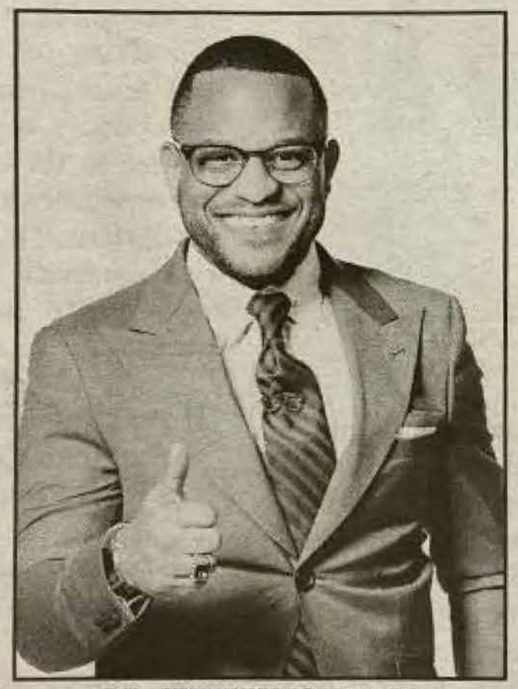
East Tampa CRA Presents 'East Tampa Leadership And Entrepreneurship Academy'

Hearing the hearts of several concerned East Tampa residents, **Dr. Jeffery Johnson,** East Tampa Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Board member, thought of a way to promote leadership, reduce crime, and create a lasting system for the youth in East Tampa.

During their February board meeting, he introduced the concept of the East Tampa Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Academy. The program was initially voted upon, approved, and funded by the East Tampa CRA and subsequently by the collective Tampa CRA Board/City Council. The program received such acclaimed that the City Council/CRA Board suggested the academy would be a great suggested implementation throughout the other city CRA committees.



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The Academy is an organized developmental program through the guidance of the East Tampa Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for young scholars between the ages of 15 and 18 years old and who reside within the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area. The admittance will not exceed forty scholars. The purpose of the academy is to empower teenage emerging leaders through the avenues of: strategic planning, leadership growth, business design, educational enhancement, and community development.

As part of their community development, participants in this Academy will provide volunteer services in connection with programs and activities consistent with the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan.

The program is a twelve-month program and is scheduled to begin in June 2021. Students will be required to attend a monthly Saturday training session as well as complete monthly volunteer hours.

Parents are encouraged to participate through several activities that are planned for their engagement.

Mentors are needed in the areas of: Certified Life Coaches, Workforce Development Specialist, Financial Literacy Consultants, Corporate Executives, Real Estate and Property Acquisition professional, Political Strategist, and Community Organizing.

To become a mentor or request an application of enrollment into the leadership academy please email: EastTampaCRA@tampagov.net, or visit the East Tampa CRA Office at 3808 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33610.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the East Tampa CRA office at 813-242-3807.