

College of Education & ACE Academy

Systemic Partnership to Increase
College Access and Success
Holmes Conference, 2007

University Mission

To become a great metropolitan research university with an urban emphasis

The COE Mission & Vision



College of Education Commitments

Engaged • Relevant • Leading

- Engaged in effective practice
- Relevant to diverse local and global communities
- Leading the field in educational innovation, research, and excellence

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change

- "A university does not have the same entanglements or constraints as an international institution such as the United Nations or an organization such as Amnesty International or Physicians for Human Rights. Universities could, in theory, provide a unique and privileged space for conducting research and engaging in critical assessment. ... An ambitious plan to redress injustice is what we need."
 - Paul Farmer, *Pathologies of Power*

Achievement, Confidence, and Excellence Academy (ACE)

- Students: The Academy enrolls 200 7th–12th graders from the Mississippi Delta.
- Curriculum: The students will be taught a rigorous, comprehensive curriculum designed to allow students to make tangible improvements in higher–level thinking skills.
 - African history
 - Art and culture
 - Writing
 - Analytical reasoning
 - Computer skills
 - Presentation skills
 - College application processes (personal statements, interviewing, and standardized test preparation).

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- Structure:
 - Over the course of an academic school-year, students attend sessions two Saturdays each month.
 - They also attend seminars that will demonstrate the fundamental skills necessary for college success
 - Test preparation for standardized tests (PSAT, SAT, ACT)
 - Note taking
 - Critical reading.

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- “Our goal, is to empower these students who are willing to give up two Saturdays a month to attend an enrichment academy with every imaginable tool necessary to compete in today’s post-industrial, globalized world and to help ensure success in any college or university the student chooses.”
 - Jason Ogle, Director