

After-School All-Stars DC

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# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On February 28, After-School All-Stars DC held our Black History Month Cook-Off Celebration at Hart Middle School!

Our middle school sites showed their culinary skills, choosing between Soul Food and African dishes. Judges-- experienced chefs in the industry-- assessed students on creative attire, teamwork, and meal knowledge.

## The Winners:

### **Stuart-Hobson Middle School**

(Prize: Griddle) Jeremiah, Symphani, Violet, Zuri, Rahim

### **Hart Middle School**

(Prize: Kitchen Utensils Set) De'ziya, Yannarra, Ziara, Re'niya, Zoey

### **Leckie Education Campus**

(Prize: \$100 Safeway Gift Card) Joziah, Megan, King, Sophia, Dashaun

### **Johnson Middle School**

(Prize: Cutting Boards and Apron) Delmar, Mazari, ZaNiyah, Asiya, Andre, Devynn



### Thanks to our judges:

Sean Adams (EYL 365 Project Cooking Teacher Artist), Stephon Burgess (IG: @chefgreaterpurpose), Cheron Reed Burns (of Rx Catering- DC Metro) and Christopher Kambou (of Grazie Nonna)!

# THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD BEGINS!

On January 30 and February 22, After-School All-Stars DC had our first Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meet-and-greets! Students from Leckie Education Campus, Johnson Middle School, McKinley Middle School, Stuart-Hobson Middle School and Hart Middle School met at All-Stars headquarters to talk about the Board.

The After-School All-Stars Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a select group of students, representing every program site, who are charged with providing guidance and youth voice on local program initiatives. The YAB will meet at least 16 times during the 2023-24 school year. Community Engagement and School Relations Manager Dominique McComb said, “The engagement was great, setting a positive tone for upcoming activities.”



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## GIVE THANKS!

Thanks to all the corporate partners and Board members who attended the discussion on Tuesday, February 20th with After School All-Stars DC including the President of the Youth Advisory Board, Sophia (8th grade student at Leckie), parents, teachers and advocates to learn how afterschool programming changes the life of students, advances academic success, promotes personal development, and how it addresses community needs.

For those of you that were unable to attend - you may view the discussion at the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/L-EyQf1xsb4>

An executive summary and full report of our results achieved during the last three-year cycle of our largest federal grant can be found on our website at:  
[https://afterschoolallstars.org/asas\\_chapter/washington-d-c/](https://afterschoolallstars.org/asas_chapter/washington-d-c/)

As always, we appreciate your support and welcome continued and future opportunities to connect on volunteer and funding opportunities. As we stated in the discussion, we are looking for immediate funding for summer programming and additional social and mental health support.

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