Cultivating African American Male Leadership in Rural Southwest Georgia Schools

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The Archway Partnership connects communities with higher education resources to address locally-identified community and economic development issues.
Providing students with experiential learning opportunities

- The Archway Partnership collaboration provides real-world learning experiences for graduate students and a direct connection to University of Georgia faculty, resources, and expertise for community members.

Leadership Legends projects:

- develop promotional and informational materials
- logo trademark research
- social media best practices
What is the Archway Partnership?

• Colquitt County was the very first Archway community: began in 2005 as pilot program

• Since then, has been established in 13 communities:
  • **Active:** Colquitt, Grady, Hart, Pulaski, Spalding, McDuffie, Washington
  • **Graduated:** Candler, Clayton, Glynn, Habersham, Sumter, Whitfield
The Archway Partnership model

- Archway is one of 8 units under the Public Service and Outreach (PSO) division at the University of Georgia. Archway connects Georgia communities with UGA and other higher education resources to address critical locally-identified needs and opportunities.
Dedicated to strengthening communities and organizations through leadership development, training and education.
WHAT WE DO

Developing community and youth leaders
- Of all ages
- In every community
- From all walks of life

Through leadership development and our work within the nonprofit sector, we are helping leaders solve critical problems and prepare their communities for job creation and prosperity.
WHAT WE DO

We develop community, youth and nonprofit leaders through a wide range of work:

- Instruction and Training
- Strategic Planning
- Technical Assistance and Consultation

DEVELOPING LEADERS | SOLVING CRITICAL PROBLEMS | BUILDING CAPACITY TO CREATE JOBS AND PROSPERITY
How do we begin conversation for change at the grassroots level?

• Leadership Legends - a program designed to “provoke young African American males in Moultrie to critically think, question with curiosity and implement generational change.”

• 3 year pilot program
Leadership Legends

Program Goals

• Increase African American leadership in the community
• Improve race relations
• Strategically build a critical capacity of African American male leaders, who will be responsible for empowering younger males that follow them
Creating sustainability using local resources to enhance the leadership pipeline
What’s next?
Summary

• Archway Partnership connects higher education resources to meet locally identified needs

• J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development supplies leadership development, training, and education for nonprofits

• Leadership Legends completed its first year with 100% retention.

• Year 2 is underway and 501(c)3 status is in progress.