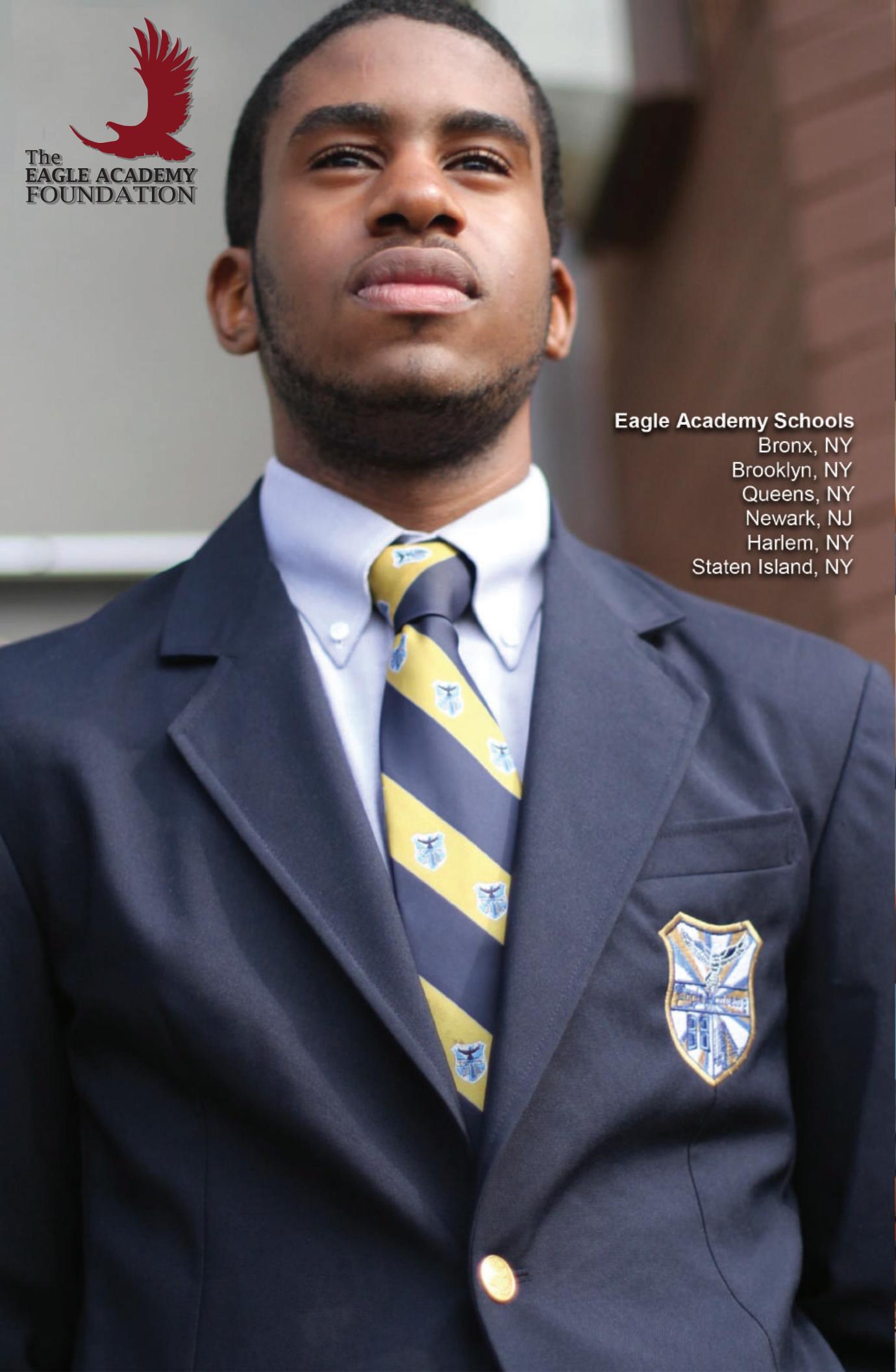




The
**EAGLE ACADEMY
FOUNDATION**



Eagle Academy Schools
Bronx, NY
Brooklyn, NY
Queens, NY
Newark, NJ
Harlem, NY
Staten Island, NY



THE PROBLEM



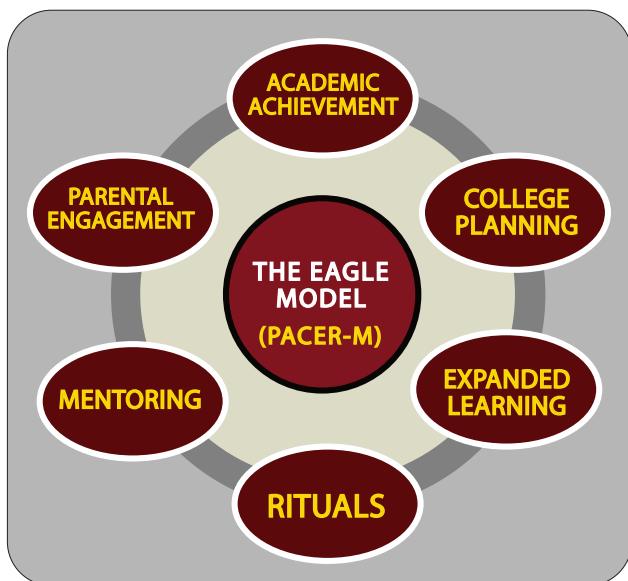
- In poverty-stricken neighborhoods the majority of young men of color are not receiving the necessary educational tools, attention, and customized support required for them to excel in the classroom and beyond.
- Black and Latino youth comprise 17% of the educational system, yet constitute 41% of Special 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.





SOLUTION: THE EAGLE MODEL

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.



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

- **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.

A SNAPSHOT OF EAGLE COMMUNITIES

EAGLE NEWARK Newark, New Jersey

Families Below Poverty Level (with children under 18) **23%**
Female Householders below poverty level (no husband present, with children under 18) **39%**
Households with Bachelor's Degree or Higher **27%**
Parents unemployed **17%**

EAGLE HARLEM Harlem, NYC

Families Below Poverty Level (with children under 18) **34%**
Female Householders below poverty level (no husband present, with children under 18) **47%**
Households with Bachelor's Degree or Higher **28%**
Parents unemployed **14%**

EAGLE STATEN ISLAND Stapleton, Staten Island

Families Below Poverty Level (with Children under 1) **28%**
Female Householders below poverty level (no husband present, with children under 18) **39%**
Households with Bachelor's Degree or Higher **33%**
Parents unemployed **7%**

EAGLE BROOKLYN Ocean Hill, Brooklyn

Families Below Poverty Level (with Children under 18) **28%**
Female Householders below poverty level (no husband present, with children under 18) **43%**
Households with Bachelor's Degree or Higher **11%**
Parents unemployed **14%**

EAGLE BRONX East Tremont, Bronx

Families Below Poverty Level (with Children under 18) **47%**
Female Householders below poverty level (no husband present, with children under 18) **56%**
Households with Bachelor's Degree or Higher **13%**
Parents unemployed **12%**

*Ranking by Precinct Crime Rate (74 total precincts) **7th**



*Ranking by Precinct Crime Rate (74 total Precincts) **2nd**

EAGLE ACADEMY FOUNDATION MISSION & TIMELINE

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

Eagle Academy Foundation Eagle Academy Ocean Hill



2004 2005 2008 2010 2012 2013 2014 2016



Eagle Academy Bronx



Eagle Academy Southeast Queens

Eagle Academy Newark



Eagle Academy Staten Island



Eagle Academy Institute Launch



KEYNOTE SPEAKER SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON, 2016 AWARDS BREAKFAST

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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, 2012 AWARDS BREAKFAST





THE BIG WIN

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 \$1billion.

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.



"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





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