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DEAR STRIVE FAMILY.

MAYA ANGELOU ONCE SAID, "DO THE BEST YOU CAN UNTIL YOU KNOW BETTER. THEN, WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER, DO BETTER." THIS QUOTE CLEARLY ARTICULATES THE IMPORTANCE OF "RESILIENCY THROUGH REFLECTION." OUR 2021 STRIVE YEAR IN REVIEW THEME.

AS WE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK BACK INTO THE PAST YEAR AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF OUR ORGANIZATION, OUR VISION REMAINS CLEAR AND NECESSARY. WE ARE DEVOTED TO SPREADING THE POWER OF CHARACTER-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP BY CONTINUING TO ALWAYS BE THE FIRST TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR, EMBRACE OUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND MAKE CHANGES TO DO BETTER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS. IT IS WITH THIS COMMITMENT TO SELF-REFLECTION THAT STRIVE CONTINUES TO REDEFINE LEADERSHIP FROM YEAR TO YEAR FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS.

YES, 2021 MARKED OUR ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY. IT HAS BEEN 25 YEARS SINCE OUR FOUNDER, KEVIN MORGAN AND CO-FOUNDERS, JEREMY EDWARDS AND KEVIN SMALL SERVED AS PIONEERS IN IDENTIFYING THE NEED TO INTENTIONALLY TEACH CORE LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO YOUNG LEADERS. THEIR DECISION TO TAKE ACTION IN 1996 WITH THE CREATION OF SPORTS CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY REMAINS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE VARIOUS WAYS THAT WE STRIVE TODAY, IMPACTING YOUNG LEADERS IN SPORT, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. IN KEVIN'S WORDS, "WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG LEADERS TO FIND THE BEST IN THEMSELVES SO THEY CAN INSPIRE THE BEST IN THOSE AROUND THEM."

I AM PROUD TO SHARE THAT, IN TRUE STRIVE FASHION, OUR ORGANIZATION EMBRACED THE CHALLENGING TRANSITION FROM A PANDEMIC RIDDEN 2020 INTO A PRODUCTIVE AND HEALING 2021. OUR STRIVE EFFORT DIRECTLY IMPACTED 1,836 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS WITH A 90% INCREASE IN IMPLEMENTATION HOURS. ALSO, 90% OF THIS WORK WAS SUBSIDIZED OR PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS, FOUNDATIONS, AND DELAWARE STATE FUNDING. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR BENEFACTORS!

MOVING FORWARD TO 2022 WE ARE EAGER TO CONTINUE TO PLACE ANCHORS IN THE LEADERSHIP GROUND, AS OUR WORK IS JUST AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS IN 1996. WE WILL FOCUS OUR TIME AND ATTENTION ON BUILDING OUT OUR NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN

WITH AN IMMEDIATE FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING THREE AREAS:

- PEOPLE: CONTINUE TO BUILD CAPACITY THROUGH OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY. EQUITY AND INCLUSION AND INVESTING IN OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES.
- PURPOSE: CONTINUE TO STAY MISSION DRIVEN AS WE STANDARDIZE AND REFOCUS OUR OFFERINGS IN SPORT, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- PERFORMANCE: CONTINUE TO TRACK OUR PROGRESS AND IMPACT THROUGH A VARIETY OF METRICS.



ON BEHALF OF OUR STRIVE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER MAKING AN END-OF-YEAR DONATION AS WE JOURNEY ON. AS YOU ALL KNOW WELL, OUR TANKS ARE COMPLETELY FULL WHEN SHARING OUR PASSION FOR CHARACTER-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP IN DELAWARE AND BEYOND.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT AT ANY TIME TO CONNECT AND JOIN US IN OUR MISSION!

STRIVE ON,

Belle Koclanes

BELLE KOCLANES PRESIDENT



CELEBRATING





YEARS IN LEADERSHIP



WHO WE ARE

VISION

TO SPREAD THE POWER OF CHARACTER-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP

CORE VALUES

AT STRIVE WE STAND FOR THE **FOLLOWING VALUES:**

- KNOW THYSELF
- BRUSH IT OFF AND GROW
- BE FAIR AND HONEST
- CHOOSE LAUGHTER
- STICK WITH IT
- FIND THE BEST IN YOURSELF SO YOU CAN INSPIRE THE BEST IN THOSE AROUND YOU



RESILIENCY THROUGH REFLECTION

WE AT STRIVE UNDERSTAND CHARACTER-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP AS THE PROCESS OF CONNECTING TO YOUR OWN GENUINE POWER AND INTERNAL CORE VALUES, IN ORDER TO LEAD. 2021 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF LOOKING WITHIN, REFLECTING ON WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO LEAD IN THE SPACES WE WORK.

OVER 43

SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATED IN STRIVE'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

1,836



STUDENTS, ATHLETES, EDUCATORS, COACHES AND MENTORS PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2021 PROGRAMMING

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90%

OF PROGRAMMING WAS SUBBSIDIZED OR FREE IN 2021





1,114 HOURS

OF PROGRAMMING IMPLEMENTATION





90%

IN PROGRAMMING IMPLEMENTATION FROM 2020

LEADING IN 2021

AS THE WORLD PRESENTED US WITH NEW OBSTACLES AND OPPORTUNITIES WE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR WORK WOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY ADAPTING. THROUGH PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIPS IN SPORTS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SPACES WE RESPONDED TO THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF EACH OF THESE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTS.



PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

STARTING WITH SPORTS CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN 1996, STRIVE ESTABLISHED DEEP ROOTS IN SPORTS. WITH THE MISSION OF SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES TO DEVELOP SKILLS FOR SPORTS AND SKILLS FOR LIFE, THE LESSONS OF SPORTS CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GREATLY INFLUENCED THE PROGRAMMING WE DELIVERED IN 2021. FROM STRENGTHENING ALLIANCES, TO FREE 100% STRIVE LED COACHES CERTIFICATION SESSIONS, OUR 2021 SPORTS PROGRAMMING PRIORITIZED THE NEEDS OF THE COACHES AND ATHLETES WE SERVE.



COACH & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

IN 2020 STRIVE ALONG WITH SIX OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, LAUNCHED THE DELAWARE ATHLETIC ALLIANCE TO DEVELOP, SUPPORT, AND ADVOCATE FOR DELAWARE'S SPORTS BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SECTOR TO ENSURE YOUTH HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY SPORTS PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT K-12 EDUCATION. IN 2021 STRIVE CONDUCTED THE ALLIANCE'S FIRST EVER COACHES TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED 12 HOURS OF STRIVE-LED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS.



STRIVE'S COACHES TRAINING TAUGHT ME
HOW TO PREPARE MY ATHLETES TO
IDENTIFY RISK. I WOULD RECOMMEND
THIS TRAINING TO MY COLLEAGUES



- PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

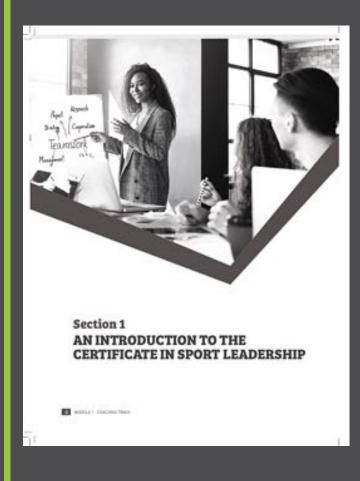
SPORTS

COACH & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR STRIVE PARTNERED WITH THE SPORT INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTER, THE SCHOOL OF SPORT, TOURISM, AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AND PHILADELPHIA YOUTH SPORTS COLLABORATION TO LAUNCH THE CERTIFICATE IN SPORT COACHING LEADERSHIP - COACHING TRACK. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS PHILADELPHIA'S YOUTH COACHES TO COMPLETE THE 4-PART COACHES CERTIFICATION FOR FREE.

2 IN 2021

5 O PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATE





SPORTS

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

THROUGHOUT 2021 STRIVE HELD **VIRTUAL** AND **RECORDED** LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES AND COACHES. OUR FOCUS WAS TO **SUPPORT PROGRAMS** IN ADDRESSING THE **SPECIFIC NEEDS** THAT AROSE AS THEY **RETURNED TO PLAY** IN 2021.

100%

OF PARTICIPANTS

AGREE THAT STRIVE'S

COACHES TRAINING

IMPROVED THEIR

KNOWLEDGE OF THE

KEY COMPONENTS OF

SUCCESFUL

TEAM CULTURE





IN SEPARATE **PARTNERSHIPS** WITH THREE DIVISION III COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCES STRIVE DELIVERED VIRTUAL **CONFERENCE-WIDE** LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS. OUR **SESSIONS COVERED TOPICS SUCH AS** CULTURE. **MOTIVATION AND** ENERGY.

WE FACILITATED AT THE
BALTIMORE RAVENS
L.I.F.T PROGRAM WHICH
EMPOWERS FEMALE
IDENTIFYING
ATHLETES TO HARNESS
AND DEVELOP THEIR
LEADERSHIP SKILLS BOTH
ON AND OFF THE FIELD





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FROM STRIVE I LEARNED THAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL MAKING MISTAKES BUT YOU CAN CONTROL WHETHER YOU LEARN FROM THEM

- PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

99

EDUCATION

2021 PROVIDED US ALL WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF OUR EDUCATORS. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A SEVERE TEACHER SHORTAGE WITH 30,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS GIVING NOTICE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021 ALONE (US LABOR DEPARTMENT, 2021).



71%

OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS NAMED SOCIAL EMOTIONAL STRATEGIES SUCH AS THOSE TO KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED AND MOTIVATED AS A MAJOR OR MODERATE NEED

*CENTER ON REINVENTING PUBLIC EDUCATION, 2020

AS A RESPONSE TO THESE STATISTICS, WE PRIORITIZED DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMMING IN 2021. IT WAS OUR FOCUS TO REDUCED OR COMPLETELY ERASED ANY TEACHER AND SCHOOL STAFF LIFT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AS THEY DEVELOP SKILLS THAT ARE MOST TIED TO FUTURE SUCCESS.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM & PROGRAMMING

AS 2021 PRESENTED US WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, WE WORKED ALONGSIDE INCREDIBLE PARTNERS TO PRIORITIZE THE STUDENTS THEY SERVE. WE OFFERED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF AS WELL AS DIRECT IMPLEMENTION OUR CURRICULUM TO STUDENTS.

93% OF PARTICIPANTS

WERE CONFIDENT IN THEIR
ABILITY TO CREATE AN
EMOTIONALLY SAFE
CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT
AFTER OUR CURRICULUM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT





HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, OUR 2021 PROGRAMMING SET OUT TO IMPACT AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE TO CONNECT THEM TO THE CHARACTER-DRIVEN LEADER WITHIN THEMSELVES. FROM WORK BASED LEARNING TO FULL YEAR STRIVE LEADERSHIP CLASS AT SUSSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL WE SAW IMMENSE GROWTH IN OUR PARTNERS AND THEIR STUDENTS.



245

FRESHMAN STUDENTS
WILL HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE
STRIVE LEADERSHIP
CLASS BY JUNE 2022

90

MINUTE BI-WEEKLY CLASSES FOCUSED ON EMPATHY, PROBLEM SOLVING AND MORE



72%

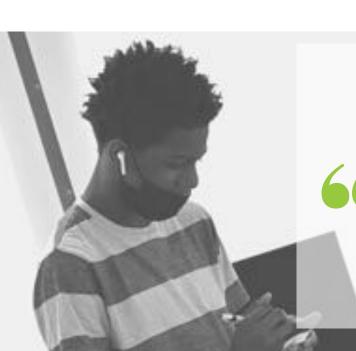
OF STUDENTS

WOULD

RECOMMEND

STRIVE CLASS

TO A FRIEND



STRIVE BROUGHT

ME AND MY

CLASSMATES

TOGETHER

MORE THAN ANY

OTHER CLASS HAS

- PROGRAM PARTICIPANT





OUR ORIGINAL LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM YIELDED RESULTS THAT LASTED FAR BEYOND THE FIELD AND COURT. IN 2021 OUR LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS CONTINUED TO PRODUCE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. STRIVE UTILIZED STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACHES GROUNDED IN OUR GRIT AND MOTIVATION LEADERSHIP MODULES TO SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS AS THEY CREATED INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO ENGAGE THEIR YOUTH.



100%

OF PARTICIPANTS STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEIR STRIVE TRAINING WAS IMPORTANT TO THEIR WORK AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

IN 2021 OUR PARTNERS WERE ADAPTING THEIR PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE. THEREFORE, WE WORKED AT THE GROUND LEVEL, DIRECTLY WITH TEENS PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE AS WELL AS OFFERING CONSULTATION AT THE PROGRAMMATIC DESIGN LEVEL. OUR DIRECT SERVICE INCLUDED A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TEEN WAREHOUSE AND BUCCINI POLLIN GROUP IN WHICH WE PROVIDED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO TEENS INTERESTED IN HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY ARTS.



92%

SURVEYED EXECUTIVES SAY SKILLS
SUCH AS PROBLEM-SOLVING AND
COMMUNICATION ARE EQUAL TO
OR MORE IMPORTANT THAN
TECHNICAL SKILLS

*THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, 2016

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GROWTH IN MYSELF AND
MY CAMPERS AS A
RESULT OF
STRIVE'S TRAINING.
COMMUNICATION
AND FEEDBACK
SESSIONS ARE HELPFUL
FOR US ALL!

- PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

99

WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

THE TEEN WAREHOUSE'S REACHING AND INVESTING IN YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT (R.I.S.E.) PROGRAM PROVIDED TEENS WITH EMPLOYMENT AT VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS THROUGHOUT WILMINGTON. STRIVE'S INSTRUCTION FOCUSED ON THE CRUCIAL 21ST CENTURY SKILLS SUCH AS COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

100%

OF R.I.S.E. PARTICIPANTS
RECEIVED JOB PLACEMENTS
IN THE CULINARY AND
HOSPITALITY FIELDS



THIS PROGRAM WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY FUNDING FROM DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. WE AT STRIVE ARE GRATEFUL FOR PARTNERS SUCH AS THESE AS WE CONTINUE IN THE EVER EVOLVING FIELD OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.





MIDDLE SCHOOLS & HIGH SCHOOLS

- THE CALHOUN SCHOOL FREIRE CHARTER
- CAPITAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
- CHARTER SCHOOL OF **NEW CASTLE**
- SCHOOL WILMINGTON
- NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON • THE CANNON SCHOOL
- POLYTECH HIGH SCHOOL
- SERVIAM

- SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL
- SUSSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
- TOWER HILL SCHOOL

COLLEGES. UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCES

- NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE
- NORTHEAST-10 CONFERENCE
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY
 PURDUE KRANNERT
- STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
- LANDMARK CONFERENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY BASED & YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS:

- ATHLETIC ALLIANCE
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION
 DUAL SCHOOL BUILDING
- CHRISTINA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
- CHRISTIANA CARE.
- CODE DIFFERENTLY **COMMUNITIES IN** SCHOOLS
- DELAWARE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
- DELAWARE FUTURES

- DELAWARE UNION
- FIRST STATE SQUASH
- GRAIL SPORTS
- HARLEM LACROSSE
- JOBS FOR DE GRADS
- LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
- LIVE LIKE BLAINE
- NERDIT NOW
- NETWORK CONNECT
- THE CHOIR SCHOOL OF **DELAWARE**

- NEWARK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
- PUBLIC ALLIES OF DELAWARE
- RAVENS LIFT CONFERENCE
- RODNEY STREET TENNIS
- SUMMER COLLAB
- THE TEEN WAREHOUSE
- UPWARD BOUND
- WAVE
- WILMINGTON YOUTH **ROWING ASSOCIATION**



INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE ONE DROP, TOGETHER WE ARE AN OCEAN - RYUNOSUKE SATORO

OUR MAJOR DONORS

LON CHARITABLE FUND

ALIXANDRA AND KEITH MORGAN FAMILY FUND

BACCHIERI FAMILY FOUNDATION.

ROBERT MCELDOWNEY JR **FAMILY FOUNDATION**

> STRUTHERS FAMILY **FOUNDATION**

> > BLACKROCK

ROCANELLI VEALE CHARITABLE FUND

STRIVE'S 6TH ANNUAL **VIRTUAL 5K SPONSORS**

PLATINUM:

GREAT STUFF SAVVY RESALE INDEPENDENCE WEALTH SERVICES THE COBB FAMILY THE ARENBERG FAMILY

GOLD.

GB HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REMODELING BIG FISH RESTAURANT GROUP

SILVER:

SNUFF MILL RESTAURANT THE PULSFORT FAMILY **NEXT PLAY SPORT** RYAN GOLDSTEIN THE BIBB FAMILY

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LOOKING TO 2022

AS WE EAGERLY PREPARE FOR 2022 OUR PLANS INCLUDE:

- IMPLEMENTING STRIVE'S COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, WHICH UTILIZES THE MOST RECENT RESEARCH TO BRING COACHES THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE TRAINING.
- CONTINUING TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS, SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES AS THEY WORK TO RESPOND TO THE IMPACTS OF THE
- COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- REVITALIZING OUR FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM, SPORTS CHALLENGE
- ELEVATING OUR CURRICULUM AND TRAINING BY CONNECTING WITH EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS TO ENSURE THAT DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ARE EMBEDDED IN EVERY FACET, FROM PROCESS TO PRODUCT
- REDESIGNING OUR WEBSITE TO SERVE AS A PLATFORM TO ACCESS OUR SERVICES AND COMMUNICATE CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE MARKETING MESSAGES.

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