

THE
EAGLE
ACADEMY FOUNDATION

TAKING FLIGHT

A 20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN



Transforming Lives and Creating Opportunities for Young Men of Color

The Eagle Academy Foundation (EAF) is a rare beacon of hope and opportunity for young men of color. Since our founding in 2004, we have evolved from addressing an education crisis in New York City to becoming a national leader committed to transforming lives and creating an “ecosystem of success” for young men of color from under-invested and marginalized communities across the country.

EAF was born out of a crisis in 2003—when over 70% of New York State’s entire prison population at that time came from just seven NYC neighborhoods with a high school graduation rate of only 32%. In response, a dedicated group of Black men and women launched the first Eagle Academy high school for young men of color in the Bronx in 2004, in collaboration with the NYC Department of Education; not only providing a quality education, but also hope and a bright future for young men.



Today, our impact reaches well beyond the classroom, preparing and activating the success of young men of color across the nation. We support a network of six all-male traditional, public schools in New York City and Newark, New Jersey that achieve an astonishing graduation rate of 98%. Through our Eagle Institute, we are sharing what we have learned by training educators, community organizations, civic and business leaders across the U.S.

Building a Nationwide Ecosystem of Success

At EAF, we believe in the limitless possibilities and potential of every young man. Our vision goes beyond academics—we are building an ecosystem that supports their entire journey through strategic partnerships across higher education, community-based organizations, workforce development and the business world.

Our Eagles Soaring Beyond (ESB) program focuses on college readiness, workforce development, financial empowerment, and social-emotional well-being. With our young men at the center, we curate individualized plans and placements, to ensure they not only succeed but thrive.

To date, across the six Eagle Academies and our alumni network, ESB has served

~5,000
young men of color
12yrs → 32yrs old

Through our Eagle Institute (EI), we work with school systems, districts and schools, and corporate leaders to scale our transformative approach nationwide.

To date we have trained and supported

2,000+
educators

across →
65 cities

impacting **~50,000** young men

Our record of success is heartening, but the challenges facing young men of color from under-invested and marginalized communities across our country remain acute. **We know we can, and must, do more!**

Taking Flight – EAF's Campaign to Invest in the Future of Young Men of Color

Our track record speaks for itself

98% of our graduates are accepted to college

100% graduate with a post-secondary plan that's best suited for each individual student.

To double our impact and reach another 50,000 young men of color in under-resourced communities across the U.S. over the next three years, we are launching Taking Flight, a \$10 million campaign to help us:

Train an additional 1,500 educators, employers, and service providers across the country;

Expand our college access and workforce readiness programming in New York City, Newark, and beyond, ensuring more young men of color are aware of and prepared for the many pathways to achieving their dreams;

Increase our staffing capacity to support our national programs, the Eagle Institute and Eagles Soaring Beyond;

Strengthen our technology platforms to expand training capacity.

Alumni Spotlights

"Eagle Academy was my golden opportunity; it's where dreams meet destiny. I would not be where I am if it weren't for the people I met, the connections I made, and the relationships I've built through Eagle Academy and the Foundation."

Hector Bonilla '16

Rotational Wealth Management GTP Analyst at UBS

"Education is not just about the classroom. It's about helping students become complete scholars, understanding their roots, and molding them into better citizens for the future."

Ivan Jackson '10

Director of College Counseling at Eagle Academy

"Brotherhood is number one. By the time you leave [Eagle Academy], you uncover talents and capabilities you never knew existed. The Academy challenges and supports you at every turn."

Mekhi Fields '20

Student at Saint Elizabeth University



Soar with The Eagle Academy Foundation

EAF is a Black-founded and Black-led organization that achieves remarkable impact. We are committed to designing a roadmap to success for all young men of color — from top performers to those struggling the most. This is a complex and demanding task, requiring patience, innovation, resources, and an unwavering commitment to equity.

To amplify a recent \$2 million grant from MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving Open Call, we are launching the Taking Flight campaign to secure additional resources to sustain and build upon our success, recruit talent, and make the critical investments to touch the lives of even more young men of color, their families, their communities — and our society at large.

We invite you to take this transformative journey with us by making a gift or multi-year pledge to the Taking Flight campaign. Imagine what we can do together.

To learn more or make a gift, please contact Jonathan Juarbe, Director of External Affairs, at jjuarbe@eafny.org or visit eafny.org.



**We are
taking flight.
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