

# ALTERNATIVE REHABILITATION COMMUNITIES, INC.

## EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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### 2018 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY FAIR CONTINUING AN ANNUAL TRADITION



A.R.C. students and staff celebrated Black History Month with a newly-redesigned African American History Fair (AAHF) held at the Crispus Attucks Center in York, PA on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. This year's AAHF was the 22nd year that A.R.C. has celebrated African American accomplishments and history. This celebration was the culmination of a project-based educational unit focused on African American history. Through this social studies unit, our students are able to understand the importance of history and comprehend that, no matter their race, how much better life is for them now than it was for our ancestors and that they have opportunities now which were literally impossible years ago.

In recognition of Black History Month, students worked individually or in teams on projects that documented the lives, history and culture of African American leaders. The students selected projects in one or more of the following categories: (1) Musical Performance; (2) Dramatic Performance; (3) Exhibits; and (4) Visual Arts. The AAHF program began with musical and dramatic performances by A.R.C. students. Students also presented exhibits on Nat Turner, Charles Drew, Barack Obama, History of Black Midwives, Martin Luther King, Frank Robinson, Notable African Americans of Harrisburg, and others. The students also created different types of visual arts, including African Masks, African American Pottery, African drum carvings, drawings, paintings, and blankets. Students presented their projects, answered questions from the audience, and competed to win gold, silver and bronze medals for their projects. All projects are reviewed and scored by a panel of judges composed of juvenile justice professionals. In addition to the individual medals, the A.R.C. Zimmerman facility won a trophy for earning the highest number of total points. We congratulate the teachers, teacher assistants, and the students for their efforts and their persistence in completing their research and their projects. Students certainly expanded their knowledge about the topics they studied. Through this type of project-based learning, students continue to develop teamwork skills, networking skills, and written and verbal communication skills.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors for this educational event, including *Comcast* and the private foundations/individuals whose support made this day possible.





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**SAMPLES OF STUDENT PROJECTS**

*AFRICAN MASKS, DRUMS, PAINTINGS, BLANKET, EXHIBITS: ALL DONE BY A.R.C. STUDENTS*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
OUR EDUCATION STAFF  
AND STUDENTS FOR THEIR  
HARD WORK!**