

Kansas City Public Schools Males of Color Initiative

M.O.C.H.A.

The Men of Color, Honor, and Ambition (M.O.C.H.A.) mentoring program is dedicated to developing young high school men to achieve academic success. M.O.C.H.A. is open to high school male students entering the tenth grade, and although it is open to participants of any race or ethnicity, it has specifically been designed through the lens of male students of color. M.O.C.H.A. is a partnership with the University of Missouri Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity and Kansas City Public Schools Office of Innovation and Special Projects. The program also receives funding from the Prime Health Foundation.

Our Vision

M.O.C.H.A. participants will achieve academic excellence, graduate from high school, attend a college or university, and be empowered to become successful leaders and role models in their respective careers and communities.

Program Goals

- Increase the retention rates of male students of color
- Foster a sense of community among participants
- Support and challenge men of color to achieve academic excellence
- Develop an increased awareness surrounding business acumen, etiquette, professional attire
- Academic support mechanisms, and social activities
- Promote involvement and inclusion in leadership activities
- Promote community service and engagement

Five Foundational Pillars of M.O.C.H.A.

- Ambition
- Achievement
- Integrity
- Service
- Health And Wellness

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