THE GLORIA J. TAYLOR FOUNDATION











"Preparing Our future for the future"

Dear Potential Scholar, Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

You and your student are being invited to participate in a nation-wide college preparatory program. I cordially invite you to read further and take advantage of this life changing opportunity.

When it comes to encouraging the nation's income eligible students from underserved communities and first-generation college students to complete high school and attend a 4-year university/college.... there are no better people for the task than *The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation* (GJTF).

The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation TRIO Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs are federally funded programs designed to assist with our motto which is "Preparing Our Future For the Future."

Our **TRIO Programs** are essential educational opportunity programs that are vital in promoting educational success, retention, college access and graduation pathways for the nation's income eligible and first- generation college students. Thus, working for a more educated and skilled America!

The social, emotional, environmental, and economic issues we face today are so great that our students must be prepared to step forward to meet these challenges when their time to lead arrives. In fact, I believe that time is now!

We provide college and career awareness as early as 6th grade with our **GJTF-Educational Talent Search (ETS**) program. In addition, ETS students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops, including ACT/SAT Preparation, Developing Positive Self-Esteem, Financial Literacy planning, Study Skills, Improving Memory, Managing Time and more....

GJTF-Upward Bound (UB) provides students in grades 9th-12th with Individualized Tutoring (IT) services; Classroom Instruction (CI) in Math, Science, English and Foreign Language; Saturday Success Academy (SSA) which offers motivational presentations and workshop on a variety of topics such as college financial planning, career and personality assessment, test taking, study skills, etc. Additionally, college and university tours, student leadership conferences and cultural events are scheduled throughout the year.

During the summer, a group of participants live on The Eastern Illinois University campus for one week; taking classes designed to prepare them for the next year of study in high school and with a glimpse of what to expect in college. While the Summer Program's focus is academic it also involves a full range of social, cultural, and recreational activities.

We have limited spots available for both programs. I urge you to visit our website at www.gitf.org to apply for our GJTF-Upward Bound (9th-12th ONLY) must have a 3.2 or higher our GJTF-Educational Talent Search program 6th grade thru 12th must have a 2.0 or higher. Contact my office at 708-960-0859 for further information.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our family.

Respectfully,

Dr. Theresa Dixon

CEO/Executive Director Proud TRIO Alumna

