SCHOLAR: A Poem inspired by my Balfour Scholars

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It was Monday when I stood looking over the horizon
the horizon of you
Such a great cloud of witnesses
declaring your truth.

I am Athlete
kicking
bouncing
hitting
running clearing a path for US

I am Dancer
my body etching out spaces
I inspire movement
and
Movements!

I am Reader
eyes scanning the word
My words. Your words, OUR words, LIFE words
keeper of our memory
vigilant warrior of knowledge

I am Singer
Declaring a sound throughout the earth
Heart, mind, spirit, sound
that ignites US
calms US
calls US

SCHOLARS!

I stand in awe of YOU
Feet planted
arms stretched out
the weight of inheritance etched in your skin

Pushing and Reaching
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Scholar Spotlight: Sara Fortune

Sara Fortune is a sophomore, originally from Haiti, who was recently accepted into the nursing program at Indiana University Bloomington. She participated in the 2014 Balfour Pre-College Academy.

Sara knew that she wanted to be a nurse since she was five years old. When she applied for the nursing program, Sara refused to create a back-up plan. "It was all-or-nothing", she said.

In reflecting on how BCPA helped her career, Sara discussed how she "was surrounded by people like me who were successful".

Sara's motto: "Our struggles become our greatest fortune."

BCPA 2016

In Summer 2016, we had a total of 123 students participating in the Balfour Pre-College Academy!

Top High Schools:
North Side High School
John Adams High School
South Side High School
Bishop Luers High School

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In Summer 2016, the Balfour Pre-College Academy participated in a GALACTIC Global Infusion workshop at Indiana University’s School of Global and International Studies. Over a 5-day period, 90-minute sessions were held for approximately 30 Balfour Scholars.

Students studied topics such as:
- Life Is Water
- Mind, Body, and Voice
- Peace Through Art
- Understanding Refugee Worlds
- Movement

How did the workshop benefit Balfour Scholars?
It provided them with an arts- and culture-based approach to understanding how local issues in Indiana intersected with other global communities. The content of the workshops is backed by depth and vulnerability. It allowed the students to gain insight on problems within their local community and how they can arrive at a solution using arts and culture.

Elder Diggs Award
When Elder Watson Diggs arrived on the Bloomington campus in 1910, he was one of 10 African-American students who were enrolled at IU. Six years later, he became the first African-American to graduate from the School of Education.

Three IU students who were participants in the Balfour Pre-College Academy were recipients of the inaugural Elder Watson Diggs “The Dreamer” award. They each represented a cohort from Balfour.

Estefani Alcaraz Quevedo (2013)
Ramir Williams (2014)
Janai Weeks (2015)