

# The **ROUNDTABLE**

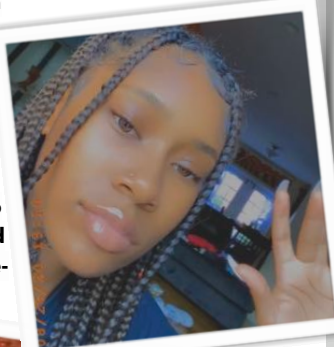
**EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.**

## Seniors Scholars Already Earning College Credits!



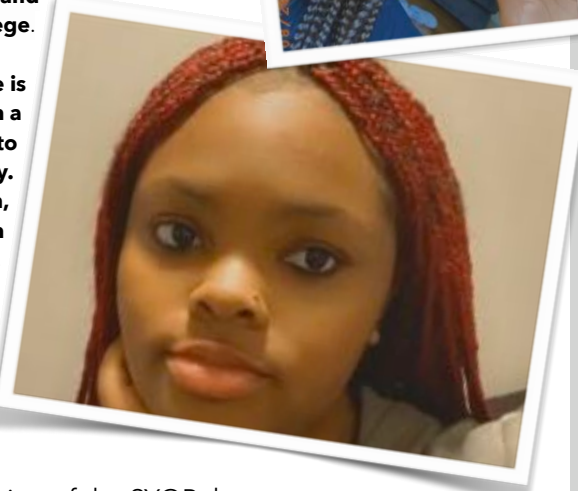
Strawberry Mansion High School senior scholars **Sameera Sullivan-Williams and Elaina Hunter**, are earning credits and getting accepted like "Boss Ladies!" From K to 2nd grade, Elaina and Sameera were best friends when they both attended Richard R. Wright Elementary School. Although they separated from 3rd to 11th grade, the love for our school brought them back together...

**Sameera transferred to Strawberry Mansion a month before COVID-19 hit and has been flourishing ever since. Although she is new to the school as a scholar she is not new to the Mansion family. Sameera is the daughter of Ms.**



**Sullivan, our 12th grade counselor, who is also a Mansion Alumni graduating Class of 2006. Sameera is looking forward to studying Law or Education at Howard University. So far she has been accepted to Community College of Philadelphia, Morgan State University, Bethune-Cookman University, Bowling Green State University and Benedict College.**

**Elaina is a Mansion Knight through and through! She is from the Strawberry Mansion community and has been a scholar since the 9th grade. Elaina is looking forward to studying Nursing at her #1 school Villanova University. So far she has been accepted to Duquesne, Neumann, DeSales, Robert Morris, Wesleyan and Chatham Universities.**



Both Elaina and Sameera are completing senior year at the Community College of Philadelphia in the Senior Year Only Program (SYOP) where they each will earn a high school diploma as well as 24 college credits... This is the first time since the induction of the SYOP that Mansion scholars have participated and by fate Sameera and Elaina are completing the program together and making history! Congratulations Lady Knights!



**DECEMBER 11**  
1/2 DAY  
Staff Professional Development



**DECEMBER 21-23**  
Interim Reports



**DECEMBER 23**  
Town Hall



**DECEMBER 24-31**  
Winter Break

# MANSION'S NEW RISING STAR: ELIJAHWAN CANNON

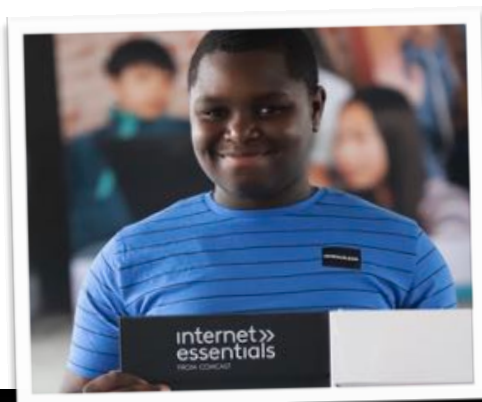
After persevering a devastating loss of a close relative, Strawberry Mansion High School rising 10th grader **Elijahwan Cannon** is breaking onto the acting scene! Elijahwan made an impression on the Comcast Internet Essentials team during the iPad giveaway at the Mansion Meet

Up in late September 2020. Even though he had very little time to prepare for the audition, Elijahwan spent time practicing and running lines with Mr. Perkins. He made it through two rounds of auditions

before finally landed the job. Over Thanksgiving Break, Elijahwan traveled to New Jersey, near New York City to film the Comcast commercial, and it is scheduled to air over the holidays. We look forward to seeing our fellow

Knight on television! Congratulations

Elijahwan... We are so very proud of you!



## WINTER ATHLETICS INFO

**The professional skill set that the Scholar-Athlete possesses is powerful enough to achieve success in any career or field of study. Mansion Scholar-Athletes are committed to improving themselves both on and off the court. Currently, we are offering Winter sports: Boys' & girls' basketball, and cheerleading... Join NOW!**

<p><b>JV &amp; VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL</b> Virtual Meetings Monday &amp; Wednesday @ 3:10pm</p> <p><b>GIRLS' BASKETBALL</b> Virtual Meetings Monday &amp; Wednesday @ 3:10pm</p> <p><b>CHEERLEADING</b> Virtual Meetings Tuesday &amp; Thursday @ 3:10pm</p> <p style="color: red;"><b>The In-Person Season starts January 4th, 2021!</b></p> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:zknepp@philasd.org">zknepp@philasd.org</a> for more info.</p>	<p><b>NEXT WORKOUT:</b> December 11th, 2020 33rd &amp; Diamond 3pm</p> <p><b>FREE PHYSICALS:</b> December 11th, 2020 SMHS Nurse's Suite</p>
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*Happy Holidays*

Here at the Mansion, we don't look forward to Santa coming to town because **FreeWay** is always in the house this time of year! This Philadelphia native never misses out on the chance to make a special appearance at the school and scholars couldn't be more thrilled at the opportunity to meet one of their music idols. **Principal McCracken, AP Williams, and Ms. Sullivan** were able to get a photo op with the hip hop superstar at Mansion's 2019 Holiday Celebration.



The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** is a peer elected, collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and parent and community engagement in the educational process. This wonderful opportunity to partner with parents and participate in school planning. The next scheduled meeting is **December 17th, 2020.**

