

## Paying it forward, Hope Academy style

Devondre graduated from Hope Academy last year and was our only student who dreamed of becoming a mechanical engineer. He worked hard and was accepted into GTCC-Greensboro Early-Middle college. One of the concentrated areas of study at GTCC is mechanical engineering. In a recent conversation with Devondre's grandmother, she beamed as she bragged about Devondre's first year at GTCC; he was making straight A's and he loved pursuing his dream. Last week, we did a double-take walking past Ms. Stanley's math class. There was Devondre teaching math and explaining to Hope Academy students what to expect in high school.



Maykol (a current 8th grader) has also been dreaming and working hard to follow in Devondre's footsteps. Last year, when Maykol started school at Hope Academy, he lacked confidence and was so shy he couldn't present his career project to the other students in the school. This year, he did a very professional presentation and told the other students that he, too, wanted to be a mechanical engineer.

When asked who inspired him to become a mechanical engineer, he said, "Devondre." When we told Devondre that he inspired another student at Hope to become a mechanical engineer, he could barely hold back the tears.

Recently, Maykol was accepted at EarlyMiddle College at NC A&T, also known for its engineering program. He even did his admissions interview without any prep work from us. It seems as though this student who couldn't speak in front of a group last year finally found his voice through the inspiration of his classmate who had shown that through hard work, dreams can come true.

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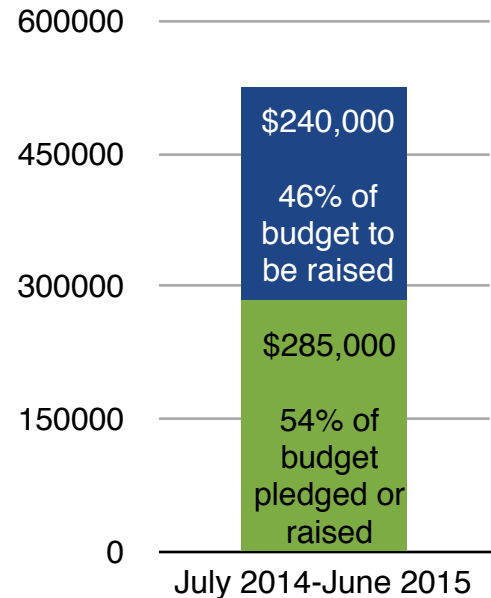
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