

DIVERSITY NEWS

Fall Retreat at Camp Wise



Students traveled to Camp Wise in Chardon, Ohio, to work with over 120 students throughout northeast Ohio on issues centered around race and economics in America. The theme for our diversity retreat was The Cost of Justice: An Evaluation of Money in America. Throughout the two and a half days students learned about how our country was founded and built. They also learned about various aspects of socioeconomics, America's class system, and the effects of that system on the accessibility of education, and health in the United States.

During the retreat, students participated in workshops led by bankers on money management, and budgeting. The retreat culminated in various skits that were acted out on stage about social justice as it pertains to poverty, generational poverty, and privilege and the way in which these things impact one another.

"I learned that in order to bring awareness to social justice, it must start with us-the youth. We have to treat everyone equally. We must love our neighbor because everyone is equal and deserves equal opportunity."

-James Allen '19

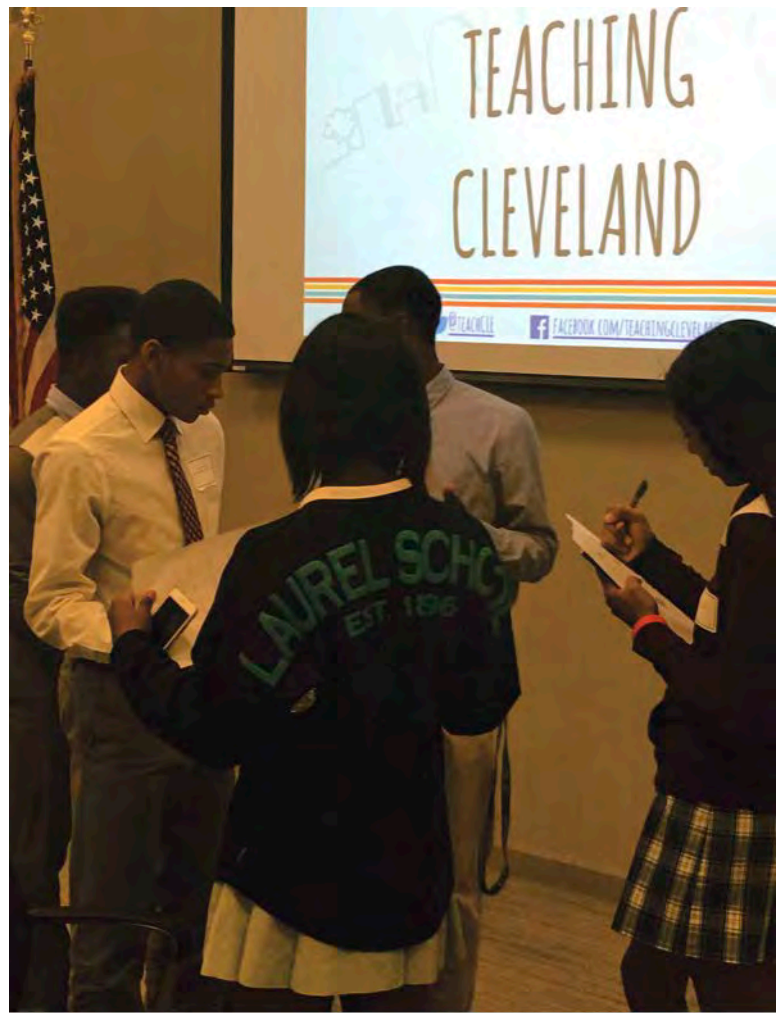
BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

Race in Greater Cleveland

Racial division in the United States continues to perplex communities like Cleveland. Students from St. Edward had the opportunity to work with students around Northeast Ohio on issues of race and engage in critical discussions that are essential to the future of Greater Cleveland.

This was the first of four workshops, where students will engage one another by exploring racial identity; studying the history of Cleveland and the African-American experiences; recognizing the legacies of conflict and cooperation in Cleveland today; and identifying ways that they, as students, can choose to participate in bridging the racial divide.

Our next trip to downtown Cleveland will be on October 27th and we will be looking at historical cases and Cleveland's racial past.



On September 26th, we hosted our first town-hall discussion about Colin Kaepernick and his decision to kneel during the national anthem. Students had the opportunity to hear from faculty, staff, students and other members of our community on where they stand on this “hot” issue. I must say

our students did an incredible job listening and expressing their views in a respectful manner. The discussion became so engaging that students didn't want to leave and so they asked if we could continue this important topic in the weeks to come. If you are interested in being a part of this, join us during Community Period C at noon.