Project MALES will host its third annual Summer Leadership Academy at The University of Texas at Austin July 20-21, where 60 young men from Central Texas schools will get to experience what college is like. This overnight event is meant to help demystify the college experience, reinforce the leadership skills they have developed over the year, and mitigate the effect of “summer brain drain”. Through our summer academy, we are addressing the lack of programming in Austin for our students, we know from decades of research that summer learning loss is a real phenomenon, particularly for low-income students. We are also inviting a family member of each young male to join us so that they can experience what college life is like. During this time, students and families will have the opportunity to walk in classrooms, experience a college course, stay in the dormitories, and tour the recreation facilities.

**Daily Schedule of Activities**

**Friday, 7/20/18, 8am-9pm; Location: UT-Austin**
- Breakfast will be provided as we assign parents and students to their dorm rooms. We will then break up into groups and provide sessions for both parents and students focused on the five themes—brotherhood, leadership, college and career readiness, health wellness, and identity. We will also explore buildings and museums, visit laboratories, and meet with University faculty and staff. Lunch and Dinner will be provided, we will end the day with a group activity.

**Saturday, 7/21/18, 7am-3pm; Location: UT-Austin**
- We will spend the final day of our Summer Leadership Academy working with local cultural artists to develop student’s writing and speaking skills. Breakfast and lunch will be provided as students prepare for their presentations. We will also have an award ceremony where community leaders will judge contestants based on their presentations.

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