

University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Outreach Council
Activities Supported at Partner Schools for 2008/ 2009 School Year
2008 - 2009

President's Vision:

To provide enriched educational, health, and career experiences and opportunities for community children through a coordinated partnership of UMB with local partner schools.

Partner Schools:

- ◆ George Washington Elementary School (GWES)
- ◆ Diggs Johnson Middle School (DJMS) and
- ◆ Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA)

Ongoing Activities (for the 2008/ 2009 School Year):

- **Coordinating Council Participation** – UMB representative (Brian Sturdivant) participates in monthly meetings of Coordinating Council at each partner school.
- **School Improvement Teams/ Family Engagement** – UMB representatives participate in School Improvement Teams and Family Engagement Subcommittees. At GWES, UMB representatives include (Jessica Mott, Marjorie Buchanan, and Brian Sturdivant) and at DJMS, UMB representatives include Fred Strieder and Brian Sturdivant.
- **PTA Support** – UMB representatives (Fred Strieder and Brian Sturdivant) participate in meetings. Job vacancy postings are provided to each partner school.
- **Support for Summer Research Program** – President Ramsay sponsors this program, lead by Dr. Jordan Warnick, School of Medicine. This is a 6-8 week summer research program for VTTMAA students. The UMB Outreach Council assisted in recruiting mentors and supported life-skills training workshops for participants. Brian Sturdivant presented information on the Summer Research Program to Parents involved at VTTMAA.
- **Mental Health Services** – The School of Social Work's Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS) provides mental health interventions for non-special education students at GWES (effective Spring, 2008).
- **Mental Health Support** – The School of Medicine's Center for School Mental Health supports DJMS's in-school suspension program by providing weekly interventions for suspended students beginning November, 2008.
- **Breathmobile** - The School of Medicine's Breathmobile (mobile asthma clinic) visits GWES providing prevention and education services and screenings.
- **A Bridge to Academic Excellence (ABAE) Tutoring** – Sponsored by the School of Pharmacy, this Saturday morning program offers tutoring (and transportation to UMB) for VTTMAA and other students. Volunteer tutors are UMB students from across the campus.

- **Science Support** - School of Medicine's Youth Science Engagement Program (Brandi Knight) provides services to get children excited about science at GWES.
- **Science Fair Support** – Dr. Mimi Blitzer, School of Medicine, lead volunteer faculty, staff and students in support of DJMS science fair projects, weekly from December 2008-January, 2009. Brian Sturdivant, External Affairs, assisted with the judging of the Science Fair projects.
- **Schweitzer Fellows Program** – Schweitzer Fellows meet with 15-20 GWES students to discuss nutrition, oral health education, and tobacco prevention. The program consists of 8 two-hour sessions once per week winter, 2009.
- **CLUB UMB Pilot Program Begins!** – UMB Outreach Council implements pilot at GWES and DJMS serving 4th and 7th grade students in weekly after-school program supported by UMB volunteer mentors (faculty, students and staff). Topics include college and career and health and science activities.

Special Events (for the 2008/ 2009 School Year)

- **Career Exploration** - UMB faculty, students and staff provided campus tours and presentations on careers for approximately 40 students attending VTTMAA during the summer of 2008.
- **School Spruce-Up Day** – Approximately 15 students from the School of Medicine participated in preparing to open DJMS on August 23, 2008.
- **Open House Participation** - UMB staff participated in Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy Open House for incoming freshmen and their parents on August 11, 2008.
- **Back to School Sleepover** – School of Medicine students presented brief science demonstrations for DJMS students participating in back to school sleepover for young boys on September 19, 2008.
- **Engage Tutors Program** – Students from the UMB campus volunteered time on Saturdays (Fall 2008) to tutor VTTMAA high school students in preparation for the High School Assessment Tests in the areas of Algebra, Biology, English and American Government.
- **Green Thumb Project** – School of Nursing students under the supervision of Marjorie Buchanan worked with GWES students to clean and re-plant a “pocket park” in Washington Village, one block away from the elementary school on October 17, 2008.
- **Health Education @ Parent Night** - The School of Medicine's Statewide Health Network (Darlene Macon) gave a nutrition and diabetes presentation for parents attending a team building exercise as part of DJMS's Parent Teacher Association on October 24, 2008.
- **Halloween Haunted House** – Approximately 15 UMB staff volunteers participated in GWES's Haunted House Halloween celebration on October 31, 2008.
- **Presentation to Counselors** – On November 13, 2008, Shanna Borell presented as part of a panel of VTTMAA partners, to guidance counselors from Baltimore City middle schools.

This was part of an effort to promote VTTMAA as a school of choice for middle school students.

- **Fall Food Festival** – UMB faculty and staff (Dawn Roberts and Dr. Henderson) collected canned goods donations for VTTMAA’s Fall Food Festival.
- **Safety Patrols/ Award Assembly** - Chief Cleveland Barnes and Corporal William Griffin of the UMB Police Force discussed school safety and performed “swearing in” ceremony of the school safety patrol at GWES on November 13, 2008.
- **Career Exploration** – UMB faculty, students and staff briefed GWES students on careers in medicine, law, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry and social work on November 19, 2009.
- **Student Uniforms** – The Office of External Affairs collected over \$500 to support student uniforms at DJMS in December, 2008.
- **Urban Art Exhibit** – UMB Health Science / Human Services Library hosted an Urban Art Exhibit coordinated by Gail Kromah in the Weiss Gallery featuring the artwork of DJMS students inspired by Keith Haring. Over 50 UMB faculty, students and staff visited the Gallery during the two week exhibit and participated in, along with DJMS students, teachers, and families, an opening reception on January 9, 2009 and a closing reception and auction on January 23, 2009. The auction generated \$1,300 for DJMS.
- **Dental Screenings** - Dental School “Give Kids a Smile” program provided 60 children from GWES ranged follow-up care as necessary on February 6, 2009.
- **Donation** – Dr. Kimberly Henderson coordinated a donation from the University of Maryland Statewide Health Network. The donation included giveaway items (water bottles and bags) for students involved in CLUB UMB (April, 2009).
- **Advocacy for Community Schools** – Brian Sturdivant (OEA) & Jessica Mott (SSW) participated in a site visit whereby Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon visited George Washington Elementary School on April 21st, 2009. The UMB representatives discussed UMB resources shared with GWES through their Community School initiative.
- **University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy Leadership Boot Camp** – consists of activities that will develop leadership skills, communication skills, and increase knowledge that will be useful in health care professions, coordinated by Pharmacy student Andrew York, sponsored by Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS), the Pharmacy Leadership Society held May 23, 2009.
- **Campus Tour for Diggs Johnson Faculty** – faculty from Diggs Johnson Middle School toured the UMB campus on June 17, 2009 as part of a professional development activity requested by principal, Esther Wallace. The purpose of the tour was to expose the teachers to the same elements of the UMB campus that we expose their students to so that they can make suggestions, create lessons relating to the tour, etc.
- **DJMS Career Exploration exercise** – Deidre Parsons and Belzora Joppy (DMRT), Filicite Chiang (SON), Charlene Carroll (Dental Hygiene), Katie O’Malley and Leila Ashkeboussi spoke to students enrolled in DJMS summer school programs about their respective careers on July 7, 2009.

- **DJMS Health Presentations** – Ashley Rock (IHV), Ellen Rosen McGill, Dr. Maura Mulloy and Jason Quarantillo (CSMH) presented to DJMS summer school students about reproductive health issues on July 9, 2009.
- **DJMS Summer School Barbecue** - Family Engagement WG members (also Brian Sturdivant, Barbara Klein, Emily Hovermale) attended Diggs Johnson Middle School family Barbecue for their summer school program to meet parents and promote CLUB UMB on July 17th.

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