



2015-2016 TEEN AMBASSADORS AGAINST CRIME

Detention Center Highs and Lows

On March 19th, my fellow TAAC mates and I received the amazing opportunity to visit the newly renovated **Rivarde Juvenile Detention Center**. In the introduction meeting, the staff shared astounding drops in numbers when it came to arrests in schools, which went down 53%, and the decrease in the number of juveniles currently residing at the detention center. This mind-boggling experience opened our eyes to the laws, protocol and details that go into running a detention center for juveniles. These important steps ranged from special narrow doorknobs to prevent suicide attempts to automatic flushing toilets to stop over flow in the pods. The tour was very realistic and vivid because our tour guide, who was also the detention center supervisor, mimicked exactly what a real juvenile goes through when being admitted into the center. We went through the process of the court hearing, booking, cell assignments, recreational activities and school schedules. Getting the chance to experience the detailed legal aspects of the criminal justice system provided us with the knowledge of what teens encounter when they break the law and how mistakes can effect a person's life. Many of us walked away from this particular meeting with a newfound interest in criminal justice.



-Kourtney Parker, De La Salle High School

TAAC Matters

I am thankful for the opportunities that have been created by TAAC. TAAC has been a great addition to my life, and I would never change that. Over the past few months, I've made friends and experienced things that are essential to a teenager's life. I've also gained insight to the systems brought forth by the Louisiana State Government. Recently, I had the honor of meeting Christopher Trosclair at the Rivarde Detention Center. Mr. Trosclair and his team embodies hard-working and motivated parish workers. I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for Crimestoppers and the TAAC program. Crimestoppers as a whole is a crucial part of our region; their support for the safety of our community deserves the utmost respect. I can never thank TAAC enough for allowing me to be a Teen Ambassador Against Crime.



-Domenic Mesa, Patrick Taylor Academy

Win a spectacular basket full of goodies



Hey Ambassadors we have a fun competition for you: **May 3rd is GiveNOLA Day** and Crimestoppers is one of the non-profits asking for your support. All you have to do is spread the word and get people to donate on your behalf. We provide free services to students and schools, this also includes covering all materials, field trips and meals for TAAC. You can tell others how beneficial this program has been for you and encourage them to donate. **Donations start as low as \$10.** When any of your contacts commit to donating, let us know so we can verify their donation has been received. **The Ambassador who generates the most money wins the BIG basket** which includes movie passes and restaurant gift cards.

You can only donate on May 3rd so start buttering-up your contacts now 😊

CEO's Message