



PROJECT LIGHTEN UP

Summer Learning Academy and After School Action Program for Excellence (ASAP-E)

ASAP-E students engaged in completing homework, practicing the saxophone, dance rehearsal, and enrichment work.



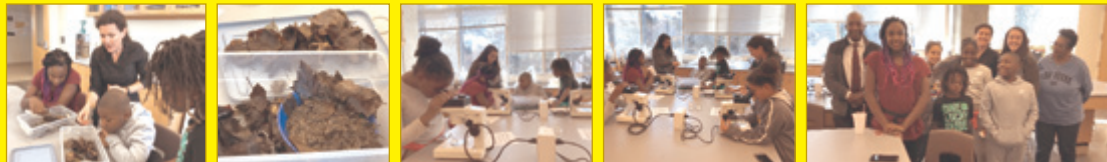
We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant for generously funding the E.W. Pearson Collaborative.

This initiative successfully united three historic African American Communities—Burton Street, East End, and Shiloh, and added Project Lighten Up to create meaningful and transformative community and educational experiences.



ASAP-E students at UNCA learning the process of how plants give off carbon dioxide.

ASAP-E students searching for and identifying various salamanders at UNCA.



If these vibrant photos you see convey the essence of learning as an enjoyable and thrilling experience, then consider enrolling your child or children into Project Lighten Up's Summer Learning Academy and After School Action Program for Excellence.

Our mission is to provide dynamic year-round educational opportunities, and experiences where learning is encouraged and celebrated.

Through PLU progressive learning unlimited we offer tutoring, mentoring, remedial, and enrichment activities to families from PreK, elementary to middle school. Special emphasis is placed on engaging students with Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) projects.

Insightful statistics underscore the long-term benefits of cultivating a positive learning experience early in life. Project Lighten Up is committed to shaping the trajectory of success for every student. In collaboration with UNCA, A-B Tech, Mars Hill University, and the Arboretum provide unique opportunities for students to immerse themselves into a college-like atmosphere, broadening their horizon and aspiration.

The summer learning academy is held for eight weeks, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and snacks served daily. The After-School initiative is held Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Conveniently situated in the Shiloh Community at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 486 Caribou Road, Asheville, NC, Project Lighten Up welcomes students and families into a supportive and engaging educational community, where the journey of learning, and building families is enjoyable and inspiring.

We appreciate the support our community gives through churches, business, and individuals whose donations make our outreach work possible. And lastly but not least, the support *The Urban News* gives to our programs and our community.

Make a donation to Project Lighten Up, 486 Caribou Road, PO Box 15298, Asheville, NC 28813.

Call (828) 274-2533 for more details.



ASAP-E students learn how to make their own barometer to determine the temperature outside and inside at a class held at UNCA.

ASAP-E students learn about Packing Peanuts, and also learn a method to dye candy and shirts during a class at UNCA.



ASAP-E students participating in Oakley Elementary School Family Engagement Night at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

ASAP-E students attending an A-B Tech class on how to code computers. They learned how to program the code-a-pillar to use robotic controls.

