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PG Educators are Preparing Tomorrow's Doctors!

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David Ledbetter is the third child of eight. He has made it his mission to excel throughout his academic career. David is the Co-Founder of "Imagine This," a Carolina Youth Coalition Scholar and Myers Park High School student. He attributes success to one of his favorite quotes, "Be the change you wish to see in the world!"

David knew at an early age that despite the challenges, he was going to succeed in school.

Raised by my single mother, David lacked the proper exposure and resources to carry out the task. It wasn't until his sophomore year of high school that he met his first male educator of color, Mr. Binns. Mr. Binns represents the smallest demographic of teachers. Only 2% of educators nationally are males of color.

Seeing David's immense potential, Mr. Binns connected him to Jason Terrell, the co-founder of [Profound Gentlemen](#). From there, David was offered the opportunity of interning for one of the largest nonprofits in America, supporting male educators of color.

Profound Gentlemen is a stepping stone towards success for boys of color.

Not only did David learn about how a successful nonprofit operates, but it introduced him to essential tools needed to be successful within his academic journey.

With these newly found resources, David was able to improve socially and academically. By the end of his sophomore year of high school, he had created a nonprofit organization of his own, "Imagine This": College & Career Readiness. The organization helps high school students from disenfranchised communities pursue higher education.

Imagine This was founded on the pillars of Community Engagement, Health & Wellness, Education, and Career Mentorship. David believes that these are the most effective methods to carry out the mission of the organization. He currently hosts programming sessions every other Monday; however, due to Covid-19 programming sessions have been postponed.

Making a global impact!

In August of 2019, David began conducting work around voters' rights for the voice of the disenfranchised. Specifically, he registered people to vote and educating them on early voting here in Charlotte, NC. It was during the time of the famous Popeye's chicken sandwich release. Thousands of people were lining up to get their hands on the sandwich, so David saw this as an excellent opportunity to meet the masses where they were.

Acknowledgment of his work on social media went viral and was even [encouraged by the former U.S. President](#), Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama. David was also featured on local and national media outlets, including CNN with Don Lemon, ABC News, Huffington Post, Essence magazine, and many other media sites.

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David plans on studying Biology with a Pre-Med track at Howard University. He will be the first individual in his family to attend and complete college.

David ultimately wants to go to medical school in order to address the disparity in quality healthcare for African Americans.

David's story is being shared as part of Profound Gentlemen's It Start's With a Story Series. Profound Gentlemen is a national organization whose mission is to build a national community of educators who provide a profound additional impact on boys of color.

[Help build a robust pipeline of male educators of color so that more boys of color have access to teachers like Mr. Binns. Donate to Profound Gentlemen today.](#)

More happening today at PG

- Today is Giving Tuesday Now! [Support PG](#) so that we can support our educators all year long!
- It is also National Teacher Appreciation Day! Write a letter of gratitude to an educator in our network using [our virtual platform](#).
- Join PG Chief Impact Leader, Mario Javon Shaw, and our impact team at 5pm on [Instagram](#) Live today for Teacher Appreciation Day festivities!



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