



# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

## BISHOPS' ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL

### SUTTON SCHOLARS® HIGH SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program helps at-risk youth in Baltimore become confident, competent individuals by teaching essential soft and other life skills necessary to develop socially and emotionally, and to achieve academic, workplace, and personal success.

Launched in 2016, Sutton Scholars partners with Morgan State University to provide a five week summer program teaching time management skills; workplace etiquette; healthy interpersonal relationships; and other life skills necessary for social and career development. Additionally, Sutton Scholars spend one week at the Claggett Center, the diocesan camp and conference center in Frederick County, where they step away from their normal routine and build confidence exploring the outdoors through kayaking and the ropes course. Sutton Scholars is also a *YouthWorks* approved site, providing financial compensation in exchange for on-site work experience to the students, many of whom would otherwise have to choose between a summer job and an academic program.

In its first year, the Sutton Scholars program engaged 30 rising freshmen students from Baltimore city schools; in 2017, these students returned as sophomores and another class of 30 freshmen joined the group, and 30 more will participate in the 2018 year and 2019 respectively. The program follows students throughout their high school career, assigning personal mentors to follow up with students after the summer program ends and the school year begins.

It has been a longtime dream of Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton to create opportunities for youth who otherwise aren't afforded equal chances for success, passing on the blessings he received from caring adults who took time to help him learn about life and grow. Through Sutton Scholars, we strive to build a brighter future for these students and for Baltimore as a whole.



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"Together we are building a better Baltimore by raising up forward-thinking community leaders through our program."



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