



CAPTURING THE MONTH



Staff Spotlight

Chris Rudley
Student Life Manager

Chris Rudley has been a go-to at P.A.R.K. for 14 years. When heavy lifting needs to be done in an office of mostly women, you hear, "Call Rudley." He plays a vital role in the office, but more importantly, he takes his job as Student Life Manager to heart.

Like the staff at P.A.R.K., the students call on Mr. Rudley for just about everything. To many students, he is like that uncle you can rely on to make you laugh while having a rough day, yet he knows when to be serious. Especially when taking care of academic business at school, Mr. Rudley is on top of things. As a part of his job, Mr. Rudley is in the schools checking on the students ensuring they are going to class, doing what they are expected to do, and looking for future P.A.R.K. prospects.

People are unaware of Mr. Rudley's care, compassion, and support of the students outside of P.A.R.K. hours. He spends a lot of his personal time and weekends attending extracurricular events of P.A.R.K. students - sometimes multiple in one day. He also stays in contact with many P.A.R.K. graduates keeping them encouraged about college and life and providing them with assistance.

Mr. Rudley has a winning personality and Christ-like disposition where everyone is at ease around him, and he does not mind praying for you wherever he is and whoever is around. He's the real deal.



Student Highlight

Janet Carden



Janet is a Joe T. Robinson High School senior with great goals and aspirations. While not very talkative upon entering the program, Janet has found her niche and become very vocal. She participates in several in-house groups like, GEMS, P.A.R.K. Ambassadors, and Y-LEAD. She is one eager student ambassador for P.A.R.K. when potential donors are visiting. The staff relies on Janet when there is a need for student support.

Janet made a 25 on her ACT and will be attending Ouachita Baptist University in the fall on a P.A.R.K. assisted full-ride scholarship.

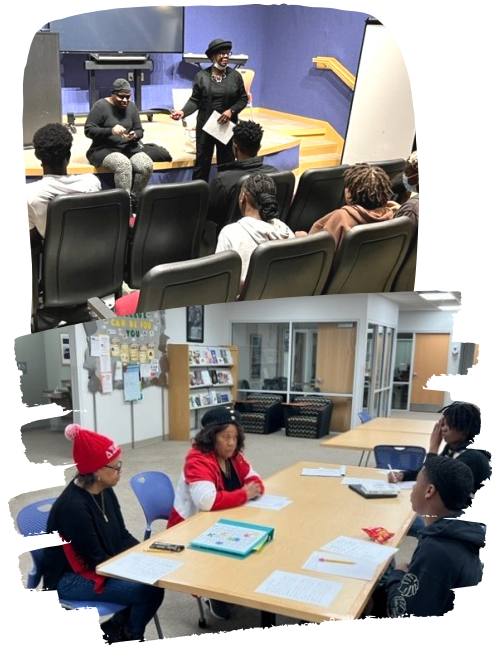
We expect great things for and from her in the near future.

Delta Sigma Theta Workshop

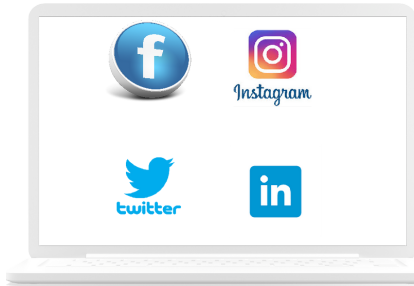
The Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has partnered with P.A.R.K. since our beginning. Each school year, the Educational Committee of the Delta Alumni Chapter, Inc. provides monthly workshops for our students covering a wide variety of information. Topics over the years have included: high school success tips, college preparation need-to-knows, scholarship FYIs, career fairs, mental health awareness, financial enhancement steps, healthy relationship dynamics, and many, many more!



The Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. also offers scholarships annually to P.A.R.K. graduating seniors to help with their financial endeavors as they begin their college journey. P.A.R.K. is grateful beyond words for the continuing commitment of the Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to invest in the future through our partnership!



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Grants & Donations

P.A.R.K. is thrilled to announce an anonymous donation of \$100,000. The funding will be equally allocated to general operating expenses and scholarships for students.



The Delta Dental Foundation of Arkansas has given P.A.R.K. a \$50,000 grant. The funds are for the 2023 Summer Enrichment Healthy Initiative, So Fresh So Clean. The initiative to teach students the importance of oral health care via information on nutritious foods and beverages, brushing and flossing, and visiting the dentist.

Y-LEAD Community Service

P.A.R.K.'s Y-LEAD - Young Leaders, Engaged, Motivated, and Driven made unique toy boxes from tires as part of one of their many community service projects. The Toy Boxes for Hope will be donated to Treatment Homes, Inc. foster children in Little Rock.

Y-LEAD is reaching out to the community for support in filling the boxes with 12-piece puzzles, bubbles, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, large Legos, building blocks, and other toys.

Donations are being accepted at P.A.R.K. through the end of April.

