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## THE BELIEVER'S PACKET

EMPOWERING  
THE CREATIVE LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW!

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## DEAR JAMS FAM,

The Jacksonville Arts & Music School leadership team genuinely appreciates your relentless commitment to our organization during these unprecedented times. Your ongoing support as we navigate the mental, physical, social-emotional and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is unrivaled.

We don't hesitate to express how our supporters and partners have allowed students to continue experiencing arts programming at JAMS amid a challenging year. At the onset of the pandemic, our organization was able to transition to a fully virtual arts instruction experience seamlessly, allowing us to close out the 2019-2020 school year and our five-week summer camp intensive programming. During this time, we managed to foster award recipients of Tomorrow's Leaders, presented by Vystar Credit Union. We had a student featured in Folio Weekly's 18 under 18, while others successfully submitted original works to the Library of Congress, obtaining full publishing rights. We even achieved our plans to expand our existing facility's footprint to increase youth access in 2020-2021.

As you read through this Annual Report, you will discover the many ways JAMS has managed to successfully navigate the complexity of serving Jacksonville's Urban Core youth safely. Additionally, the report reveals our approach to sustainability and growth in a fragile economy, more importantly, how it translates to the preservation and further development of the surrounding community.

Jacksonville Arts & Music School strives to solidify our presence throughout Northeast Florida, with the pursuit of excellence in the services we provide to our youth. As a JAMS Believer, your commitment makes this possible. Your unwavering support has undoubtedly laid the groundwork for "Empowering the Creative Leaders of Tomorrow," and it has never been as crucial of a mission as it is for us today. I look forward to our continued partnership and arriving safely on the other side of a difficult season together. Meanwhile, let us never cease building a sustainable program for our youth and our community in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Jason A. Peoples | Executive Director**





WE ARE  
WHAT  
TOMORROW  
WILL BE.



MISSION



To Empower the Creative Leaders of Tomorrow.



“WE CANNOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS  
WITH THE SAME THINKING WE USED  
WHEN WE CREATED THEM.”

-Albert Einstein





# SUPPORT CREATIVITY & LEADERSHIP TODAY!



Join our family, and a growing community of dedicated JAMbassadors, by becoming an advocate for arts education and leadership. Enjoy special perks, exclusive access to on-campus events, and engage as a sustaining supporter of our work.

*You're investing in the future of our city, every month.*

## JAMBASSADORS

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Our Annual Fund supports JAMS' core programs in visual arts, music, dance, film, Social-emotional learning and leadership development. Monthly gifts of all sizes are crucial to the success of our mission to empower the creative leaders of tomorrow; no gift is too small! [www.jamslife.org/donate](http://www.jamslife.org/donate)

## FUNDRAISE WITH US

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We provide opportunities to enjoy, celebrate, and support JAMS' work in Jacksonville, Florida, yearly, and welcome your individual or company ideas to do the same. Learn more: [AmberB@jamslife.org](mailto:AmberB@jamslife.org)

## VOLUNTEER

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Without the help of an amazing supporting cast of volunteers, we would never be able to offer so many creative opportunities for our youth. Visit [www.jamslife.org](http://www.jamslife.org) to learn more.



# VISION

To be the best arts education and leadership development institution for youth in the world using revolutionary methods to promote creative thinking.



# 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

STUDENT  
SUCCESS!



## Featured Guest!

JAMS student Niveah Glover, an accomplished writer, poet, and playwright, was an award recipient of Tomorrow's Leaders, presented by Vystar Credit Union during the City of Jacksonville's 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.



## Hard Work Pays Off!

TEAM JAX Competition Team returned from the National Taekwondo Qualifier with 6 Gold, 8 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals. This was the result of only 4 months of training!



## Officially Published!

Nia McKenzie, "JAMS Original" student and co-writer/arranger for the "JAMS Anthem" is pictured accepting her official registered work with the Library of Congress.







# LEADING THE WAY

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# 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMUNITY!

## Living History!

JAMS students visited the Ritz Museum & Theater in the historic Lavilla neighborhood. They learned about Jacksonville's African-American greats like James Weldon Johnson, John Rosamond Johnson, Eartha White and more.

Students also had the honor of meeting living legend Mr. Rodney L. Hurst who, at the age of 16, participated in the NAACP Youth Council's sit-in at the Woolworth Counter in 1960. This initiative led to what we know now as Ax Handle Saturday, a pivotal day in local civil rights history.



## Neighborhood JAM!

House Davis brought down the house at Porchfest 2019, a Jacksonville music festival that features local bands who perform on the porches of homes in the Springfield neighborhood.



\*List current through June 30, 2020\*

# 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

ADAPTING  
TO CHANGE!



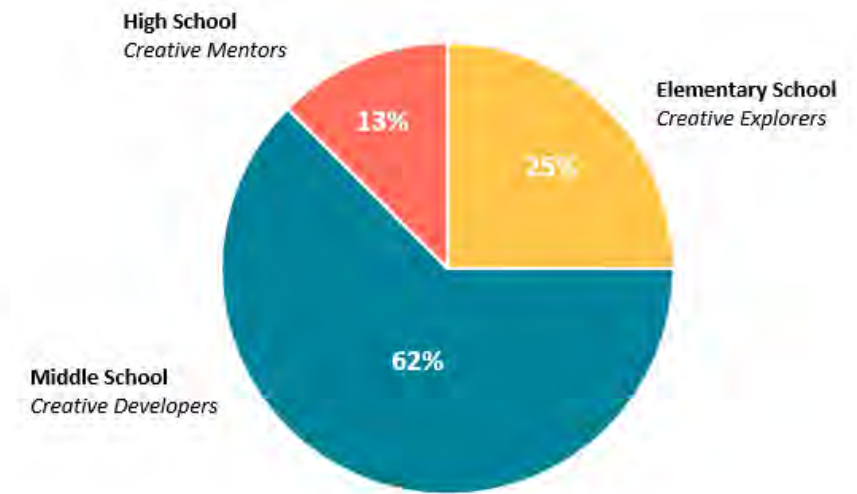
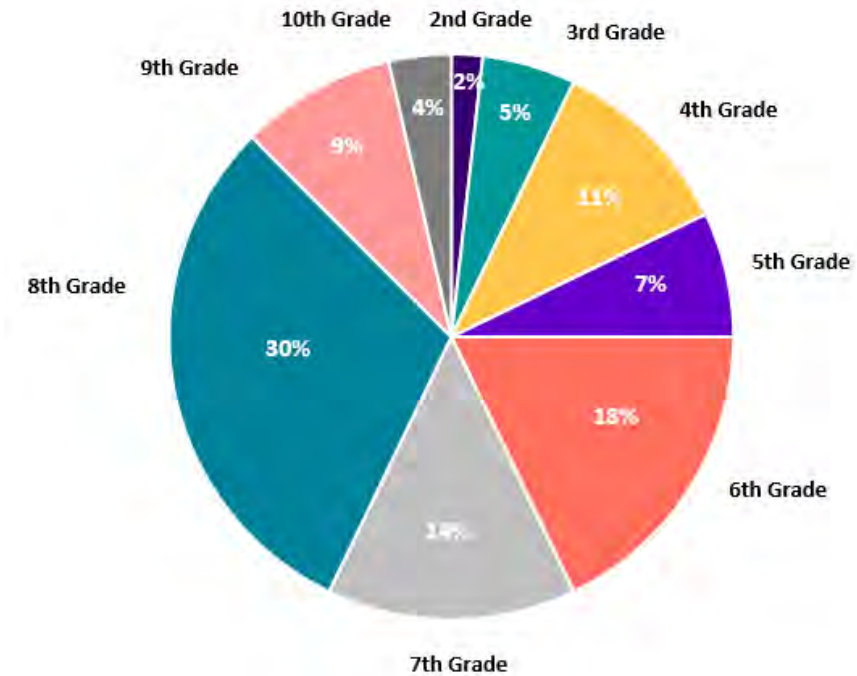
## COVID 19

The COVID-19 pandemic may have closed our doors but we adapted quickly. We successfully conducted our first fully virtual summer camp. As restrictions were lifted JAMS extended a helping hand to our surrounding neighbors by hosting a mobile food pantry sponsored by Feeding NE Florida.



## JACKSONVILLE ARTS & MUSIC SCHOOL REACH

# AT A GLANCE







INSPIRATIONAL MURALS & THINK TANK



**SAFE AT HOME**

Due to COVID-19 we couldn't be in the same physical location with our students this summer. Since we were unable to be together at the campus, we offered a fully virtual camp and checked in with our JAMS families at home. Please visit the JAMS website to view our Safe at Home portfolio.



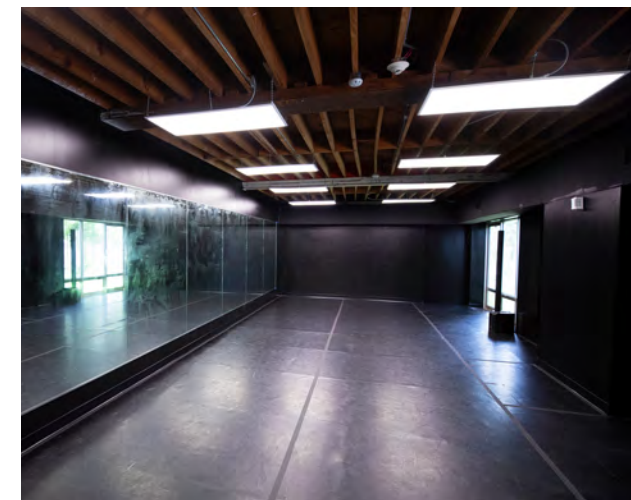
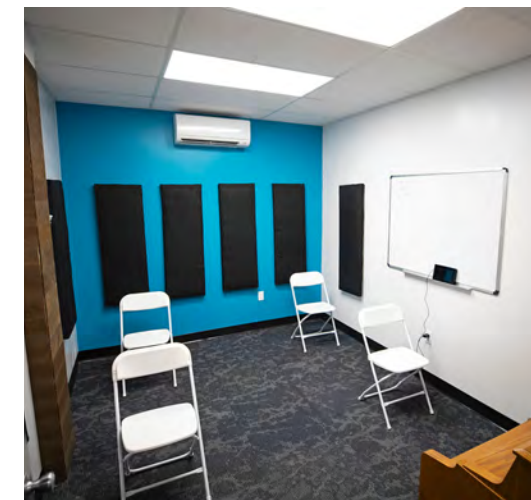
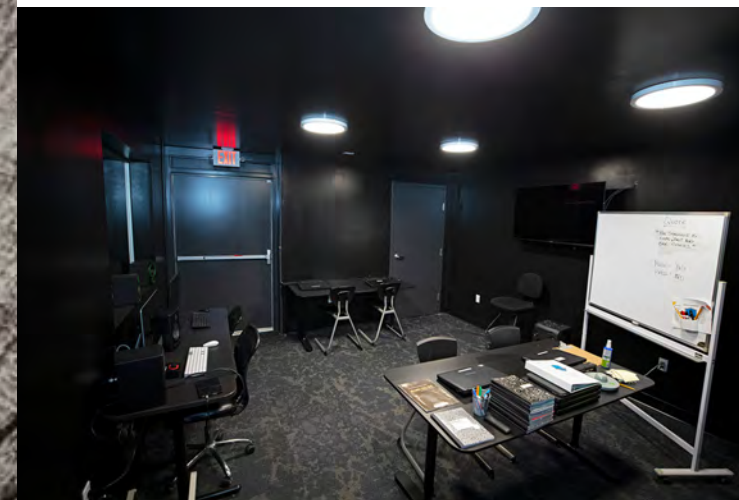
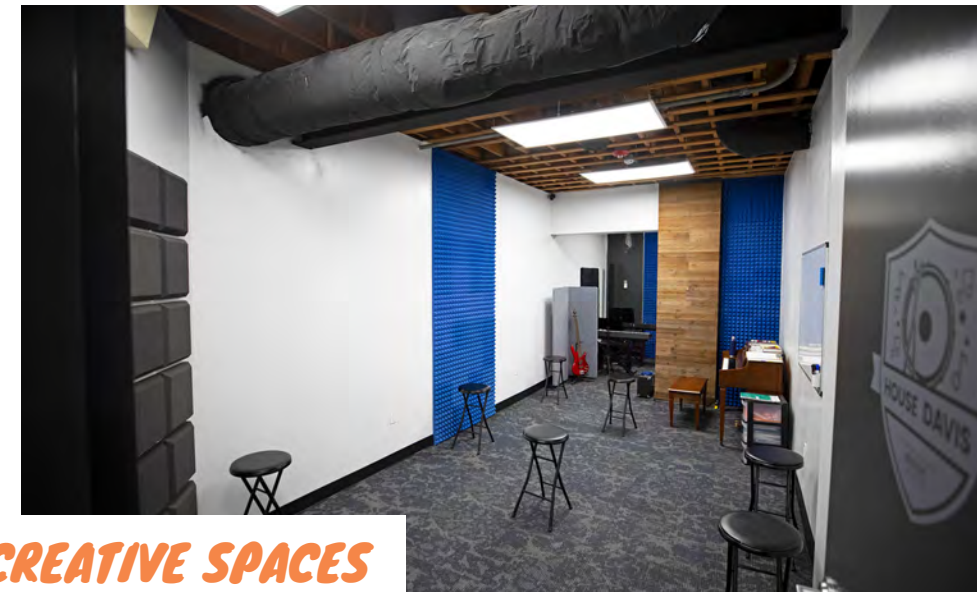


“THE FUNCTION OF  
LEADERSHIP  
IS TO PRODUCE  
MORE LEADERS,  
NOT MORE  
FOLLOWERS.”

– Ralph Nader



*CLASSROOMS & CREATIVE SPACES*





# RE NOVA TIONS



## CREATIVE LEADERS

To learn more about our amazing leadership team, their extraordinary accomplishments and backgrounds, visit [www.jamslife.org](http://www.jamslife.org)



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# CREATIVE LEADERS



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Music/Visual Art

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

2020 Student Leaders



**JAYAH**  
HOUSE SAVAGE



**LINNAI**  
HOUSE DAVIS



**A'KERA**  
HOUSE ALLEN



**AYVIANA**  
HOUSE MICHEAUX



# CREATIVE HOUSES



## HOUSE SAVAGE

Visual Art students pay homage to the late Augusta Savage, African-American sculptor associated with the Harlem Renaissance.



## HOUSE ALLEN

Dancers honor a living legend, "The" Debbie Allen. Allen is an American actress, dancer, choreographer, television director and producer.



## HOUSE DAVIS

Music students embrace jazz with a tribute to Miles Davis, renowned trumpeter, band leader, and composer.



## HOUSE MICHEAUX

Film creators honor Oscar Micheaux, African-American author, film director, and independent producer of more than 44 films.



4,270 hours  
of arts education  
and leadership  
development.





# JUNIOR COUNCIL

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their extraordinary accomplishments and  
backgrounds, visit [www.jamslife.org](http://www.jamslife.org)



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Junior Program Assistant  
and JAMS Junior Council



**AYVIANA**  
JAMS Junior Council

Decision  
Makers!



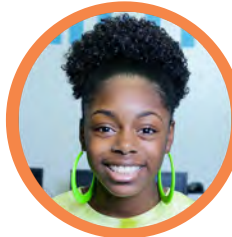
**NIVEAH**  
JAMS Junior Council



**MICHO**  
JAMS Junior Council



**CHARMAINE**  
JAMS Junior Council



**AKILI**  
JAMS Junior Council



**LINNAI**  
Junior Program Assistant  
and JAMS Junior Council



**LAJUANE**  
JAMS Junior Council

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our board willingly give their time,  
skills, and resources to help us  
foster creative thinkers. We are  
truly grateful for their  
extraordinary support.



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Cofounder  
and Board Chair



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