



Introducing our youth to the possibilities that await them is an important part of what we do. Here, the boys are enjoying the “fun” part of an agricultural exhibit sponsored by Mississippi State University. This year, they have toured several universities, industries, and museums. We have also hosted a career fair and had visiting speakers address subjects like banking, entrepreneurship, hair-dressing, nursing, etc.

Now into our 3rd year, YCE has truly made a difference in the lives of the youth of North Starkville. C-level students are now taking high school AP classes. They are looking ahead toward college and taking steps to achieve their goals. We have an army of volunteers who serve weekly as tutors, and others who volunteer to chaperone trips or make the daily meal. We have even had several local artisans share their talents and give introductory lessons in dance, painting, and crafting.



Left: Kennedy and Omariana, who graduated from our program last year and have returned as junior counselors, are pictured here with Cyla, a 6th grader.



Right: Our current youth staff: Blake Adams, Maggie Connor, Leah Winters, and Sarah Brister.



“God sees you in your destiny, not in your history.” Bill Buckley