



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Collaboration"

Let's collaborate! Working with someone to achieve a goal or produce a result makes sense as a definition of collaboration. Collaboration requires leadership. And we are just the right institution to lead. The Center for Urban Education Ministries is collaborating with schools and other institutions to transform students' lives. This work is incredibly hard, exhausting, and even complex. These areas of continuous improvement require collaboration. Together, we can strengthen your school. Together, we can improve your outcomes. And together, we can ensure all students are succeeding.

-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO

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RECRUITMENT

SUPERHERO Health

In Chicago, we are partnering with the Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) to increase students' healthy choices and overall health. Pat Braun, the parish nurse for CLEF, goes into classrooms teaching students about health in an engaging fashion with songs, activities, and a superhero theme. The classroom teachers are given the book, [SUPERHERO EDUCATOR: How to Teach with Superior Skills and Success](#), and then participate in professional development led by The Center for Urban Education Ministries on themes of teacher health, engagement of students, and communication. Teachers and students alike are finding this work to be transformative - seeing real results due to these collective efforts. The goal is to expand this health curriculum and teaching to other schools.

RESOURCES

We offer urban schools a valuable resource - "THE CENTER'S 6". This is a full library of six minute videos on a wide range of topics for city schools. The videos can be used for faculty meetings, professional development sessions, or personal growth. More videos are added each week. [Review the video library](#) and benefit from national experts on urban education.

RECOGNITION

Jake Nelson Achiever Award

The Jake Nelson Achiever Award is strengthening urban education and honoring a truly special man.

Jake Nelson was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, and friend to many. He was also a fierce competitor in football, basketball, baseball and golf, and loved to hunt and spend time in the outdoors. Above all, he was a true follower of Jesus. His Christian faith, as well as spending time with family, friends, and his dogs, was always of the upmost importance to him. As a product of both the Lutheran educational system and urban schools, Jake was excited to follow a calling into the business world, joining his family in the restaurant business. However, in November 2020, Jake was called home to be with his Savior forever. The Center for Urban Education Ministries established The Jake Nelson Achiever Award in his loving memory.

The Jake Nelson Achiever Award honors select 8th graders attending an urban school, who perform academically and behaviorally at a high level, and plan to attend a Lutheran High School. The amount of the award can range from \$1,000-\$4,000.

[Click here](#) to hear from the latest Jake Nelson Achiever Award recipient - **Thomas Black IV, from Martin Luther School.**

The Center for Urban Education Ministries is receiving money all year for this special award. In October, we will have a special push to increase our funding in this area. Please consider giving to this fund to support students attending Lutheran high schools. To donate, scan the code below or mail a check to:

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Reflections from Mel Keischnick

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

“With God’s help we will not only survive but we will prosper.”

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our Director for Programming and

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