



Fifth Ward Enrichment Program

Mission:

The Fifth Ward Enrichment Program (FWEP) works to empower boys to become responsible men and productive members of their families and community.

Each school-year, September through June, FWEP's goal is to engage, mentor, and case-manage a maximum of 200 boys at five school sites. (Boys attending Barbara Jordan High School for Careers, who are zoned to either Kashmere or Wheatley high schools and reside in the surrounding Fifth Ward community, are allowed to participate in the School-based Project. As a "satellite project", Jordan High has become the sixth FWEP project site).

The School-based Project is FWEP's core program for intervention and engagement of male students and provides multiple components with an array of services and activities, in formal and non-formal classroom settings, during and after school:

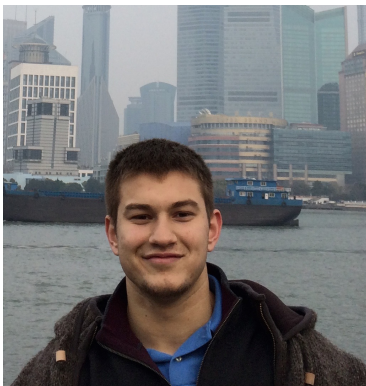
- **Sustained mentoring**, individual and group counseling, home visits and small group outings, facilitated and chaperoned by positive and caring adult males, are essential to forging positive and trusting relationships among youth.
- **Life Management Skills workshops**, such as conflict resolution, anger management, abstinence education, interpersonal skills development, etiquette, appropriate dress and speech, and alcohol/drug/tobacco abuse are weekly events aimed at increasing knowledge, self-awareness and deterring negative attitudes and risk-taking behaviors.
- **The Teen Enterprise Center (TEC)** is the key component in the after-school program that provides entrepreneurial related activities and training in photography, music arts, computer website design, graphic arts production, and filmmaking. Additional life-skill workshops (financial literacy, career awareness, college prep, "The Game of Real Life") and evidence-based curriculums are provided at the TEC that continually enhance personal skills development and introduce needed tools for maintaining a healthy life-style.

- **After-school “Electives”** are popular educational and team building components that each youth is allowed to select and participate in once during the program week. These electives are in addition to the youth’s assigned TEC activity and his mandatory life-skills workshops. These electives are robotics, The Chess Club, The Book Club, The Step Team (fraternal team-dancing), Karate, Spoken Word prep, and Project Ready ID.
- **Enhanced individual tutoring sessions**, small group tutorials and a weekly homework room are provided for those students who have been identified having deficiencies in reading and math skills.
- **Community service and civic engagement projects** provide community-building activities, create team building exercises, and expose youth to experiential learning and continuous interactions with Houston's culturally-diverse community.
- **Exciting enrichment activities**, such as Theater Under the Stars, college tours, professional and college sporting events, the symphony orchestra, Moody Gardens, field trips to Washington D.C., Austin and New York, museum visits, fellowship services at area churches, leadership retreats at area campsites, and a host of other evening and weekend activities add to the youths' experiential learning and his continued exposure to the world “outside of Fifth Ward”.
- **Parent and family support activities** include periodic parent orientations, parenting skills workshops, instructional seminars on drugs, sex, and violence, field trips, parent-child events (mother and son date nights), and holiday celebrations.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fwepinc.org/>.

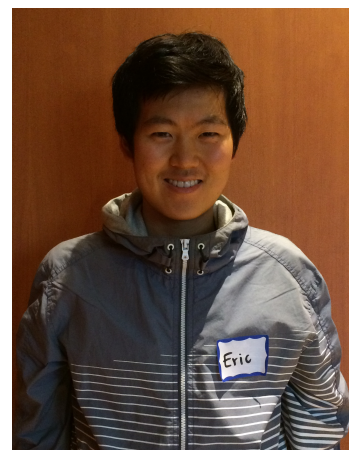
Current Students and projects:

Two fellows are currently working with the Fifth Ward



Enrichment Program. The first, Eric Gong, is a junior majoring in applied mathematics. The second, Josh Rahman, is a junior majoring in Kinesiology.

Both fellows are providing insight to FWEP’s students about what it takes to



get into a good college and what life is like having to juggle school and other responsibilities. Both fellows have also helped facilitate small groups and with homework tutoring.

Who should apply?

Students who have transportation to and from the Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center and are available Monday through Thursday, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Who should not apply?

All student applications are welcomed. However, it is strongly advised that each applicant should have a knowledge of the Fifth Ward community, its surrounding neighborhoods, and historical influence and impact on the City of Houston.

Special Notes: The “Peer Mentor” serves a critical role in the FWEP youth engagement model. His main function is to engage, interact and dialogue with students in the after-school program, help coordinate after-school meals, and lead/facilitate the “school-to-college” and other life-skills sessions (i.e., interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, current events and good study habits).

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