

DIMONDALE NEWS

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"NIGHT WITH AILEY DANCE"

This month our girls attended the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The show was featured at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, CA. Alvin Ailey is a world renown choreographer and is known for revolutionizing African-American participation in 20th Century Concert Dance. The girls of Dimondale were able to see Revelations which is said to be Ailey's choreographed masterpiece, as well as, the best-known and most often seen modern dance performance. The Ailey American Dance Theater also performed other signature pieces that evening. The girls had a fun-filled evening experiencing the creativity and uniqueness of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.



"RHAPSODY IN ART JAZZ BRUNCH"

The ladies were awarded the opportunity to attend the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Los Angeles Chapter's 18th Annual Sisters' Awards. The brunch was held at the Omni Hotel in Downtown, Los Angeles. The Sisters' Awards featured KNBC Reporter, Beverly White, and Speech Language Pathologist, Pamela Wiley as Community Honorees. The Alumna Honoree was Dorothy LeBlanc of Spelman Class of 1953. Listening to jazz music and eating delicious food, the girls received encouraging words and were able to see examples of women who never gave up on themselves. An afternoon of class, fun and jazz for the girls of Dimondale!

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Los Angeles Teenshop

Our girls participate in a youth development program called Teenshop, which is designed to provide cultural, educational, and socially enriching activities, workshops, and field trips to young women. Girls are inspired about academic success in high school and the importance of receiving a higher education. The workshops conducted keep youth highly engaged as they are conducted, not only by professionals with fervor for a particular workshop area, but also with a passion for the success of the youth participants.

collaborate more with the Teenshop program.



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The peer interaction with other participants is also encouraging for Dimondale Residents. As more youth come into the care of Dimondale, we are looking to

Tutors for Dimondale

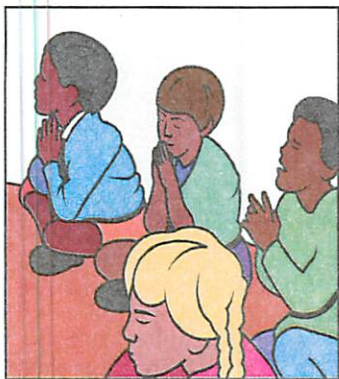
Education is a key component to the vision of Dimondale; therefore, we have developed a relationship with an organization, Vision Education, to help us with our goal of academic success.

Vision Education is cen-

tered on the basic premise that all children can learn when they are nurtured and taught by knowledgeable and caring adults who believe in them and are committed to their growth. Tutors from Vision Education come on a weekly basis to

assist our youth in various subjects.





Drug and Alcohol Program

Our girls participate in a drug and alcohol program. Our Lancaster youth participate in the program offered through the Tarzana Treatment Center. Our youth in the South Bay areas participate a program called Renew. In these programs the girls discuss a variety of issues in their groups, independent living

skills, resume writing, mock interview, drug and alcohol abuse. They learn effective ways to deal with anger and they have groups on safe sex practices. The Drug and Alcohol programs also have psychiatrist on staff and they see our girls monthly. The programs are working well for Dimondale youth and

we are having much success.

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of Freedom."

-George Washington Carver

Community Service

Dimondale youth participate in various community service activities. These activities are designed to get the girls involved in their communities in a positive manner. Community service projects empower the young ladies to become productive pillars of society upon leaving Dimondale's care.



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The mission of Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility is to provide a highly structured environment designed to produce positive outcomes for abused, neglected, and at-risk youth, ages 12 to 17. To achieve these goals, we utilize the therapeutic community approach with an emphasis on academic success. Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility assists its residents in forming positive family and community relationships and facilitating family reunification through the use of a multi-systems best practice model. Dimondale's transitional program strives to achieve greater permanent success for our residents by providing post-placement services and support.

WICKED

The ladies of Dimondale are having a busy quarter. In December, the girls attended the popular musical Wicked at the Pantages Theatre in Los Angeles, CA. Our residents from each of our four facilities, along with staff members, and our Executive Director, Ardra Fleming, attended the event. One of our residents wrote, "I enjoyed myself very much. The part I liked best was when Olinda gave Elphaba a make over. The song was very funny and entertaining." Overall, the musical was a very enjoyable experience for the girls. Wicked is just one of many activities our residents get to participate in.



GIRL TALK MENTORING PROGRAM

Each month the girls meet for our Girl Talk Mentoring Program. In order for our program to be successful, Dimondale works in collaboration with Ms. Dawn Robertson. Ms. Dawn owns a salon in the Greater Los Angeles Area and she is also the coordinator of our Girl Talk Program. This month the focal point of the session

was careers. The girls were able to learn about resume writing and they also received tips on interview etiquette. The girls learned about appropriate dress attire for interviews, body language, and communication styles during interviews. The girls continue to learn and mature during their sessions at Girl Talk.