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HANO Provides College Exploration Experience for Youth During 2018 College Tour

New Orleans, LA (March 23, 2018) -- Last month, HANO kicked-off its annual enrichment activities to engage youth and young adults in educational opportunities. The Agency hosted a three-day college tour for 40 high school juniors and seniors currently residing in HANO communities and participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP). Youth visited Alcorn State University, Louisiana Tech University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Louisiana State University, Southern University in Baton Rouge, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University campuses. They also attended personal development seminars with a focus on college readiness, leadership, and life skills during the college tour.

Some of the participants were excited to explore the campuses while working toward selecting the ideal higher educational facility for their continuing education experience.

"Before attending the tour, I was unsure of where I would attend college in the fall. However, after visiting Jackson State University, I knew it was the place for me," said Paris Johnson, a senior at George Washington Carver High School. "The teachers and students at Jackson State were very friendly and helpful during the campus tour and also in the discussion of the application process, which can be super stressful."

"Although I am still unsure of where I will attend college in the fall, HANO's College Tour provided me the opportunity to explore local and out-of-state options," said Christian Pollard, a senior at McDonogh #35 High School. "College is not the path for everyone. However, some high school students need that extra push to mature and become more responsible, which HANO's College Tour has helped me with personally."

This fall, HANO will host its second tour of 2018 for high school students who are interested in visiting colleges and universities in Alabama and Georgia. Participants must be HANO residents

who are currently enrolled in 10th to 12th grade, and are interested in exploring their educational opportunities after completing their high school curriculum.

To date, the Agency has hosted more than 10 college tours for youth and young adults living in HANO communities, beginning in 2002. For more information on HANO's Community Supportive Services programs, visit HANO's website at www.HANO.org.