

Good afternoon I am Joshua Green and I graduated from Mount de Sales Academy I participated in the afterschool, summer program and elite program from the 4th grade through the 11th grade. I won't tell you all the stereotypical first day story rather I'll tell you about my last day of camp. It was like any other morning I woke up got ready wore my elite job club attire, checked in with Mrs Eileen then headed to work. When I came back from work and I checked out I wasn't sad or crying even though this was my last day rather I was thankful. I was grateful that I had been apart of a program like this. I was happy to have been able to learn from teachers like Mr Harvey and Mrs Jackson. I felt truly honored to have been entrusted by Mrs Eileen to be apart of Elite. How could I have been sad knowing that this truly wasn't the final goodbye and that I would have a family for life in Next Level. This program taught me things that weren't taught in school such as abstinence, financial literacy, and black history. Although I didn't attend this past year to focus on school, athletics and most importantly college i received so much support and guidance from the staff Mr Harvey, Mrs Eileen and especially Mrs Jackson. Speaking of Mrs Jackson I want to give a special thanks from the bottom of my heart to you. The amount of dedication you give to ensuring the success of your students is truly remarkable not only academically but in life. Since the 6th grade you've recognized my potential and encouraged me to strive for more and here are so many lessons I've learned from you, and you've honestly been like a second mother to me. Especially throughout this senior year. I switched schools and majors At least 5 times and you were there each time offering information and support. I can't imagine how this year would've gone without your guidance and I'm truly thankful to you. I want to give my final thanks to my mother for putting me in this position. I've watched you work early in the morning and get off late in the afternoon and then come home and make a good steak. You are amazing and I owe all my success to you. I can't go off to college and make you proud. In the words of Tupac there's no way I can pay you back but the plan is to show you that i understand.