Eagle Academy Schools
Bronx, NY
Brooklyn, NY
Queens, NY
Newark, NJ
Harlem, NY
Staten Island, NY
In poverty-stricken neighborhoods the majority of young men of color are not receiving the necessary educational tools, attention, and customized support required for them to excel in the classroom and beyond.

Black and Latino youth comprise 17% of the educational system, yet constitute 41% of Special Education.

In schools where young men of color make up at least 50 percent of the students, only 48 percent of teachers are certified in the subjects they teach, compared with 65 percent in majority White schools.

Young men of color receive two-thirds of all school suspensions nationwide, across all demographics and genders.

Young men of color are more likely to earn a GED in prison than graduate from a four-year college or university.

Nearly 1 in 4 Black male youth are disconnected, meaning they are not employed or enrolled in school. When in school, young men of color experience high rates of chronic absence, suspension, and poor academic performance.

Young men of color are at a higher risk of dropping out of high-school, resulting in disastrous outcomes that persist well beyond their school years. In urban areas, over one half of Black males do not graduate from high school. Young men of color top the ranks of the unemployed, and with their educational advancement systematically curtailed, they lack clear pathways to economically successful futures.

71 percent of the New York State prison population is made up of young men of color.

In New York City, 96 percent of young men of color attend majority low-income schools. This startling social economic gap has created imbalanced communities and stifled positive outcomes for young men of color. The crisis for young men of color is real and has wide-ranging societal impact.
My son loves Eagle Academy, the staff is like family and they are great. The principal is great with the kids and the school has some awesome opportunities for the boys to thrive.

- Eagle Parent

A comprehensive report from Columbia University found that seven neighborhoods account for 72 percent of New York State’s prison population. To break the cycle of violence, prison, and poverty, a community-led response was needed. Educators, community leaders, and businesses came together to formulate a solution to save our young men of color in those neighborhoods. In 2004, the Eagle Academy for Young Men, an all-male traditional public school, was created as a call to action to address the enduring crisis affecting young men of color. Today, The Eagle Academy Foundation has opened six Eagle Academies operating in four of those seven neighborhoods, serving close to 3,000 young men in grades 6 -12.

• **Parent Engagement:** At Eagle, we ensure that parents are welcomed and engaged as equal partners in their sons’ development. They are active in school life, with an expectation to fulfill 20 hours of service. Families not only view Eagle as a resource for their sons, but also for themselves with access to parenting support, job leads, financial counseling, and other community services.

• **Academic Achievement:** At Eagle, we have high expectations for student achievement, individualizing academic plans for scholars, including intervention and remediation as needed.

• **College Planning:** At Eagle, we begin the college planning process in the 6th grade. It is embedded into the curriculum with visits to college campuses, college counseling, planning, and assistance with the admissions process.

• **Expanded Learning Time:** At Eagle, a school day, can at times, run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — including some Saturdays. The additional in-school hours provide rich co-curricular offerings that expand learning and access to opportunities that they might not otherwise have.

• **Rituals:** At Eagle, we foster a strong culture of brotherhood, inclusive of a house model, uniforms, daily town hall meetings, and the Eagle credo to unite scholars in a shared set of values.

• **Mentoring:** At Eagle, we match dedicated male professionals with Eagle scholars in a small group or one-on-one mentoring to support academic and personal growth, aiding in their transitions to manhood.
MISSION: The Eagle Academy Foundation develops and supports a network of all male, grades 6 through 12, college-preparatory schools in challenged, urban communities that educate and mentor young men into future leaders committed to excellence in character, scholastic achievement, and community service, and to promote these principles nationally.

EAGLE ACADEMY TIMELINE

In 2002, a small group from the 100 Black Men of New York united together with a call to action around the daunting reality of young men of color being funneled into the prison pipeline. This concern and impetus for saving young men of color spearheaded the movement to create the Eagle Academy for Young Men.

Often regarded as an early champion of Eagle, former Senator Hillary Clinton played a pivotal role in helping the 100 Black Men in creating Eagle Academy. Clinton’s support not only helped open Eagle, but also created nationwide recognition. In 2008, Clinton returned to deliver a keynote speech at the inaugural class’ graduation and EAF President and CEO David C. Banks delivered a speech during her 2016 presidential bid. Today, Clinton remains an active partner and supporter of The Eagle Academy Foundation.

Former Mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, also served as an early ally and believer in Eagle Academy. Bloomberg, while serving as Mayor, helped establish the Eagle Academy, ultimately giving the school a home in a state-of-the-art $50 million facility in The Bronx. In 2011, Mayor Bloomberg appointed David C. Banks as Co-Chair of his groundbreaking Young Men’s Initiative.
Futures are secured
Studies show that high school graduation and college success provide a lifetime of economic benefit, with more than $830,000 of increased earnings. Today, Eagle graduates are scientists, community organizers, financial analysts, educators, medical professionals, and coaches.

With a record of success and a stronghold in communities, the Eagle Academy provides quality education, while driving high school graduation and college opportunities for young men of color in The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Harlem, Staten Island, and Newark, NJ.

The Eagle Model is a best-in-class practice that is being replicated in poverty stricken communities throughout New York City and the US. The success of the Eagle Model demonstrates what young men of color can achieve when they are provided with the right pipeline for success. Today, the six Eagle Academies are safe havens, serving as part of the solution to pervasive urban social issues such as low graduation and incarceration rates which affect young men of color daily.

Young men of color are winning because the Eagle Model works, Each year, outstanding Eagle scholars are graduating and matriculating to college. The Eagle network 2018 high school graduation rate of 86% is 12 points higher than the city-wide graduation rate across all demographics. 100% of eligible seniors were accepted to college. 88% of our graduates historically have enrolled in college and our Eagle graduates are succeeding at institutions of higher learning around the country. Some of the institutions include The University of Pennsylvania, The United States Military Academy, Carnegie Mellon University, and Syracuse University, to name a few.

When young men of color graduate from high school and succeed in college, we create a more promising future for our entire country.

Families are saved
Eagle is actively disrupting cycles of gun violence, incarceration, and poverty with a focus on academic success and a college bound culture.

Communities are strengthened
Avoiding juvenile justice placement achieves a social savings of $210,000 each year per individual. According to a 2013 study, a 5% increase in male high school graduation rates in New York State would lead to $967 million in annual crime-related savings, $87 million in increased annual earnings, and a total economic benefit to New York State of $1 billion.

“Eagle Academy is the best thing that happened to me in my life. My friends would hang out with nothing much to do, but extended day and Saturday school kept me off the street. I am grateful to Eagle every day.”

- Eagle Academy Graduate
Our Mission

The Eagle Academy Foundation (EAF) develops and provides critical programming for a network of college preparatory traditional public schools, grade 6 through 12, in New York City and Newark. Since our inception in 2005, EAF has transformed the lives of nearly 3,000 boys by achieving annual graduation rates for young men of color that average 87% versus the 59% of the national average, and a 100% college acceptance rate in 2019. EAF recognizes that the nationwide crisis in achievement among young men of color must be addressed at a pace that exceeds that of a brick and mortar replication model. As a proven leader in reversing this trend, EAF launched the Eagle Institute in 2016 to increase the capability of educators and schools with training and hands-on implementation support in the best practices developed through the Eagle Model.

THE NEED

• Our nation has lost nearly $700 billion dollars due to the dropout crisis for Black males.¹
• Black and Latino boys have the lowest high school graduation rates by race and gender.²
• Nationally, only 17% of Black men have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher as compared to 51% of Asian men and 30% of white men.³
• Black male high school dropouts are 115 times more likely to be incarcerated than the average male college graduate.⁴

THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE LIVES

• Cutting the number of dropouts in half nationwide would generate $45 billion annually in new tax revenue and decreased incarceration costs.⁵
• In 2019, the network graduation Eagle Academy was 87% as compared to the nationwide average of 59%.⁶
• 100% of the 2019 graduating senior class of Eagle Bronx, Eagle Brooklyn, and Eagle Queens were accepted to college.
• Countless school systems and communities around the country are interested in adapting the Eagle model to better educate young men of color.

DAVID BANKS, PRESIDENT & CEO

David Banks’ life mission is to get boys of color off the sidelines and into the game. In 2004, he worked with One Hundred Black Men (OHBM) to develop the first Eagle Academy and led this pioneering public school for underserved boys of color as its Founding Principal. In 2005, the Eagle Academy Foundation was founded in order to create a new national paradigm of positive, young Black men committed to success and strong moral character. As Co-Chair of Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Young Men’s Initiative, he lent his expertise to public policy solutions.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

EAF intends to work with local public schools to share effective practices to educate and support young men of color. Through the Eagle Institute, the investment in training and support for educators will improve the outcomes for young men of color in their schools. The Eagle Institute seeks to increase the number of schools with positive cultures and interventions intended to support the academic achievement and socio-emotional flourishing of Black and Latino male students with a robust technology platform that will increase and accelerate our reach to serve more educators and schools nationwide.

STANDOUT RESULTS

Although nearly 50% of students come to the Eagle schools performing below grade level and 30% arrive with special needs, Eagle creates a community where high expectations and unconditional love allow Black and Latino boys to thrive:

• At Eagle 73% of special needs Eagle scholars graduate high school, as compared to 13% of special needs students in New York City.⁷
THE EAGLE MODEL – PACER-M

EAF designed and implemented the PACER-M model in its six existing Eagle Academies throughout New York and Newark, New Jersey with academic outcomes that far surpass national averages for young men of color.

EAF’s outcomes-oriented approach to educating inner-city young men of color is comprised of the PACER-M components: Parental Engagement, Academic Rigor, College Planning, Extended Day, Rituals, and Mentoring.

The Eagle Model counters the barriers facing boys in challenged, urban communities, including absent fathers, a lack of positive role models, gang violence, idle time, drug use and incarceration. The Eagle Model also instills a core set of values in scholars to foster their development into young men with strong characters driven toward academic success. These values are best represented by CLEAR: Confidence, Leadership, Effort, Academic Excellence and Resilience.

SUCCESS STORY: EAGLE SCHOLAR

Prior to enrolling at Eagle, Eric had been shuffled between seven different public schools in six years. He started as a 6th grader at Eagle Brooklyn with a Special Education designation and anger management issues. Eagle Brooklyn, however, recognized and nurtured Eric’s specific needs and talents.

Due to Eagle’s support and services, Eric thrived socially and academically. In his senior year, Eric passed seven Regents exams and earned all of his required credits for graduation. At Eagle, he took advantage of a host of opportunities including earning college credits, traveling abroad and competing in archery, placing as the 3rd ranked archer for his age group.

Now, Eric is currently enrolled in a four year college.

SOCIAL IMPACT: TARGET OUTCOMES

By 2021, the Eagle Institute will scale improvements in the academic and life outcomes of 150,000 young men of color by empowering over 3,000 educators nationwide with proven Eagle Model practices in-person and virtually.

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<td># of Teachers</td>
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Eagle Academy is a wonderful place.

We have shown that it works.

We have shown that it’s good for society and well worth the investment.

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG
FORMER MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY
THE EAGLE INSTITUTE

The crisis for young men of color is immense and urgent. Educators and school leaders across the country have approached EAF to learn about and adapt its proven model. Eagle has the experience to build the capacity of educators and school leaders. Over the past four years, EAF led annual professional development conferences serving up to 600 educators and school leaders.

The Eagle Institute will support the development of school leaders and educators to improve the life outcomes of boys of color by:

• **Training** school leaders, educators and student teachers on the Eagle model, which will better equip them to work with male students of color

• Providing in-depth **strategic consultation and implementation** support to schools nationwide in order to deliver the Eagle model

OUR GOALS

Eagle Academy Foundation seeks to improve the academic and life trajectories of young men of color by broadening the reach of its proven model.

• The Eagle Institute will increase the number of schools with positive cultures and interventions intended to support the academic achievement and socio-emotional flourishing of Black and Latino male students.

• The Eagle Institute will enhance the capability of school educators to effectively meet the needs of male students of color.

• The Eagle Institute will be an active lab for producing much needed research and development of effective tactics and programs for engaging and developing high achieving young men of color.

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

EAF leadership will manage the Eagle Institute working with its own Eagle educators to provide training and technical support to other educators in public schools to improve the education outcomes of young men of color in those schools.

"EAF is a beacon and a blueprint. A beacon through our Eagle Academies where we have shining examples of the boys we can help. A blueprint in the opportunity to share with and support communities on how to do it. The Eagle Institute is that blueprint."

DAVID C. BANKS

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<td>Systems and school leaders must understand key characteristics of and take careful consideration of staff who will work with young men of color and contribute to an effective school culture.</td>
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<td>Explore strategies that can be useful in selecting, supporting, and retaining staff members that are best suited to support male students.</td>
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<td>Rituals and routines are fundamental to Eagle Academies. When our rituals and routines are intentionally executed, they inspire brotherhood and unite the school community.</td>
<td>School level systems and structures</td>
<td>Share the range of Eagle Rituals and routines and their importance in creating a culture of engagement and accountability for young men as well as improving the overall staff culture in schools.</td>
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<td>Parental Engagement (P)</td>
<td>It takes a combined effort to assure that our scholars succeed. When Eagle educators collaborate with Eagle parents, our scholars soar.</td>
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<td>Share practices on how to engage families in the school.</td>
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<td>Post-secondary success is an ultimate end goal for our scholars. From the moment our scholars arrive at our doors, we immerse them in a college-going culture.</td>
<td>College &amp; Career Readiness</td>
<td>Provide strategies that create a college-going culture for young men.</td>
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<td>Extended Learning (E)</td>
<td>Eagle provides alternative learning opportunities because we know that they are crucial to helping young men of color feel successful in school.</td>
<td>Alternative strategies to transition, focus, and engage young men in your lessons</td>
<td>Share strategies that inform the development and operations of extended day and summer bridge programming for young men including voice and choice, sports and competition.</td>
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<td>Mentoring (M)</td>
<td>Our scholars are only as strong as their support networks. Eagle implements strong mentoring programs to provide young men the necessary guidance they need to overcome obstacles and thrive.</td>
<td>Male Development</td>
<td>Utilize tools to develop a strong mentoring programming to meet the needs of young men.</td>
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<td>Academic Excellence (A)</td>
<td>It is critical for young men of color to feel that they are a part of something bigger than themselves. The feeling of brotherhood that permeates the school building helps our scholars stay connected to our schools, educators, and their own goals.</td>
<td>School wide systems, house model, Incentives and consequences</td>
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<td>Academic Excellence (A)</td>
<td>Relationships are at the core of academic and behavioral success in school. Strong relationships between scholars and educators lay the foundations for the feeling of trust that our scholars need to succeed in school.</td>
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<td>To maintain a positive school environment, we need to teach our young men to view their mistakes as opportunities for growth. Our scholars must feel that they are evolving as they progress through school.</td>
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What was most impactful about the Professional Development Institute was being here with my team and developing the work that we have begun, but really doing that in a community of like-minded people and also facilitators who have done this work on the ground, who actually are grounded in practice, who have worked in schools and who have been doing this work with boys of color for years.

- Middle School Principal, Brooklyn, NY