



C5 YOUTH
FOUNDATION
OF TEXAS

2020 IMPACT REPORT

C5's COMPREHENSIVE YEAR-ROUND CURRICULUM

focuses on

Leadership Development
College Readiness
Career Guidance
Arts & Culture
Community Service
Emotional Support

MISSION

C5 Youth Foundation of Texas **changes the odds** for **high-potential youth** from risk-filled environments, **inspiring** them to pursue personal success and **preparing** them for leadership roles in college, work and their communities.

NEW SOLUTIONS

The pandemic hit us hard in 2020, especially our young C5 Texas leaders and their families. We immediately put virtual programming into place. Online meet-ups for students replaced in-person workshops and cultural pathway events. Our adult leaders/mentors regularly checked in with students to make sure they did not get lost in the pandemic's chaos. We kept our student leaders determined and focused on their studies with innovative methods and we addressed the impact COVID-19 was having on our students with mental health sessions from industry professionals.

We had to think on our toes, and as we pivoted, so did our young leaders. They successfully learned to maintain their grades, keep up with virtual programming at C5, continue to provide service to their communities and hold themselves accountable for their own success; and they did it during a worldwide pandemic.

They never cease to amaze us!

C5 staff provided **over 500 hours of virtual programming** in 2020!

OUR LEADERS:

41% MALE
59% FEMALE
17% AFRICAN AMERICAN
3% ASIAN
12% BIRACIAL
54% HISPANIC
14% WHITE

Our 2020 LEADERS and GRADUATES!



C5 Texas Socially Distant Graduation and Transition Ceremony

C5 Texas celebrated our graduating seniors (Medallions) and other class Leaders with a Drive-Through Graduation and Transition Ceremony at Coram Deo Academy. As Leaders drove by, their names were announced and volunteers loaded their cars with quarantine care packages donated by Darren and Tiffany Woodson, ESRP and Ink & Oro Creatives. Leaders were given their class transition memento (flint, lantern, hammer, compass or medallion) and a C5 yard sign. Our Leaders in need received \$20 gas cards to help attend the event. We were pleased and excited to see all of our Leaders and the C5 alumni that joined in the fun.

Celebrate our C5 Texas Medallions and their college acceptances!

Our Leaders are going to UNT, PVAMU, UArizona, University of Dallas, Tarleton State, Philander Smith College, SMU, UT Austin, Rice University and other great schools across the country! **Congratulations, we are so proud of you!**

By the time they graduate **EVERY C5 LEADER** has performed **250+ HOURS OF SERVICE**

Virtual Signature Summer Experiences 2020

Camp Leadership U More than 30 second-year Leaders, also known as Lanterns, enjoyed camp this year with a virtual twist. For three weeks, leaders enjoyed the camp experience in their own homes, with sessions focused on leadership skills including ethics, communication, responsibility.

ACT Now Summit Our rising seniors joined a virtual Actively Changing Tomorrow (ACT) Now Summit and identified root causes of homelessness in Dallas, then created a multimedia action plan to help homeless individuals.

Road to College Experience Over 30 of our Hammers virtually toured the campuses of great universities including UNT, SMU, The University of Tulsa, UTD, and OU this summer. Although it wasn't quite the same as riding in a tour bus and staying in college dorms, admissions counselors and college students answered any questions our Hammers had about college life.

Trek in the Hood We hosted virtual walks around the neighborhoods for our young leaders to get out and get active.

Talk About It Tuesdays C5 Texas hosted virtual forums that gave our leaders an opportunity to increase their awareness of social issues, help them understand themselves, and appreciate those who are different from themselves.

Featured Topics:

June: A C5 Leader Conversation about Race, Allyship and Activism with Sherasa Thomas, of the Anti-Defamation League

July: I Can't Breathe! A moderated conversation about police reform and justice with Emerald Garner

August: Education in COVID-19, Staying Focused in a Pandemic with Lina Alcaron

September: I finally got into Harvard! A Young Man's Journey from Defeat to Harvard Law with Rehan Stanton

What are Pathways

C5 provides a series of intentional year-round events and planning experiences (Pathways) for us to deliver content that lead to youth-achieving outcomes, as well as independent responsibilities including community service and maintaining good grades.

25 VIRTUAL PATHWAYS were offered in the 2020 school year

“C5 has helped me succeed by putting me around individuals with similar goals.”

Judea Hubbert, one of our 2020 C5 Texas Graduates received a full scholarship to Prairie View A&M University where she is majoring in pre-nursing with plans to become an OBGYN nurse practitioner.

Judea will be a GUEST SPEAKER at the 2021 C5 Texas Leadership Summit



What our five C's mean!

Character Driven	
Community Focused	
Challenge Ready	
College Bound	
Committed to a Better Future	
100%	of C5 Leaders graduate high school on time
98%	enroll in college
94%	year-to-year retention rate
80%	of C5 spaces are reserved for youth from families where neither parent has graduated from college