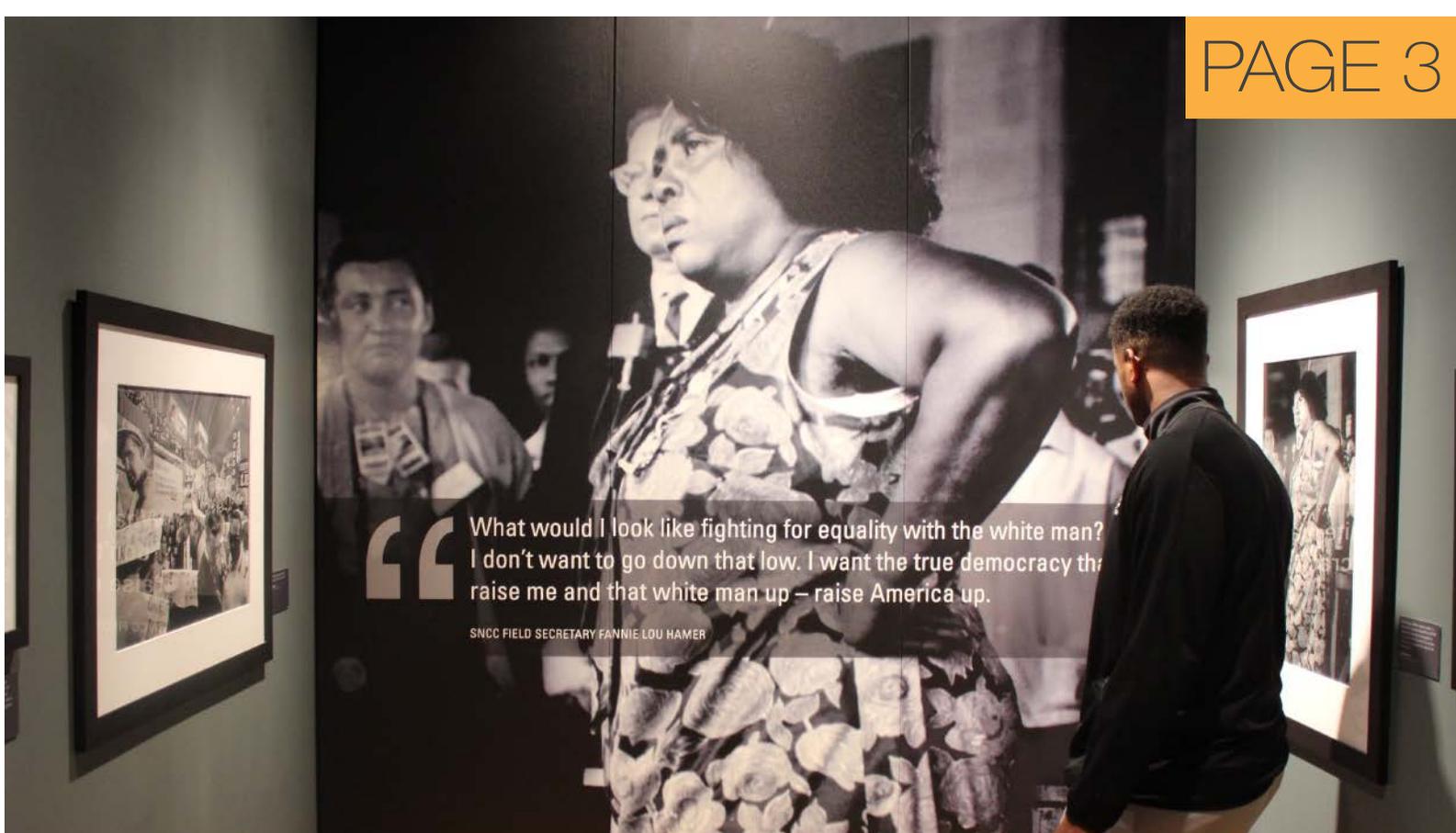
Several of our students were chosen as student ambassadors on behalf of the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio where they were given the opportunity to network with professionals from the Cleveland area and provide feedback regarding the value and impact diversity has had on them personally and within their school.



Each year the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio invites 30 students to serve as student ambassadors at their annual Humanitarian Award Dinner. Student ambassadors are typically leaders within their own schools and communities who share a passion for building communities where all people are connected, respected, and valued. Student ambassadors are given business cards to exchange with professionals in their areas of interest so they can continue the conversation and hopefully land internships with companies in Northeast Ohio. In the above photo, Bismark Santos, Class of 2019 is at a table of lawyers where he is talking about his experiences at St. Edward and his future plans to become a civil rights lawyer.



Our students continue to work with other students across NE Ohio on ways to bridge the racial divide that exist in our city and schools. Featured here are poems they composed on social justice and change.



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What would I look like fighting for equality with the white man? I don't want to go down that low. I want the true democracy that raise me and that white man up – raise America up.

SNCC FIELD SECRETARY FANNIE LOU HAMER

**IF YOU FALL BEHIND, RUN FASTER. NEVER GIVE UP.**

The Diversity Club sponsored a trip to the Maltz Museum in Beachwood, Ohio. Students explored their new exhibit, *This Light of Ours*. As relevant today as they were half a century ago, more than 150 black-and-white images chronicling the Southern Freedom Movement are featured in *This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*. The exhibit features works by nine activist photographers who documented the clash between institutionalized discrimination and determined resistance by activists and volunteers.

