

# The **ROUNDTABLE**

**EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.**

## SMHS Alum Tevin Farmer Donates Basketball Gear



Strawberry Mansion High School alum **Tevin Farmer**, world champion boxer and millionaire, donated \$3,000 worth of shoes and warm ups to the boys' basketball team. Farmer said, **"You have to really be inside someone's shoes to know what they feel, and I know how they feel. When I was going to Mansion as a kid, I always said I wanted to give back to my schools and my neighborhood."** This gesture isn't one that our athletes took lightly. **"It's bigger than basketball,"** senior

center Wayne Cooper said. **"When you look around the public league, teams that have money get stuff like this. We don't have stuff like this, so it's an honor to get it."** Along with his generous donation, he also handed out \$100 bills to players that could make 3 three point shots. **"Hopefully we win a championship,"** Cooper went on to say. Well at least for now the team is dressed to be champions. Best of luck to the Knights as their season begins early this December.



**DECEMBER 6**  
Attendance Rally



**DECEMBER 12-13**  
Senior Portraits

**DECEMBER 18-19**  
Interim Reports



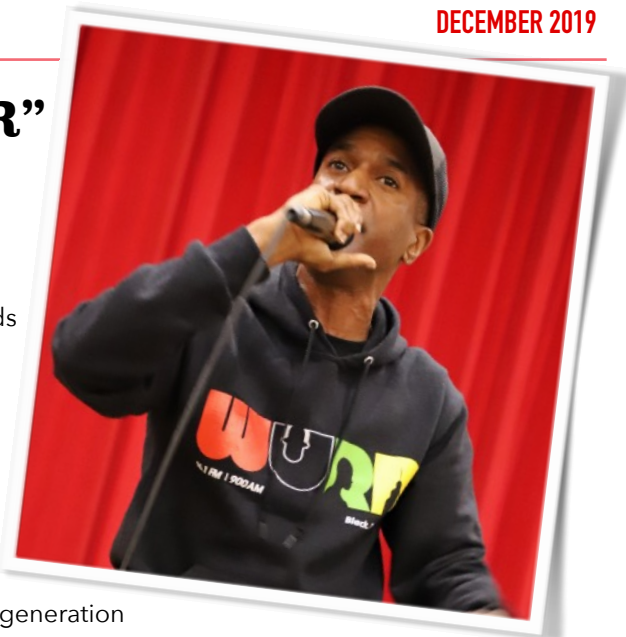
**DECEMBER 23**  
NO SCHOOL!  
Staff Professional Development



**DECEMBER 24-31**  
Winter Break

## “The Rapping PROFESSOR”

With the upbeat, rapid-fire delivery of an old-school DJ, Dr. Aaron X. Smith aka “The Rapping Professor” visited the scholars at Strawberry Mansion High School on November 27th, 2019. Addressing subjects from serious to silly (“Santa Claus is a pimp”), Smith’s main goal is to bring about change in education... one rhyme at a time. Dr. Smith holds a BA in Asian Studies, an MA in Liberal Arts, an MA in African American Studies and a PhD in African American Studies all from Temple University. As he progressed through his academic life he realized the opportunity for higher education was not readily accessible for most and even more difficult to attain for the underrepresented and underprivileged members of his communities. This realization shaped his personal purpose to dedicate his life to uplifting a new



generation of young people to help them unlock the transformative power of education and recognize the potential of investing in one’s personal growth. Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor of Instruction at Temple University in the Department of Africology and African American Studies. During his professorship he has been focused on developing unique and dynamic ways to actively engage the Generation Z students of today in an effort to solidify their learning. Mansion scholars were enlightened, engaged and entertained during this very powerful assembly.



### Did you KNOW?

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Children’s Bureau report Child Maltreatment found that 9.2% of victimized children were sexually assaulted.

Victims of sexual assault, sometimes but not all, usually tell the same story on why they did not alert anyone about the abuse. They were either threatened or simply asked to keep the secret. They are apt to because most times they know their perpetrators. Jacqueline Bell visited SMHS to tackle this issue of keeping the secret and to share her new book, *I Will Tell Your Secret*.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Strawberry Mansion High School Senior **Damir Meares** is excelling both on and off the court. Not only does he have the highest SAT scores in the school, he also has already been accepted into three post-secondary institutions including Chestnut Hill College, Lock Haven and Lincoln Universities. He plans to pursue a degree in Sports Management and aspires to be a professional basketball player. We look forward to seeing many great things in the future from this Mansion Knight!

