

CAREER AWARENESS PROJECT (CAP)

The founder, Preston Mitchum, Jr., a veteran ABC2 News photographer of 18 years, noted the necessity of changing the direction of our future through education; specifically that of at-risk youth. A focal point of the foundation is to bring insightful, engaging, and exciting programs to this vulnerable population and targets their lack of exposure with specific literacy. When a child is given the key to unlock their own future, a new world of intriguing exploration begins. Since 2006, the PMJ Foundation has pioneered a unique after-school program, the Career Awareness Project (CAP) which is offered in funded greater Baltimore area schools. Vital tools are given to participants who can then begin to lay their groundwork for success in higher education and careers. This pivotal approach brings to fruition their long-term interests and goals with a knowledge of careers that may otherwise be unavailable.

Nearly a thousand students have benefited from the CAP program as they achieve greater academic success. As a result of this long-term commitment, the program also serves as a successful drop-out prevention tool. The ability to apply a student's personal interests through hands-on activities while receiving mentorship from local professionals and field trips to local businesses, a brighter future comes to life. It is with greater clarity that CAP participants begin to see a promising and better future on the horizon. They aspire to change their life circumstance and seek a new direction.

To offer a better vision of a brighter future, we must first invest in our children. PMJ Foundation recognizes that through community support and involvement, this can and will be achieved. We are deeply humbled by community support and donations and look forward to effecting major change in our local communities.