

DINOMIGHTS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2023

FALL CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

Register today for the annual Fall
Classic Fundraiser hosted October 5,
2023 at the St. Paul Event Center

WOMAN IN LEADERSHIP

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leads as summer AmeriCorps Intern

JAMES TOUSSAINT

Natural Born Leader, Coach Mike
always knew James was born to lead



“Being able to help mentor the kids
within the DinoMights program
not only puts a smile on their face,
but also mine.”

- Josh Huisken,
Program Coordinator



FALL CLASSIC FUNDRAISER



REGISTER NOW!!



October 5, St. Paul Event Center, 400 Wabasha St. Paul MN
6:00-7:30 Food, Music, Silent Auction
7:30-8:30 Student Led Program and Live Auction

<https://one.bidpal.net/dinomights2023/welcome>

This year's DinoMights Fall Classic Fundraiser will be on October 5 at the St. Paul Event Center. We need your support to help ensure that every single DinoMights youth has a chance to enjoy these great and unexpected developments at DinoMights. More than that, we hope you will come and meet our youth in person. When you hear their stories, we hope you will be UTTERLY AMAZED! For, with your help, the DinoMights kids are going to do in their lifetimes even more than we can imagine.

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

525

STUDENTS
SERVED

88%

HS GRADUATION
RATE SINCE 1995

100%

GRADUATION
RATE PAST 4 YEARS

PRESENTING SPONSORS



TRADITION  COMPANIES



The Daniel Seeler
Family
and
The David Hirsch
Family



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WOMAN IN LEADERSHIP

This summer I came home from finishing my freshman year of college at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. I had the opportunity to come back for the summer and participate in a program through AmeriCorps called Ampact. This was Ampact's first summer of action, and I had the pleasure of choosing DinoMights as site of service. In this service, Ampact and DinoMights collaborated together to have me as an Intern. Lucky for me, I am well immersed in the world of DinoMights, and was able to dive right in. I got to help out with summer ice, the development of the student leadership team, overtime, and power camp. Being able to reconnect with everyone this summer after being away at school made me realize how much I've missed them! I often speak on how influential and impactful DinoMights has been in my life, and I really enjoyed coming back to work with the staff and all the kiddos. I can't wait to go back to school and use the skills DinoMights has taught me and apply them to my life as I navigate independence and my post secondary education, and I know DinoMights is in my corner.

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“The students make an immediate connection to James, because he grew up in their shoes”

- Dulce, HS DinoMight Staff



JAMES TOUSSAINT

I remember vividly that James was a natural leader. He brought a super positive attitude, an infectious smile, and a positive attitude to practice and games. I recall that when the team would go off the rails a bit in terms of effort or attitude, he was the peer leader who would intercede to speak with the team before I could get a word in. As a coach, I realize that peer leadership can be much more effective than hearing the same old thing from the adult or coach, so it really made an impression on me how much he stepped up in that regard. I also was not super surprised when I learned that James would remain involved in the program as a leader. He was always a great mentor to the younger kids and frankly set an example for a lot of us adults as well in how one can hold themselves to a high standard and therefore hold all those around him to that same standard. It brought me a ton of joy to see James in his role as a leader and coach on the ice last year and it was great to see that his passion and enthusiasm for the kids and the DinoMight program continues to make everyone around him a better version of themselves.

- Mike Olson

Mike coached DinoMights peewees from 1997 to 2007, and remains involved as a supporter to this day. James Toussaint has completed over a decade on the staff after growing in DinoMights as a participant.

10+ YEARS
ON STAFF

SEPTEMBER 2023



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