

# The Dream Team

**Advisory Topic:** Youth Advocacy; Conversation around student voice:

**Student Questions:**

1. Are you interested in changing the world around you?
2. If you had an opportunity to create a project that can support your community what would that be?
3. What word would describe you?

**Guiding Quote: Maya Angelou**

“Once you find your shoulders dropping  
And your speech gets slow and hazy  
You better change your way of being  
Before you found your brain got lazy  
You can build a better future when you join the winning team  
If you desire a bright tomorrow, you must build a brighter dream  
Dare to let your dreams reach beyond you  
Know that history holds more than it seems  
We are here alive today because our ancestors dared to dream”

**Objective:**

Inspire cohort to be at the center of change and meet them where they are developmentally and physically as Agents of Change within their community. Research shows that young people who learn to imagine and build a future of their choosing are more likely to thrive in school and life. Through this advisory group will inspire vibrant and engaging projects aligned to where every student can develop their voice to bring their dreams for self, school, and society.

**Project Collaboration:**

**The Future Project:** The Future Project is a growing national community of young people building the life and world they imagine. Shabazz Dream Director will attend and support monthly team meeting

**Newark Thrives:** Organization mission is to improve access to and participation in high-quality out of school time opportunities for Newark youth by leveraging resources, convening stakeholders, and empowering young people, families, and educators.

**Project Outcomes:**

- These student will become youth leaders by developing a project for a cause that will engage their peers and shift the culture around them.
- Students will receive training in choosing an initiative to organize plan an event or project from start to finish.
- Scholars will have an opportunity to plan and organize 3 community service project.
- Understand their individual level of autonomy.
- Creating a safe space for scholars to grow within their school and community.

**Dream Team Project Overview - Implementation**

<b>The Dream Team 2019 Grades 7th - 8th</b>	
<p><b>Goal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These student will become youth leaders by developing a project for a cause that will engage their peers and shift the culture around them.</li> <li>• Students will receive training in choosing an initiative to organize plan an event or project from start to finish.</li> <li>• Scholars will have an opportunity to plan and organize 3 community service project.</li> <li>• Understand their individual level of autonomy.</li> <li>• Creating a safe space for scholars to grow within their school and community.</li> </ul> <p><b># of scholars:8</b></p>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<p><b>February:</b> <b>March:</b> <b>April:</b> <b>May:</b></p>	<p><b>Topic:</b> <i>What is Youth Advocacy</i> <b>Topic:</b> <i>Dare to Dream: What Inspires You?</i> <b>Topic:</b> <i>Reclaiming Our Voice</i> <b>Topic:</b> <i>Define the life you want for your generation.</i></p>
<p><b>Community Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dream Team Community service projects will be March through May.</li> </ul>	<p>March 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project with School - TBD</li> </ul> <p>April 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project with Newark Thrive - TBD</li> </ul> <p>May 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culminating Project with Future Project-TBD</li> </ul>

**Resources:**

**Daughters of Destiny:**

Five girls from India's most impoverished families attend a boarding school designed to create opportunities as they strive for a brighter future.

**Rated: PG/**

**Source: Netflix - Season 1**