

ANTOINE FLOWERS



Our educational and youth development program shows its greatest impact over time. We invest in the lives of young people and their families by helping them make better choices academically, career-wise and socially (life-skills).

Meet Antoine Flowers. He is a true success story of our program's worth. Antoine came to the Urban League two years behind in high school, and destined to be yet another statistic of a young black male who wasted his life away. Antoine obtained a GED and life skills through the Urban League. He went on to study at the University of Houston (and abroad in Rome, Italy) where he received a degree in Computer Science. He now works for NASA in Houston and is preparing to pursue graduate studies abroad (financed by NASA). He credits the Urban League for opening his eyes to another way of life. Through an exposure field trip, Antoine was able to see a lifestyle different from his own and asked what did he need to do to get on the right track and achieve a lifestyle of success like the one he saw. It was his epiphany moment. From then on, Antoine went from a young man with no ambition, to a young man driven with purpose. The Urban League was able to support Antoine throughout his college career and is now happy to call him a true success story.

In Antoine's own words - "Good morning Ms. Sanchez I just wanted to write and tell you I will be a graduate of The University of Houston as of May 24, 2008. I wanted to say thank you to you and the Urban League for giving me a road map to life. You guys also provided me with leadership, communication and life skills that I do not think I could have gotten without the Urban League. What I received helped me to things like the Disney college program, work with the AmeriCorps program, study overseas, and be able to work for NASA when I get out of school. So thank you. I never thought being a low-performing student that my life could be so great. Ms. Sanchez I know it gets hard but keep doing what you do because it is making a difference."

Antoine has now returned to speak to other high school students in our program and share his story and his successes with them. We are so proud of Antoine Flowers - a true Success Story!