



YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

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From Struggles to Success: How You Helped Christine Chooper Earn Her MBA

Before she arrived at Yellowstone Schools, Christine Cooper '14 was struggling. In 3rd grade, she was grieving the loss of her father and falling behind in school. But because of you, Yellowstone was there to help her catch up and transform her life.

*"It was life-changing," Christine says. "The teachers supported me constantly. I went from struggling to being back on track in just a few months. They loved on me, poured on me, went to camps with me—I mean, they did **EVERYTHING** to make sure I was prepared for high school."*


Your generosity allowed Christine to attend Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, setting her up to graduate early from Prairie View A&M without a

penny of student debt. This spring, she graduated from Lamar University with an MBA in Criminal Justice Leadership.

Today, Christine is building her career in child protective services and hopes to one day start a nonprofit that provides scholarships and mentorships for students, giving others the same opportunities you gave her.

"None of this would have happened without you,"

she says. "Your support changed my life."

Because of you, Christine's future is full of possibilities. Every gift you give transforms lives, and Christine's story shows that your support makes all the difference. 



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Find out what special message two alumni have for you!



Dear Yellowstone supporter,

Thanks to you, the school year is off to a remarkable start with exciting momentum.

This semester, our students are showing up to school consistently with high attendance rates, which shows they want to be here. Our career counselor has met with every student to begin discussing their future beyond high school, and our special education department has big plans this year to elevate the support we provide our students.

I'm also thrilled to report that our teacher observation rates are 100%, meaning that our

educators are being given the resources and feedback they need to deliver the best possible instruction.

None of this would be possible without generous supporters like you. Whether you have given your time, energy, or resources, you are making a difference in the lives of the next generation.

Thank you for making Yellowstone your school! 🙌

James Mosley
Superintendent

These Alumni Have a Special Message for YOU

We're thrilled to celebrate Darien Pruitt '23 (pictured on the right), who was recently invited to lead the opening prayer at Blinn College's board meeting. When Darien learned that his friend and fellow Yellowstone alum, Floyd '23 (pictured on the left), was also heading to Blinn, he immediately stepped in to help him with the move.

Floyd wanted to share this message with Yellowstone supporters like you:

"I want to thank everyone who has and is still praying for me. I've come a long way... I'm going to try my best to get closer



with God because if it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't be here today...I had a rough living situation, but I made it through high school, and now I'm one of Yellowstone's graduates! I will be majoring in business and then graduating with a degree in accounting in 2029."

Darien and Floyd are pursuing their dreams at Blinn College, and you helped get them there! 🙌

Why do You Volunteer?

An Interview with the PTO President Monique Landor

“For me, it’s all about support,” says Monique Landor, a prenatal nurse, as she takes a quick break during her shift. “I see volunteering as a way to improve my kids’ environment while also helping others.”

Now serving her second term as President of Yellowstone’s Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Monique has been instrumental in shaping its success. At her very first parent orientation, she asked if there was a PTO. When she learned there hasn’t been one for a while, she mentioned her experience, and within moments, she was introduced to the superintendent, James Mosley. From that moment on,

the reinstated PTO began to take shape.

“One thing that really sets Yellowstone apart from our old school is how engaged everyone is,” Monique explains. “It’s incredible to see so many families showing up to support their kids at big events like the Christmas and Black History programs. And there’s always a wave of enthusiastic volunteers ready to help with fundraisers.”

With two daughters in fifth and sixth grade at Yellowstone, Monique is eager for the PTO’s next big endeavors: a movie-in-the-park fundraiser and hosting a cheer competition at Yellowstone. 🏊



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“Grandma, I don’t know how to be a child.”

JenRose* is a normal third-grader who loves to create art and play with her friends.

There’s one difference—her mom struggles with mental health issues and is often hospitalized because of them. Sometimes, her mom’s episodes have gotten so bad that JenRose has been the one to make decisions about going to the hospital or not.

When JenRose moved in with her grandma and started attending Yellowstone, she realized that what she had experienced wasn’t normal. “Grandma, I don’t know how to be a child,” she said.

At Yellowstone, JenRose is learning how to play again and rediscovering the joys of childhood through social-emotional learning, where she builds important developmentally appropriate skills like communication, empathy, and teamwork. With the support of caring teachers and friends, she develops confidence and forms meaningful relationships that help her feel safe and valued.

Will you help provide a safe and nurturing environment for kids like JenRose? Just \$100 can ensure one child experiences the stability and joy they deserve. Together, we can help them thrive! 

*To protect the privacy of our students, this name has been changed.



Make a lasting difference

\$100 each month sets our alums up for success and provides social-emotional support and education for students like JenRose.

We’re asking 100 supporters to give \$100 each month. Will you be one of them?

Yes! I want to support kids.

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