



# Dream Jamaica

Inspiring youth. Achieving dreams.

*College-prep and mentoring program for underserved students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through senior year.*

## OVERVIEW



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mentoring ♦ college prep ♦ community service

*Our mission is to provide meaningful mentoring relationships, along with educational and professional opportunities that inspire and empower young people to pursue their dreams, accomplish their goals, and positively impact their communities.*

## ABOUT DREAM JAMAICA

501(c)(3) nonprofit started in January 2008 – Board based in Seattle; programs delivered in Jamaica

College-Prep and mentoring programs that empower participants with skills and information to help them succeed

- ♦ Month-long summer camp at the University of the West Indies (UWI)
- ♦ Mentoring leveraging a network of professionals to share success stories and inspire students
- ♦ SAT workshops / college visits

Results:

- ♦ Served 409 students; 75% of students go to university (vs 30% national average)
- ♦ Deliver 2,000 hours of community service each year

## ABOUT THE STUDENTS WE SERVE

11-18 year old student in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade through senior year

Target 50% male / 50% female

Need academic and career guidance

- ♦ Many from underserved communities
- ♦ Many from single-parent households

Eager to learn new skills and create a path for a bright future

- ♦ **Ambitious:** they have big, bold goals
- ♦ **Disciplined:** good behavior
- ♦ **Driven:** takes initiative, including completing online application with required attachments
- ♦ **Focused:** steady improvement in grades year-over-year





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## EDUCATION

*Foundation for success*

- SAT Prep
- Math Magic
- Language Workshops
- DJ-DST Book Club

## EXPOSURE

*Network of professionals inspire students*

- Mentoring
- Workshops
- Excursions
- Physical Fitness

## EXPERIENCE

*Hands-on activities*

- College Visits
- Field Trips
- Personal Portfolio
- Community Service

#dj10years

focus ♦ success ♦ goals

**2017 was the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Dream Jamaica Summer Program**

2008



2009



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



**SUMMER 2017**





*“Dream Jamaica for me is a home away from home; a surreal environment to dodge the stress of my life at home and in the city. I see Dream Jamaica as the medium to meet new and inspiring people, to better myself and take steps closer to the life and personality I want and need. Overall, I am superbly excited about the initiative's growth and I'm looking forward to many prosperous years to come.”*

-Curtis Lozane, 18 y-o, Upper 6, Calabar High  
-Dream Jamaica participant since 2012



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