

The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education Presents

# GET TO KNOW THE

# W.E.B. DUBOIS ACADEMY



**ONE PRIDE.  
ONE BROTHERHOOD.**

## TO ENGAGE, ELIMINATE BARRIERS, AND EMPOWER EACH YOUNG MAN TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE.

FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 3:00 -4:30PM EST | [JOIN ZOOM MEETING](#)

The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education supports and facilitates education reform through its outstanding special programs and initiatives. Strong community partnerships are the heart of our success and serve as an inspiration for those who work diligently to provide a better education for our children. It is our mission to continue with transformation through collaboration by leading the discussion on education reform, policy research, and practice.



**MODERATOR:**

**Dr. Geneva Stark**  
*Director of the Nystrand  
Center of Excellence in  
Education*

The W.E.B. DuBois Academy is a new, innovative middle school in Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) opening during the 2018-19 school year. The DuBois Academy's inaugural class will consist of 157 sixth-grade students, and in subsequent years, it will grow to become a sixth-through eighth-grade school serving 450 students. Each student will receive a personal device (Chrome Book or iPad), and we will be a 1:1 school for technology.

The DuBois Academy is open to all male students and our innovative learning environment will offer an Afrocentric and multicultural curriculum that is both rigorous and engaging. While many schools focus on academic achievement as the sole measure of success, we believe both academic and social emotional excellence are needed to raise our young lions into the kings they were meant to become. We guarantee each student will demonstrate growth becoming more adept mathematicians, readers, writers, and speakers, while also becoming better role models, listeners, and leaders in their homes and communities.

The pedagogical practices of the DuBois Academy draw from evidence-based research and culturally responsive teaching to actively engage our students as they grow as learners and self-aware young men. The core tenets emphasize literacy, numeracy, social sciences, technology usage, and speaking a foreign language. In addition, we show P.R.I.D.E. by focusing on leadership attributes, such as perseverance, resilience, initiative, discipline and empathy.



PRINCIPAL ROBERT E. GUNN JR. BEGAN HIS TEACHING CAREER IN 2002 AS A TEACH FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBER IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. HE JOINED JCPS IN 2005 AS A SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT CONWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL. FOLLOWING SIX SUCCESSFUL YEARS AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER, HE WAS SELECTED TO SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT OLMSTED ACADEMY NORTH, A MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR MALES. NEXT, HE PROUDLY SERVED AS THE PRINCIPAL OF FOSTER TRADITIONAL ACADEMY AND BYCK ELEMENTARY PRIOR TO BEING NAMED THE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THE W.E.B. DUBOIS ACADEMY.

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