



### **The Gumbo Project: Exploring New Orleans' Shared History & Culture Through Culinary Arts**

Through a Community Leadership Grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation -- Camp Restore, Community Works of Louisiana, and Team Happy Foundation are piloting **The Gumbo Project** during the Fall of 2016. We would like to provide 3 of your high school students a stipend-supported scholarship opportunity to join a select group of 10 total HS Scholars from across New Orleans to delve into our city's rich history through a series of dining-related experiences with local chefs and restaurant owners - curated by musical artist and educator, Ms. Cole Williams.

We seek to utilize the culinary heritage of New Orleans as a guidepost to explore popular present-day dishes while examining pressing social issues. Along the journey, we hope to create a safe space where the discovery and development of shared values, both historically and in present-day relationships, can thrive through intentional dialogue. These values include leadership, access, connectivity, and innovation. The project will include 12 sessions. A sample schedule is listed below; please note that dates and activities are subject to change.

**Learning Session 1** *November 9, 4:30pm - 6:30pm*: Intros, overview, establishing teams; City Councilmember visit and discussion on the economy of food and the dynamics of the hospitality industry.

**Activity Session 1** *November 12, 11am-2pm*: Fishing and cooking demonstration with Sean and Cyndi Nguyen in Eastern New Orleans.

**Learning Session 2** *December 7, 4:30pm - 6:30pm*: Lesson plan on BBQ history and traditions in the Deep South.

**Activity Session 2** *December 10, 11am-2pm*: "Whole Hog" cooking demonstration with emphasis on different regions.

**Learning Session 3** *Jan 11, 2017 4:30pm - 6:30pm* - Food Festival Organizer talk on managing large-scale food event.

**Activity Session 3** *Jan 14, 11am-2pm*: Lunch at Cafe Dauphine. Chef and owner wife/husband team Tia and Fred Henry talk about opening a restaurant in the Historic Lower 9th Ward after Katrina.

**Learning Session 4** *Feb 8, 4:30pm-6:30pm*: BP Oil Spill discussion and its impact on Louisiana seafood industry.

**Activity Session 4** *February, 11, 11am-2pm*: With help of scholars, Camp Restore Chef, Lorraine Breaud, cooks traditional New Orleans meal for 9th Ward Senior Center.

**Learning Session 5** *March 15, 4:30pm-6:30pm*: Start-up business discussion led by a mobile food truck operator.

**Activity Session 5** *March 18, 11am-2pm*: Lunch at Dooky Chase and conversation with Chef/Owner Leah Chase.

Transportation to and from each event will be provided for all students from their school and back.

Students will receive a stipend for completing the project with 90% attendance.

Student Applications can be accessed via this online link: <https://goo.gl/forms/SEzKqavMmAbDgfr83>

**Deadline is October 27.** Students will be notified of selection by November 2, 2016.