

# **EDUCATIONAL ACCESS INSTITUTE, INC.**

*Building Bridges of Opportunity & Success for Tomorrow's Leaders*

## **HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2016-2017**



# MISSION

- To increase leadership development and success among all youths, especially, those from low-income and historically underserved populations and communities

# PHILOSOPHY

- Educational Access Institute (EAI) believes that all youths should be provided with the information, opportunities, and support they need to fully realize their strengths and leadership potential and so position themselves to achieve their desired levels of excellence.

# OUR FRAMEWORK

**EDUCATE** – To educate youth about the skills, mindsets, and behaviors that foster increased leadership development.

**EMPOWER** – To empower middle and high school students through various events and projects to embrace their unique strengths and talents.

**ENGAGE** – To engage the community in EAI's mission and goals through sustained partnerships and other opportunities.

# Y-LEAD SYMPOSIUM



- Held June 17, 2017
- Partner: UF Office of Admissions.
- 60 middle and high school from Alachua, Marion and Pinellas counties participated the event.
- Theme for the event was “Transforming Schools and Communities: Continuing the Mission.”

# LEADING THRU THE ARTS

- Goal: To highlight the link between the arts and youth leadership development
- Held June 17, 2017
- Partners:
  - Star Center Children's Theater.
  - UF Office of Admissions
- Highlighted the performing arts talents of 22 students in Alachua and surrounding communities.



# CARIBBEAN LEGACY AWARDS GALA

- Annual fundraising event
- Major Sponsors
  - Mr. Magnum
  - Reggae Shack Cafe
- Four Individuals were honored for their contributions to youth leadership development in The United States And The Caribbean.

<http://www.educationalaccess.net/2017-keeper-of-the-caribbean-legacy-award-recipients/>



# OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

University of Florida  
Office of Admissions

UF Jamaica American  
Student Association  
(JAMSA)

Mr. Magnum Music

Reggae Shack Cafe

Star Center Children's  
Theater, Inc.



# UPCOMING PROJECTS & EVENTS

## EDUCATE:

- Y-Lead Symposium
- Y-Lead Program

## ENGAGE

- Caribbean Legacy Gala
- Youth Research Forum

## EMPOWER

- Leading Thru the Arts
- Scholarships