

## Dear Scholars,

Welcome to Nashville Scholars!

**By Gary Hook**  
Nashville Scholars Cane Ridge Site Director

Scholars....I am so PROUD of You!

Here's to the sacrifice, here's to commitment, here's to hope, and here's to the amazing possibilities that come with your education. Here's to your success.

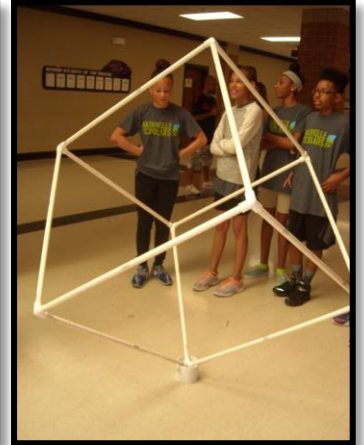
Your fight to become the best YOU that YOU can be!

That, more than anything, is why WE are here. WE understand the IMPORTANCE OF TODAY! We understand that what YOU do with the next few years of YOUR LIFE will ultimately determine what YOU do with the next 50 years of your life. WE believe that, through education, hard work, and determination, YOU can shape your tomorrows to be beautiful and bright.

Let's do this! This is YOUR program. Make it great!

Be Ready. Be Engaged. Be Respectful.  
Be A Scholar!

Until next time,  
Mr. Hook



## Adventure Works Article

*Sharing and getting power.*

**By Tamara Curry**  
NAZA Pulse Correspondent

While there are many new things about this year's program, one of the things that stayed the same is our yearly partnership with Adventure Works! The game-focused program came on the second day of the program this year. Scholars were able to get to know their Crew's right away and start the summer off with fun games, team building activities, and lots of Crew bonding time.

Scholars were challenged to work together to move a large ball from one location to another only using a metal ring with ropes attached to it. Other challenges included creating a mini-roller coaster for a ping-pong ball, a marble, and a golf ball. Tamara Curry, a ninth grader enjoyed the Swamp Eater game. "We had to step on tiles and get across an area without leaving the square behind. And we couldn't touch the floor. It was fun because we got to work together and get to know each other and we're all closer now."

Adventure Works was a great way for us to come together as a Crew and it allowed for some of the more shy people to feel more comfortable.



# COLLEGE CORNER

## Middle Tennessee State University

*I am true BLUE.*

**By Christine Ko**  
**NAZA Pulse Adviser**

Next Tuesday, Cane Ridge Scholars will embark on a trip to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). To give students an idea of what to expect, here are ten fast-facts about MTSU.

1. MTSU is located in Murfreesboro, TN and is the number 1 producer of graduates for the Greater Nashville area.
2. MTSU offers over 140 different degree programs ranging from recording industry management, horse management, nursing, accounting, and education.
3. There are over 325 different student organizations on campus ranging from Greek life, service groups, religious organizations, and academic societies.
4. MTSU has special programs specifically geared towards veterans and military families.
5. The average financial aid package from MTSU is \$10,798.
6. You are able to study abroad (in another country) while you attend MTSU.
7. There are 20,140 undergraduates at MTSU, 2,803 of which are freshmen.
8. MTSU looks for students who have a 3.0 GPA and a score between 19 and 22 on the ACT.
9. MTSU offers a highly competitive honors program for students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and a score of 25 on the ACT.
10. MTSU has a variety of unique facilities including three recording studios, a flight simulator, a seismograph, three television studios, and an electronic music laboratory.



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## An Interview with Jackie

*The inside scoop on the freshmen experience.*

**By Tori Ray**  
**NAZA Pulse Correspondent**



Jackie said that it was scary to meet new people and she mentioned that the classes are harder in college. The pace was more different and material covered was even heavier than in high school. However, she was very excited about going to college and is majoring in Psychology despite the challenges

I asked Jackie about how she was paying for college and the process she went through to get in. Jackie was a DACA student and the first thing she had to do was write an essay, send her ACT scores, and her transcript in to Lipscomb University. Then it was just a waiting game until she got an acceptance letter to college! Getting into college and being successful is really important to her and it is why her parents brought her to this country because college is really the main priority.

College interests Jackie because of the freedom that comes with it. There is more independence, but that also means that teachers are on you to do certain things for the class. But, she welcomes this challenge and is always excited about being in college, learning new things, and sharing how she got started in college.

## Basketball Tournament

Scholars create our own NBA Finals

**By Rakiya Palmer**  
**NAZA Pulse Staff Reporter**

Last summer’s basketball tournament was a highlight of the program and this year is no different. I interviewed Coach Allen and asked him a few questions about this year’s tournament.

**Q:** What kind of players are you looking for?

**A:** People that are coachable.

**Q:** Is there anything that you would like to say to the other team?

**A:** Be prepared to lose!

**Q:** What positions are you looking for in your players?

**A:** A strong point guard, a solid center, and a good defender.



## Warriors vs. Cavaliers!

Recapping the NBA Finals

**By Brandon Davidson**  
**NAZA Pulse Staff Reporter**

Last week kicked off one of the most anticipated and highly watched events in sports: The NBA Finals. This year the Finals are between the Golden State Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Games One and Two were at home for Golden State. The Warriors came out strong and were determined to win the Finals. If they win this year’s NBA Finals, it will be the second time in a row. Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green led both games to a Warrior victory.

Game Three and Four are at home for Cleveland. This past Wednesday, the Cavaliers came back strong from a total blowout in Game Two. The Cavaliers had good ball movement between players and were able to have a 33-point blowout.

Game Four is on Friday, June 10 at 8:00 pm.



## Make the Most of High School

A snapshot into the different clubs offered in our Scholars’ schools.

**By Hiwot Demelash**  
**NAZA Pulse Correspondent**

Although our high schools have great opportunities and we have sports and tutoring, we also have other extracurricular activities that we very much value. A lot of our schools have many clubs to choose from. This allows us to connect with other students in activities that we enjoy. High schools such as Cane Ridge, Overton, and Hume Fogg all have plenty of clubs to choose from. Clubs are important, they help the students get together and interact on a subject that can bring people together. Teachers host these meetings and are very supportive of these arrangements.

Examples of the kind of clubs that high schools host are Bio Club, Student Council, Latino Achievers, and TSA (Technology Student Association). These are all in Overton but there are clubs similar to these in almost all Metro Nashville Schools. Some clubs don’t even have anything to do with academics. In various schools, there are Anime Clubs, Glee Clubs, Debate Clubs, Book Clubs, and of course Chess Clubs. These are clubs that are in Hume Fogg but once again, some of them can be found in other schools too. Discussions can vary from politics, world problems, and foreign affairs. Conversations can also be about movies, sports, and other social media. In conclusion, clubs are the place to be in high school and they can improve relationships and academics along with giving you the whole high school experience.



# GET INVOLVED!



## Enrichment Highlight: Spoken Word Music Production

Scholars learn basics of mixing music.

By Christine Ko  
NAZA Pulse Adviser

This week, Nashville Scholars were able to participate in a unique and new experience: Music Production. Through a partnership with Southern Word, Scholars are able to learn how to and actually produce music through the resources that Southern Word provided. Here is how our Scholars felt:

- “I like learning how to make all beats and put them together. It’s really good if you want to know your own awesome beats.” - Ana Gerges
- “I like this class because it is something new to try.” – Kendrian Jones
- “Music has been a way of life for me. It is a way to express ones true self. It is all you and no one else.” – Mayson Harris
- “This class is fun and cool. This class is awesome.” – Caleb Pritchard
- “I enjoy it a lot and it’s exciting to me. The only thing I hate is that it’s going to end. The beats are really amazing to do.” – Desean Sanders

## Enrichment Highlight: Flower Arrangement

Creating beautiful bouquets.

By Jamie Bonkowski  
Flower Arrangement Enrichment Leader

In the Flower Arranging enrichment class the students are creating art using fresh flowers. Students are exploring the basic concepts of flower arrangement while developing personal flair and creativity. Students are learning tricks for creating floral pieces to enhance any special occasion. Flower arrangement is not an art to be reserved only for special occasions. A few flowers on the kitchen table can be as important in their own way as a full scale decoration for a big occasion.

During the past week of enrichment, the students have created bud vases with roses, a mixed bouquet, a table arrangement and finally a student choice arrangement. Throughout the week the students have worked hard and shined through the art of flower arranging.

- “This class is colorful and makes everybody feel like an artist.” – Jordan Mayes
- “It is more fun than it seems. I can go home and use it for decoration. I’m learning how to do something new.” – Camren Martin
- “This class is good. It makes me feel happy.” – Mekiah Campbell

### Scholars of the Week!

*These Scholars are ready, respectful,  
and engaged!*

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jada Heslop and Caleb Pritchard

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Elsie Ufot and Mekiah Campbell

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Xavier Hendrix and Jack Freeman

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Carlos Alvarez-Castillo and Tori Ray

#### Oasis

Prabin Subedi and Marcus Moore



# Scrapbook



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.*

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**COLOR.**



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### WEEK 2 AT NASHVILLE SCHOLARS

#### CANE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

**Tuesday, June 14:** Field Trip to MTSU  
**Wear your Scholars shirt!**

**Wednesday, June 15:** Nashville Public Library visits with their Mobile Library!

**Thursday, June 16:** NAZA Staff and the Mayor's Office visit Cane Ridge Site!

# End of the Week Survey!

1. The best thing about Nashville Scholars this week was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I am excited to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I hope to improve on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. My Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. This weekend I am \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Nashville Scholars Mad Libs!

*Fill in the blanks with any word that fits the description in the [bracket]!*

It happened last Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_ [friend] and I were camping in my back yard. We were telling jokes and eating \_\_\_\_\_ [food (plural)] when we heard an odd, \_\_\_\_\_ [adjective] noise coming from the \_\_\_\_\_ [singular noun]. We thought it sounded like a talking \_\_\_\_\_ [animal (singular)].

Bravely, \_\_\_\_\_ [friend] \_\_\_\_\_ [past tense verb] to the \_\_\_\_\_ [animal (singular)]. I heard \_\_\_\_\_ [adjective] music and \_\_\_\_\_ [past tense verb] to my friend. Right before my eyes I saw \_\_\_\_\_ [friend] disappear and then reappear as a peculiar, \_\_\_\_\_ [number]-foot \_\_\_\_\_ [animal (singular)]. I \_\_\_\_\_ [past tense verb]! But then the \_\_\_\_\_ [animal (singular)] \_\_\_\_\_ [past tense verb] and said, "I'm starving. Got any \_\_\_\_\_ [food (plural)]?"

"Wa-wah-where's \_\_\_\_\_ [friend]?" I stammered.

"What's wrong with you? I am \_\_\_\_\_ [friend]!"

That's when I fainted.