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## **NOBLE STUDENTS WIN WHITE HOUSE FILM FESTIVAL**

*Send-off celebration planned for students traveling to Washington, D.C. for screening with President Obama*

CHICAGO – Students and mentors from [Gary Comer College Prep](#), part of the [Noble Network of Charter Schools](#), produced a [music video](#) selected as a winner in the second annual [White House Student Film Festival](#). The film, directed by student Akin Austen and featuring student rapper Steven Burres, as well as the C.H.A.M.P.S. (Culturally Helping And Making Positive Success), was chosen out of 1,500 films submitted by students across the country. On Thursday afternoon, the school will come together to celebrate with a rally and screening of the winning film. The celebration will be held before these student filmmakers screen the film with President Obama at the White House in Washington D.C. on Friday.

Nearly 100 young men and community and staff mentors in the C.H.A.M.P.S. program participated in the creation of the music video, which highlights the importance of service and making a positive impact on your community. The festival challenged students across the country to create a short film illustrating “The Impact of Giving Back.” The C.H.A.M.P.S. music video is one of 15 winning films selected to be screened during the festival.

“We are excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I am extremely proud of our young men who devoted countless hours producing a film showing the world that we fight against stereotypes and not each other,” said Vondale Singleton, Assistant Principal of Operations and Culture at Gary Comer College Prep. “We believe that we are born to win in every situation in life and that we seek to educate, empower, and expose ourselves through working hard and respecting one another. These young men continuously prove their dedication to giving back, and are getting the recognition they deserve as role models for the entire country.”

On Friday, March 20, a [live stream](#) of the film festival and screening will be available.

**WHO:** Over 400 students will come together with teachers, parents and the administration to celebrate the success of their classmates’ work as a send-off. Opportunity to talk with students involved before they head to the White House Student Film Festival.

**WHAT:** Rally celebration and live screening of winning film.

**WHEN:** 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

**WHERE:** [Gary Comer College Prep, 7131 S. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60619.](#)



***About C.H.A.M.P.S.***

*Started in 2014, the C.H.A.M.P.S. mentoring program aims to provide young men with the skills they need to be successful in life. Students at Gary Comer College Prep work directly with staff or community members to gain support for their academic and personal goals. C.H.A.M.P.S. participants meet twice a week, focusing on the three “E’s” - Education, Empowerment and Exposure.*

***About Noble***

*Noble ([www.noblenetwork.org](http://www.noblenetwork.org)) is Chicago’s largest and highest performing network of public high schools. Last year, Noble campuses were eight of the top 10 open enrollment public high schools in Chicago and more than 90 percent of graduates matriculated to college this year. Noble is a non-selective network serving more than 10,000 students throughout Chicago at 16 campuses. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago’s highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89 percent low-income and 98 percent minority. As a public non-selective high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble’s campuses.*

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