

# NLA BACKGROUND

- NLA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2014 ~ COHORT OF 2018
- FORMERLY KNOWN AS NICHOLS HONORS ACADEMY
- PROGRAM HAS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS - MORE RECENT EMPHASIS ON LEADERSHIP
- STRONG PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH NICHOLS COLLEGE...UNIQUE EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR BHS STUDENTS BEGINNING IN GRADE 9!

# WHAT IS THE NLA?

- A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH NICHOLS COLLEGE THAT INVOLVES STUDENTS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN PREPARING FOR COLLEGE AND WHO WILL COMMIT TO PERSONAL EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE.

# WHO IS AN IDEAL NLA CANDIDATE?

- A STUDENT THAT IS SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR LEARNING AND INTENDS TO PURSUE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.
- HAS EXHIBITED ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL.
- IS INTERESTED IN ENHANCING THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.
- IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
- IS INTERESTED IN BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BHS COMMUNITY AND POSITIVE ROLE MODEL TO THEIR PEERS.
- INTERESTED IN GETTING EARLY EXPOSURE TO A COLLEGE CAMPUS AND WORKING WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS AND STAFF.
- IS INTERESTED IN TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF A UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

# GRADES 9 & 10

- Formal Induction takes place at beginning of freshman year at Nichols College, students receive Nichols ID, access to library, sporting events, cultural events.
- Students visit Nichols College several times throughout the year for leadership focused events/ workshops.
- Community Involvement: During grades 9 & 10 students are required to perform a minimum of 10 hours of community service each year. Students are encouraged to participate in at least one extracurricular activity (music, art, sports, etc.) Participation in Academy events through Nichols College is required.
- Academics: In grades 9 & 10 students are encouraged to enroll in honors level or above for all core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies).

# GRADES 11 & 12

- CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON LEADERSHIP WITH DEEPER DISCUSSION AROUND FUTURE PLANNING AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS.
- STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SAME BENEFITS AT NICHOLS AS THE FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES.
- STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE COURSES THROUGH THE NICHOLS COLLEGE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM AT A DISCOUNTED RATE.

# GRADES 11 & 12 CONT.

- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMY EVENTS THROUGH NICHOLS COLLEGE IS REQUIRED.
- ACADEMICS: THROUGHOUT GRADES 11 & 12, ACADEMY STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE 2 HIGHER THAN HONORS LEVEL (COMBINATION OF : AP, NICHOLS ACCELERATOR OR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES) AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE HONORS LEVEL IN THEIR OTHER COURSES.
- ACADEMY STUDENTS MUST TAKE THE PSAT AND SAT EXAMS.

# BENEFITS OF NLA

- EARLY COLLEGE EXPOSURE.
- ACCELERATOR COURSES THAT WILL BE LISTED ON HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT...DEMONSTRATES COLLEGE READINESS TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS.
- EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY!
- STRENGTHEN YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.
- MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE HELPS STUDENTS PERSONALLY BUT ALSO IS VALUED IN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS.
- INCORPORATING ACADEMIC RIGOR, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE NLA PROVIDES A UNIQUE AND TRANSFORMING LEARNING EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL PREPARE AND BENEFIT ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR POST-SECONDARY ENDEAVORS AND THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS.