

VANGUARD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Vanguard Leadership Academy offers an immersive summer program designed for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.



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Vision Statement

Through transformative education, Vanguard Leadership Academy cultivates forward-thinking and compassionate leaders poised to create positive change within their communities and beyond

Mission Statement

We empower underserved students by equipping and inspiring them to reach their full potential.



WHO WE ARE



Vanguard Leadership Academy

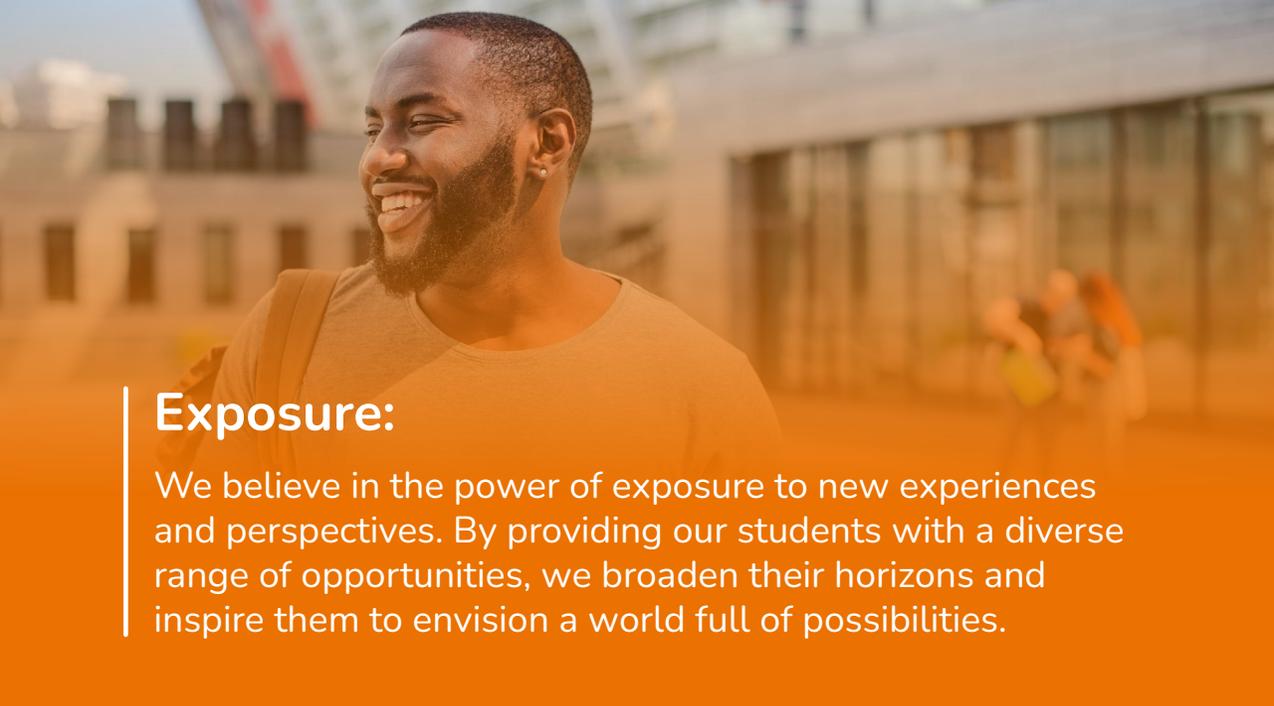
Vanguard Leadership Academy (VLA) is dedicated to making a lasting impact on the lives of high school students. Our mission is to propel underserved students to reach their highest potential and to provide learning and leadership opportunities to each student we serve. We firmly believe that every student deserves the chance to explore, learn, and grow, and we are committed to creating a nurturing environment that fosters their personal, academic, and professional development.



OUR APPROACH:

We achieve our mission through a multifaceted approach that revolves around four cornerstone principles: exposure, education, instilling confidence and creating community. By exposing our students to a diverse range of experiences and perspectives, we broaden their horizons and open their minds to new possibilities. Through inspirational and interactive educational programs and activities, we spark their curiosity and passion for learning, helping them discover their unique talents, interests and leadership capabilities.

We understand that learning and growth also require a strong foundation of self-belief and confidence. Therefore, we prioritize building self-assurance and resilience in our students. We encourage them to embrace challenges and setbacks as opportunities for growth, and we provide a supportive community that nurtures their sense of belonging and empowerment.



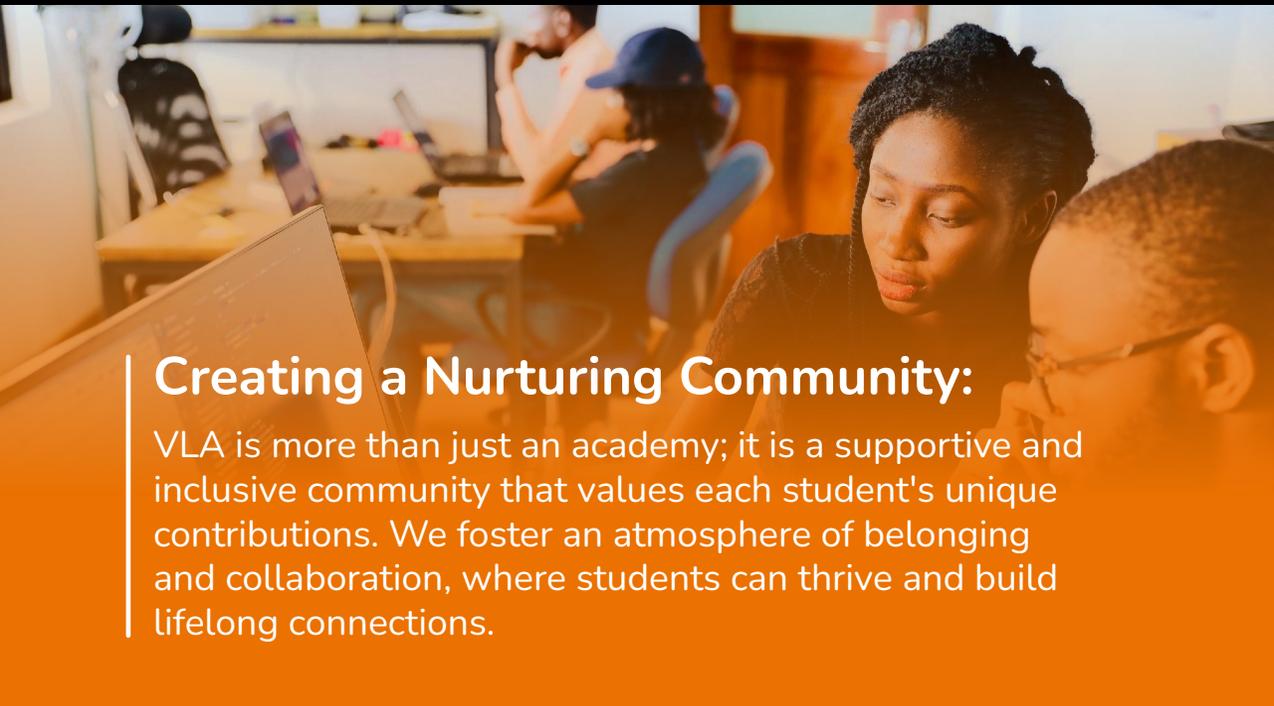
Exposure:

We believe in the power of exposure to new experiences and perspectives. By providing our students with a diverse range of opportunities, we broaden their horizons and inspire them to envision a world full of possibilities.



Education:

Through inspirational and interactive programs and activities, we ignite our students' curiosity and passion for learning. We empower them to discover their unique talents, interests, and leadership capabilities.



Creating a Nurturing Community:

VLA is more than just an academy; it is a supportive and inclusive community that values each student's unique contributions. We foster an atmosphere of belonging and collaboration, where students can thrive and build lifelong connections.



Instilling Confidence:

We recognize that learning and growth are fueled by self-belief and confidence. We prioritize building resilience in our students, encouraging them to embrace challenges and setbacks as stepping stones to personal growth.



INSPIRING HIGHEST POTENTIAL:

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Ultimately, our goal is to inspire each student to reach their highest potential. We empower them to dream big, set ambitious goals, and work tirelessly to achieve them. Whether their aspirations lead them towards higher education and/ or entrepreneurship, we equip them with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed to succeed.



TRANSFORMING LIVES:

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At VLA, we firmly believe that education has the power to transform lives. By providing learning and leadership opportunities to underserved high school students, we are sowing the seeds of positive change and creating a generation of empowered and visionary individuals. Together, we can build a brighter future, one student at a time. We believe in paying it forward and the transformative experience you have will allow you to then be an agent for transformation for your community and beyond.



WHO WE SERVE

Vanguard Leadership Academy understands the power of Community. It is not only what we teach our Vanguard Scholars, it is a part of the VLA Culture in how we work within our organization and partner with those we support and serve.

INVISIBLE STUDENTS

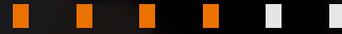
Public school systems have a difficult job of trying to meet the needs of the many students it serves. Ultimately, their resources focus on working with low performing students to bring them up to standard and supporting high performing students to reach their goals. VLA is that bridge to reach and support that invisible student who is in the middle, flying under the radar and needs support in order to reach their fullest potential

SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

We will help schools and social workers by becoming a reliable resource for providing support, training, and community to students our school systems are not able to fully support.

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES

The grassroots efforts of youth community programs to reach unsupported youth is a great way to identify needs, however they often are not able to consistently support the student. Vanguard will offer opportunity for Community Youth Advocates to refer their students to our program as an extension of their existing programs.



THE SUMMER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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VANGUARD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Summer 2024 Program Overview

The Vanguard Leadership Academy offers an enriching summer program for high school students. This four-week experience empowers students with essential skills and knowledge across various domains, preparing them for successful futures. Through engaging sessions and immersive activities, students will gain valuable insights and tools to excel in academics, leadership, and personal growth.

Program Overview:

The Summer Academy is a transformative experience designed to empower and equip students with valuable skills and insights. Our program is scheduled to take place from June 17 to July 12, 2024, providing participants with a unique opportunity for growth and self-discovery.

Weekly Commitment: Students accepted into the program are expected to dedicate 18 hours per week, with sessions scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Cohort Selection: Each year, we welcome up to 25 students into our cohort. This ensures a focused and personalized experience that fosters meaningful connections and collaborative learning. Our selection process is designed to assemble a diverse group of motivated individuals who are eager to embark on this journey of growth and development.



**VANGUARD LEADERSHIP
SUMMER ACADEMY**



Location: Atlanta, GA



Cost: Free (all students receive a scholarship to attend the academy)



Date: June 17, 2024 - July 12, 2024
Tues-Thursday 9:30am - 4:00pm.

Weekly Commitment: 18 hours (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays)
Application Submission Period: Annually from November to January
Decision Period: February to March each year
Cohort Capacity: Up to 25 students per year



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Students will receive instruction in the following topic areas:

- Test-Taking Skills
- Leadership Development
- Problem-Solving
- Positive Mindset
- Navigating Peer Pressure
- Anxiety and Stress Management

Group projects and homework assignments will be key components of the curriculum.



LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS

Participants will receive instruction in crucial areas such as Test-Taking Skills, Leadership Development, Problem-Solving Strategies, Cultivating a Positive Mindset, and Effectively Managing Stress and Peer Pressure.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GOAL SETTING

Students will explore the world of entrepreneurship, learning the foundations of becoming a successful entrepreneur. The curriculum includes mastering Toast Master Skills, setting and achieving goals, setting priorities, and making informed decisions.



INTERACTIVE GROUP PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The program incorporates group projects and homework assignments that encourage teamwork, critical thinking, and practical application of the skills learned.

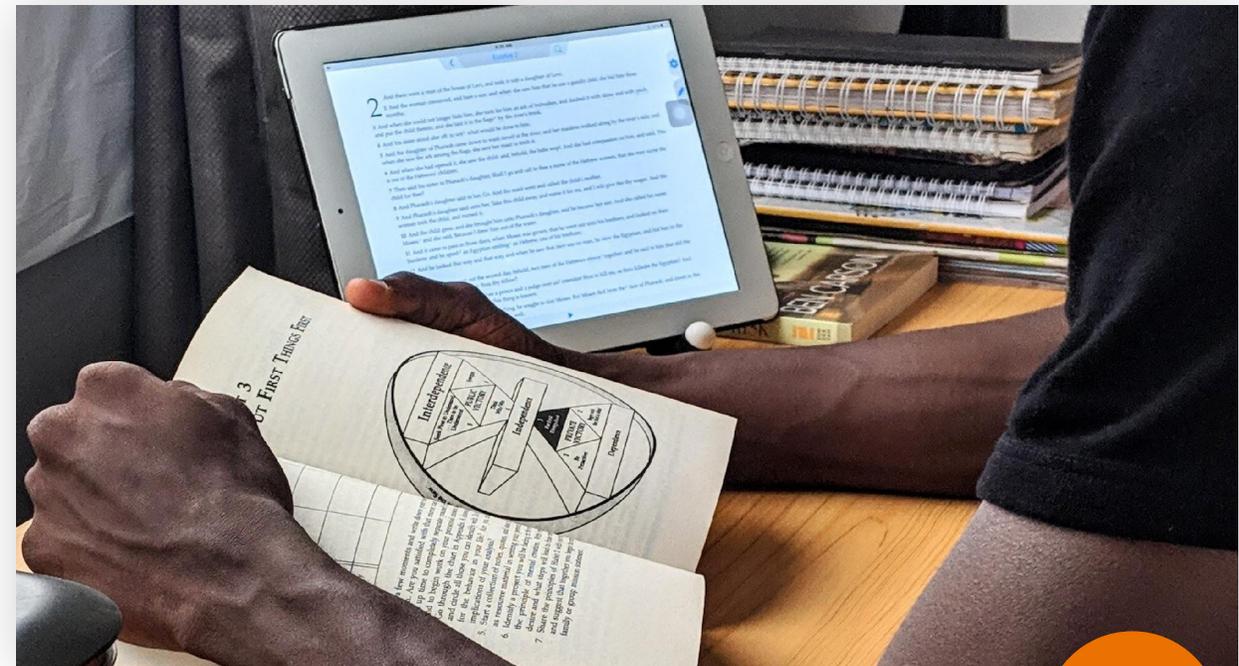
Application: Students can apply online during the application window November - January



PRE-ACADEMY PRIMER:

Pre Academy 4 Week nature Campaign

- Weekly messages from VLA Staff to ignite excitement about the 4 Weeks academy
- Personal Videos from Founders, Staff, Presenters and Volunteers
- Meet and Greet: Hosted by VLA



PROGRAM details

DAY ONE VIDEO

Week One: Self Awareness/Team Building -

- Program Days/Time: Tentatively 10am start time. Each week Wed, Thurs, Friday
- Lunch from 12 pm each day for 30 min
- Each day starts with Prayer with Staff & the VLA Pledge and Affirmations
- 2 - 15 min breaks throughout the day

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Day One:

- Icebreaker and Introductions
- The Vanguard Story: An interactive journey with Gino Brogdon, including video Q&A and reflections.
- Establish Teams and Discuss Team Charters

02

Day Two:

- Mindset Exploration with Elesha Curvey: Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset
- Find someone to tell their story, preferably a young person
- Mindset exercise/Arts therapy

03

Day Three:

- Team Building: Team Charter Development
- Team Building Exercising
- The Power of Connections: Networking and Building Relationships **
Storytelling

WEEK TWO

Goal Setting & Priorities

01

Day One: TIFFANY MCLYMORE

- Team Charter: Goal Setting
- Team Charter Exercise: Collaborative team goal-setting
- How goal setting impacts decision making. Good Decisions are achieved through good planning

02

Day Two:

- Crafting Your Personal Statement: Delve deep into your life legacy with clarity
- Toastmaster Skills Workshop: Learning how to speak up for yourself
- Toastmaster Storytelling

03

Day Three: PASTOR FRED TAYLOR

- Setting a Target
- Establishing a 5 year plan

WEEK THREE

Choose your Path

01

Day One: FELICIA MOMON & VINSY PINCKNEY, HILLIARD CASTILLA

- Entrepreneurship 101
- Entrepreneurship pivot – Shaun Quarterman
- Creating a Business Plan: Each team will start a business and write a business plan
- Failure is okay

02

Day Two: LINTON MOMON & DALE MEYERS

- Pathway to Freedom: Entrepreneurship
- Trade Path with Linton Momon
- Trade Path with Jason Fletcher

03

Day Three:

- College/Career Path Exploration
- College and Career Strategy: Order takers vs Decision makers
- Interactive Workshops: (Field trip or set up shop at VLA)
 - Design Path: Clothing Design (David Kennebrew)
 - Music Production Teddy Austin/ McLymore Productions
 - Culinary Path: Chef Mike

WEEK FOUR

SUCCESS BY DESIGN

Self Advocacy:

- Embrace your worth and confidently advocate for yourself

The Power of Connections:

- Concluding reflections and networking opportunities

This transformative journey through the Vanguard Leadership Academy is an opportunity for personal growth, skill development, and fostering lasting connections. Join us as we embark on a summer of empowerment, learning, and self-discovery.

For more details and updates, please visit www.vanguardlead.org.

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Day One: Hilliard Castilla: Test Taking Strategies

- Tips for Practical Success: In-class and Out-of-class strategies
- TEAM CHARTER: Skills, Knowledge, and Attitudes (SKA's)

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Day Two: Felicia Momon

- Personal Plan: Crafting SMART Goals
- SWOT Analysis: Assess barriers to meeting your Goals

03

Day Three: Elesha Curvey

- Taking Care of Self: 9 Dimensions of Self-Care, Financial Literacy(Derrick - Northwestern Mutual)
- Raising Your Hope Quotient - Page 37 and Page 31 (HQ) Felicia Hairston Momon

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

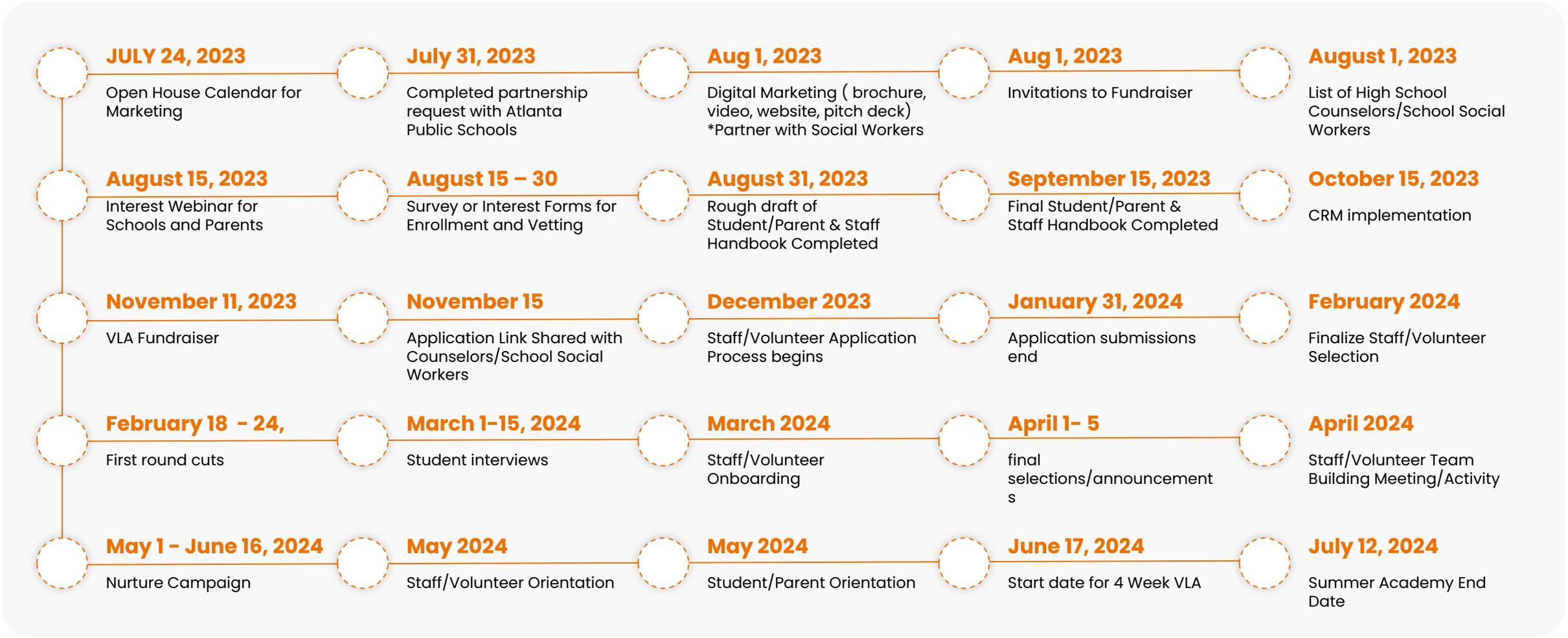


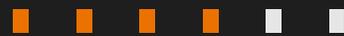
Volunteers will be recruited in all subject areas that will be taught in the Academy. To date we have volunteers that have been recruited in the areas of financial management, culinary, music production, college prep, test taking skills, self-awareness/mindfulness and entrepreneurship



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Projected Timeline





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