

# Mark your calendars for these BRMA upcoming events!



**JUNE 1** Merritt Mill Road Clean Up (Make-up)  
Lincoln Center  
10:00 am-12:30 pm

**JUNE 2** Graduation and End of Year Celebration  
Carrboro High School  
2:00-4:00 pm

**JUNE 8** Faithful Farms Service Project  
1032 Ferguson Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
2:00-4:00 pm

**JUNE 15** High School Graduation  
Dean E. Smith Center  
9:00 am-6:00 pm

**JUNE 16** Juneteenth Celebration  
Hargraves Community Center  
2:00-6:00 pm

**JUNE 29** YLI Camp for Current High School Scholars (Day 1)  
Lincoln Center  
10:00 am-5:00 pm

**JUNE 30** YLI Camp for Current High School Scholars (Day 2)  
Lincoln Center  
10:00 am-5:00 pm

## Commemorating Juneteenth



Did you know that not all slaves were emancipated at the same time? Although on January 1, 1863, all enslaved people in Confederate States were declared legally free through the Emancipation Proclamation, places under Confederate control, like the westernmost Confederate state of Texas, were not freed until much later. **Juneteenth (June 19, 1865)** celebrates the day that Union Troop arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to free more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, by executive decree. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times and is recognized as our country's second Independence Day. **Juneteenth** reminds us of what we came through and what we can achieve. This month and every day is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the meaning and manifestation of freedom in our country. Join the community for the annual Juneteenth Celebration on **Sunday, June 16 at Hargraves Community Center.**

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## FaithFull Farms Service Project June 8 at 2: 00 PM-4:00 PM

Join us for a community service project on **Saturday, June 8th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at FaithFull Farms.** FaithFull Farms is a Black-owned farm in Chapel Hill at 1032 Ferguson Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516! We will get a tour of the farm and have an opportunity to learn about food sustainability and plant some seeds. It is a great opportunity to learn about enjoy the sunshine and give back to the community! Scholars should plan to meet us at FaithFull Farms between 1:30-2:00 p.m.



Please let us know if you plan to attend using the **form here**.

## Museum of Life & Science Field Trip

Blue Ribbon **rising 4th through 8th grade scholars** are invited to join us for a summer field trip to the **Museum of Life & Science on July 27 from 10:00pm-4:00pm.** We will depart from **Lincoln Center at 9:00 a.m.** Click **HERE** to let us know if you plan to attend!

DREAM FIELD TRIP TO  
**MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

JULY 27TH, 2024. PLEASE MEET AT LINCOLN CENTER AT 8:45AM

Contact Fatima at  
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(919) 408-7250 with questions

RSVP at  
<https://forms.gle/hraxzfc8Tvr6Hxq58>

# May Recap



Although May flew by fast, we hold onto the milestones and moments from last month. We spent much of our time in the community and celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors.

Last month, we took a group of scholars and mentors to see the Lion King musical at DPAC. This fast-paced, colorful musical captivated both scholars and mentors. For many of our scholars, this was their first live off-broadway show. For others who take theatre classes at their schools, they were able to put themselves in the performers' shoes. Our scholars and mentors were amazed by the musical performances, stage props, and transitions that brought a classic 90s animated film to life!

Level UP partnered with the Town of Chapel Hill at Hargraves Community Center to host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Twenty-one young men participated in this event and enjoyed connecting with their peers through their love for basketball. Level UP continues to be a supportive space for young men of color to receive additional layers of academic, social, cultural, and enrichment support. We're always inviting and encouraging new scholars to join. Anyone interested can sign up [here](#).

Blue Ribbon is proud to announce that we have 15 graduating scholars this year. Each of our scholars has excelled uniquely and received recognition for scholarships and honors they were awarded at the school's awards ceremony. We will continue the festivities and celebrate our graduating scholars at our annual End of Year Celebration!

The most exciting moment for our team this month was mentor matching (yay!). We say this often because it's true —mentors are the heartbeat of our program! With mentors, we can match scholars to mentor advocates with whom they form lifelong friendships. Last month, we matched 11 scholars with new mentors and started making introductions. Mentor recruitment and matching bring us so much joy because of their impact on our scholars.

This newsletter is our last update for the school year. Although we won't be emailing updates over the summer, we encourage you to stay connected to Blue Ribbon this summer over social media. You can find us on Instagram at [@blueribbonmentors](#). We'll share updates and photos from YLI Camp and summer service projects. Stay tuned!



# \*New\* Summer Camp Opportunities

- **Camp Ignite** - This is a **FREE** all Girls camp with the intention of allowing young women to develop fire service and life skills, in a controlled low stress, enjoyable setting with others just like them. This opportunity is available to young women in grades 8-12. The camp will be held on **June 24-27 from 8:00am - 5:00pm at Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill Fire Training Center at Fire Station 4**. For more information and to apply click [here](#).
- **Grow Your World Summer Camp Counselor Positions** - Youth **ages 16-24** looking for a summer job, this opportunity is for you! This camp is dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth to learn, grow, and have fun. It will balance mental, emotional and physical enrichment throughout each day and week. The camp will be held on July 1 - July 26, 11:30am-5:00pm. To apply click [here](#).
- **Elementary Art & Smoothies Week** - Orange County 4-H is offering students in grades K-5 to join them for fun art activities while making some tasty and healthy smoothies. Dates available include **July 1 and July 3**. The art activity and smoothie will be different each day. For more information and to apply click [here](#).
- **Wildlife Camp** - Wildlife Camp will take **rising 6th-8th graders** to the the NC Zoo, participate in the Hunter Safety Course, get up close with animals, learn about wildlife conservation and biodiversity. and engage in creature-related activities! Spots are limited, so **apply today!** The application deadline is **July 15**. The cost of this camp is **\$60 (not including lunch)**. Camp will be offered on **August 6-9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Camp Intervention Volunteer Opportunity** - High school scholars sign up to serve as a Leadership Intern Volunteer this summer! As a volunteer you would be responsible for being a group leader for elementary students attending Camp Invention and earn up to 40 Community Service Hours. **Please complete this short form** if you're interested in volunteering at Camp Intervention **June 24-28, 2024 and/or July 8-12, 2024 at Mary Scroggs Elementary School between 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** For questions or more information, contact **Shelby White** at [shelbywhite@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:shelbywhite@chccs.k12.nc.us).