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WINNING FUTURES SALUTES AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS

Winning Futures is celebrating **AmeriCorps** this month by saluting all the hard work **AmeriCorps** volunteers do for organizations like ours – especially our own **AmeriCorps** volunteers **Erin Crouch** and **Jamie Vassel!**



Erin joined Winning Futures last summer and has truly become a part of our family. She assists our program facilitators in the classroom, has led college prep seminars for our students, and provides invaluable program support in the office.



Jamie is an **AmeriCorps VISTA** (Volunteer In Service To America) with the **Michigan Non Profit Civic Engagement Team**. She is currently serving her second term as a VISTA at **Davenport University** in Warren and Livonia along with providing invaluable program support for Winning Futures.



Did you know... that 90% of winning Futures students continue their education beyond high school?



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the party.

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One-time mentors are needed on Wednesday 2:25-3:30pm now until mid-July at **Jalen Rose Leadership Academy** (in Detroit near Southfield). You can sign-up for one session (or more) by clicking [here](#).

When you share this post on your social media sites by April 3rd, we will enter your name in our prize raffle on April 5th at our Opening Day Party. Just e-mail brad@winningfutures.org a screenshot of your post (by pressing your "Print Screen" button and pasting the screenshot into the body of your e-mail) for verification! We will let you know if you win a prize (iPad Mini is first place).



Winning Futures Celebrates MSHOF Inductees

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Winning Futures' program partner the **Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF)** inducted its class of 2013 recently and we were there to help celebrate!

Sports greats such as **FS Detroit** broadcaster and former **Detroit Piston** and **Michigan State University** basketball star **Mateen Cleaves** was among the inductees that also included **Lions** tackle **Lomas Brown** and **Red Wings** defenseman **Mark Howe**. Several of the sports legends also filmed commercials for Winning Futures with our students. These will air later this year.

Winning Futures thanks **MSHOF** for supporting our program and helping to spread the word about the benefits of mentoring. More joint initiatives will be launched in the future, so keep posted for updates soon.

Alumni Corner: Zeraldin Poturak

Q: When did you graduate from High School and Winning Futures?

A: I graduated from **Warren Mott High School** in 2002. Also, I mentored for Winning Futures after graduating from high school for one term.

Q: What did you do after high school?

A: After high school I found a job to support my career goal. I worked at **Basha Diagnostics**, a radiology clinic, as a driver through college. In fall of 2002 I began my studies at **Wayne State University**. I chose a degree in chemistry. I graduated from WSU in December of 2006.

Q: What line of work did you go into?

A: After I graduated from WSU I began a job at WSU in the department of pediatric neurology as a research assistant. I worked there for 18 months and found another career opportunity as a chemistry technician at **Terumo**

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Cardiovascular Systems in Tustin, California. After a year the company relocated to Ann Arbor, MI.

In 2011 I decided to open a trucking business. Recently I expanded the business and acquired a broker license. The business is steadily growing. However, my career goal is to work in the medical field because I enjoy working with patients in a hospital setting. Now, with the income from my business I am pursuing a career in health care. Currently I am applying to a physician's assistant program. I also work as a Laboratory Support Technician in **Oakwood Annapolis Hospital** in Wayne, MI. There I am getting my patient contact hours which will help me with admission into the physician assistant program.

Q: Do you have anything you would like to say about your experience in the Winning Futures program?

A: I am very fortunate to have had Winning Futures at my high school. This program teaches students about responsibility and having a positive attitude. It is a great program for motivation and career building. This program is great because it gives you opportunities to think about a career and helps you outline the steps needed to succeed.