

WOODSONCENTER



PBICVR 2025-26 Progress Report

PBICVR, Inc. has developed programs aimed at providing positive and enjoyable activities for Pine Bluff schools and public charter schools. These programs focus on cultivating leadership, character development, and sound decision-making skills. For these young individuals, we emphasize that "it's the PBICVR PEN OR PENCIL (POP™) for them," highlighting the importance of education, learning, and making thoughtful choices.

The primary goal of PBICVR in sponsoring these programs is to develop and empower young ladies and gentlemen to become future leaders and nonviolent, through regular meetings, service projects, and public events, members of the Wildcat Society Gentlemen's and Ladies' Clubs:

Learn and practice leadership skills

Are guided to make good decisions in school, at home, and in the community

Are encouraged to think critically about nonviolence, civic responsibility, and academic success. PBICVR's sponsorship ensures that these young people have structured opportunities to grow into responsible, community-minded leaders.

Community Engagement and Partnerships

The clubs have actively engaged in multiple community-facing initiatives, demonstrating both civic responsibility and compassion.

Members have met with the Rotary Club of West Pine Bluff, exposing them to adult role models in community leadership, service, and professional life. These interactions help scholars see how service, leadership, and civic participation operate in the broader community. Scholars have visited nursing homes, offering companionship and support to elderly residents. These visits promote empathy, respect for elders, and intergenerational connection.

Ten Commandments Framing Project

Club members helped frame the Ten Commandments for schools, emphasizing values, ethics, and respect for shared moral principles.

This project reinforced themes of responsibility, integrity, and moral guidance.

Scholars traveled to Edgewood Elementary School to read to younger scholars, serving as role models and literacy mentors.

Recently, they visited Coleman Elementary School and Watson Chapel Junior High School to:

Encourage younger students to complete their schoolwork

Emphasize the importance of advancing, graduating, and planning for the future

These activities reinforce the message that education and perseverance are essential pathways to success.

Gun Violence Education

Gun Violence Awareness and Nonviolence Education is a central component of the clubs' recent work that address gun violence and promoting nonviolence, grounded in the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Six Principles of Nonviolence. In October 2025, the Wildcat Society clubs organized and led a student-led assembly focused on gun violence with Legacy Member PBICVR Woodson Center Community Affiliate Network. As part of this event, scholars signed a pledge against gun violence in observance of the National Day of Concern.

The initiative helped students:

Publicly commit to nonviolent choices

Reflect on the impact of violence on their lives, families, and communities

Advancing MLK Jr.'s Six Principles of Nonviolence

The clubs actively advance the Six Principles of Nonviolence taught by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Gentlemen in the club were challenged to write, from a young person's perspective, about their concerns regarding gun violence.

Their reflective writing exercise:

Encouraged critical thinking and self-expression

Helped scholars articulate their experiences and fears

Connected their personal realities to the philosophy of nonviolence and social change

The Wildcat Society clubs have played a visible role in PBICVR's 42nd KingFest Activity honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They participated in the 42nd Annual KingFest, which focuses on:

Honoring Dr. King's legacy

Promoting race relations and community service

The clubs helped lead the 42nd MLK KingFest Parade, giving young scholars a public leadership platform and associating them with a powerful tradition of:

Nonviolent activism

Civic responsibility

Community pride

Their participation underscores PBICVR's commitment to raising a generation that understands and lives out Dr. King's principles

The Impact Summary

Through PBICVR's sponsorship, the Watson Chapel High School Wildcat Society Gentlemen's Club and Ladies Club have: Established the largest and most active high school gentlemen's club in the city, and the first-of-its-kind ladies' club

Provided structured opportunities for leadership development and positive peer culture

Engaged in meaningful community service, including:

Visiting nursing homes

Supporting moral and ethical education in schools (Ten Commandments framing)

Promoting literacy and academic encouragement at two Elementary Schools, Edgewood, and Coleman. Visited Watson Chapel Junior High to encourage good behaviors, perform and recruit scholars for the Ladies and Gentlemen Club

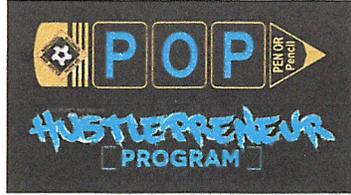
Taken a public stand against gun violence, including:

A student-led assembly on gun violence (October 2025)

A pledge against gun violence on the National Day of Concern

Reflective writing rooted in Dr. King's Six Principles of Nonviolence

Played a visible role in PBICVR's 42nd Annual KingFest Activity, helping lead the MLK KingFest Parade and supporting efforts to improve race relations and community service.



Finally, we are excited to enhance opportunities for system-involved youth in Pine Bluff and make a meaningful impact with the Hustlepreneur Mentality (H.E.M.™) Program. Pine Bluff is blessed to be included in the six implementation sites across the country and one control group site. Las Vegas, Nevada, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Los Angeles, California, Norwalk, Connecticut, Hampton Roads/Richmond, Virginia, and Saint Louis, Missouri.

With a policy focus on workforce development and juvenile justice prevention, the Hustlepreneur Mentality (H.E.M.™) is a 6-month entrepreneur and mentoring intervention program rooted in the culinary arts. Led by credible messengers and trained professionals who serve as PEN OR PENCIL™ affiliate leaders, H.E.M. empowers justice-involved youth ages 15-21 through entrepreneurship, hands-on culinary training, career exploration, and personal development. Participants will engage in group mentoring, workshops, and peer-coaching to improve outcomes such as hope, self-esteem, resilience, entrepreneurial knowledge, and future orientation.

Conclusion: Pine Bluff Interested Citizens for Voter Registration, Inc. is proud to sponsor these programs for the scholars in Pine Bluff Schools

Through PBICVR's support, scholars are:

Having positive, constructive fun

Learning to lead and make wise life decisions

Engaging directly with their community through service and advocacy

Embracing nonviolence, education, and responsibility as core values

In alignment with PBICVR's mission, these programs are developing and empowering young ladies and gentlemen to become future leaders, equipped to improve their schools, neighborhoods, and the broader community.

