

TAAC NEWS

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2015-2016 TEEN AMBASSADORS AGAINST CRIME



A BIG Welcome

Forty-two Ambassadors attended their Orientation session on October 3rd. Representing a diverse mix of 24 schools from Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes, Ambassadors were welcomed by Crimestoppers President and CEO, Darlene Cusanza, U.S. Marshal Genny May, Crimestoppers staff and Board members and TAAC mentors. The group engaged in activities that helped them get to know each other and reflect on their views on issues pertaining to safety and violence. Ambassadors were particularly excited when pretending to be detectives conducting investigative procedures at a mock crime scene, led by NOPD Sergeant Bruce Haney.



Defend Yourself!

As our office continues to connect Ambassadors with law enforcement agencies and resources that work to keep our community safe, we were thrilled to enhance their personal safety by providing them with the opportunity to learn a few self-defense techniques at Close Combat and Fitness, LLC, located at 3304 W. Esplanade Ave N. in Metairie.

Many thanks to our instructor, Louis Charron, for showing the group how to properly and effectively defend themselves in potentially dangerous situations. We also thank him for his generous offer to provide a 20% discount on monthly programs for Ambassadors and Crimestoppers Board members.



The Results Are In



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2015 TAAC Officers:

President—Isabel Caballero, Mount Carmel Academy

Vice President— De'Andra LeMalle, Slidell High School

Social Council— Domenic Mesa, Patrick Taylor Academy and Christopher Abadie, Jesuit High School

This is going to be a great year and Ambassadors have a strong leadership team to support them!

Next Meeting: RSVP



Get ready Ambassadors, we have a big surprise in store for you! Please rsvp to shira@crimestoppersgno.org for your next meeting on Saturday, November 21st from 9am—1pm. For the meeting you'll need to wear your TAAC shirts, comfortable bottoms (no skirts or short shorts) and comfortable tennis shoes. Be on the lookout for more meeting details in your email.

This meeting will involve physical activity, so be prepared to have fun

President's Message:

Dear Teen Leaders,

It has been a great start for our program with all of your enthusiasm and creative ideas. Love the energy. As we move into our programming, we want to be sure that we address the areas of public safety **YOU** believe are important. Always speak up and let us know what you are thinking. This way you will get the most out of the year.

Throughout the Pelican Season, we will have tickets for games. Please note if you are interested in attending a PELS game, let me know. We will hold three games as TAAC Class GAMES. More to come!

I personally want to thank the members who bravely stepped up and ran for office. I am really proud of you! Now you guys/ladies will help us run our Leadership Challenge Day on Saturday, November 21st. Can't wait to see your energy for this event. Think Sherlock Holmes, plush green grass and lots of sunshine ☺

Ms. Darlene

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