

# The Student ACES Center

**MISSION :** *The SAC's mission is to provide leadership, academic health and wellness support for ACE students in The Glades (33430, 33476 and 33493). We are devoted to the growth and development of high school students, including workforce development skills, adjusting to different life transitions and academic studies.*

## **WHO WE ARE**

Student ACES (ACE) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring every student to achieve a foundation of honor, character and integrity that will leave a positive and permanent impression on their teams, schools and communities. By believing in their ability to be great, we create an environment that builds off their strengths as students, athletes, and community members. They aspire to be leaders; we provide the building blocks to get them there. Student ACES is dedicated to meeting students where they are in life, acknowledging the barriers and challenges they face while believing in their innate ability to overcome those challenges and achieve success.

## **WHAT WE DO**

Student ACES builds and bolsters resiliency and provides buffering relationships, through meaningful engagement, support, education and skill building. The program builds a community of peer athletes pulling from multiple schools, creating a relevant message "worth listening to" and interaction that builds trust and provides concrete support. The Student ACES program model is a welcomed, successful, community based, research informed response to the concerns listed above. The Student ACES model builds resilient individuals that move on to be a part of a larger network of student peer athletes modeling and contributing to their communities. Current students receive monthly classes and captains' summits focusing on ethics, leadership, self-efficacy, problem solving, character and many more topics that help build strong leaders within their homes, sports, and schools.

## **WHERE WE DO IT**

Student ACES impacts students in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade County. This request is for \$25,000 to support the new STEM Lab that will focus on Human Performance at The Student ACES Center located at 915 S. Main St. Belle Glade FL, 33430. These communities experience some of the highest unemployment rates in the country, coupled with a complexity of community adversities. In 2019 to support the work of Student ACES, Bank of America recently donated their bank building for complete renovation in turning it into the Student ACES Center or the SAC. Through the efforts of staff, community leaders and mentors, The SAC provides leadership, academic and athletic support for high school students in the Glades area. The SAC is a center where students come after school to become outstanding, well-rounded individuals who give back to their teams, schools and communities in which they live.

## **WHAT'S THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

95% of students agree The SAC has better prepared them to successfully attain and work a job.

91% of students say they are more confident now than when they first started attending the SAC

100% of students say that they feel safe and secure at all times in the SAC.

76% of students maintained or increased their GPA in the first semester. All students are now creating "personal business plans" to pave their own paths to success. Staff will work individually to craft plans to raise or continue to raise GPAs.

40 students have been hired for project-based jobs, including census education and student led grant-making.

100% of students are on track to move on to the next grade level, and 100% of the seniors are on track to graduate.

100% of students are crime free.



