



Dear Prospective Booker T. Washington Lion Students and Families-

It is an honor to (re)introduce myself to your family and let you know how special the next chapter at Booker T. Washington High School is going to be.

My name is Mr. Korbin Johnson and after 20 years in New Orleans education and 16 years of school leadership in our KIPP Central City Schools, I am humbled to be the next Principal at one of New Orleans' premier legacy high schools. My leadership/vision for the school is built on some very important principles that I am excited to share with you.

First and foremost, Booker T. Washington Lions are the Pride of Uptown in all that we do. Not only do we have several elite athletic teams who have won state championships in the last five years, our award-winning marching band won multiple trophies during parade season this past year. More than sports and band, our wide array of extracurricular activities will result in your child feeling a part of our community and motivated to do their best every day, ranging from our elite robotics team to participation in our KIPP New Orleans regional choir. We will partner with you and your child to develop them into a well rounded student that is prepared for whatever they choose to do after graduation.

Booker T. Washington HS will be a "home" for your child because we ensure s/he has many future options to choose from, no matter what s/he wants to do. We are home to rigorous Advanced Placement options AND all BTW students can apply for the Bard Early College program where they can earn an Associate's Degree and two years of college credits! Additionally, as the home to the KIPP New Orleans Stem Pathways Hub, our Lions have access to career pathways that include extensive partnerships within New Orleans to make sure that every one of our graduates are well-prepared for a high-demand, high-wage job or apprenticeship. Additional programming includes our Alumni Teaching Force, a rigorous pathway to career in education that provides hands-on teaching experience and leads to a future teaching role in KIPP New Orleans Schools.

While we are focused on the future, Booker T. Washington stands for the importance of tradition and legacy. As a legacy school, we stand on our promise to families that every child will thrive in their respective path beginning in 9th grade. Historically, this has been true for generations of Lions. We have one of the largest and most active alumni associations in the city and our alumni will be present and connected throughout your child's HS experience so that our students see the power of what it means to be a "Lion for Life".

There has never been a better time to join our Pride. Open enrollment for Booker T. Washington begins on Wednesday, May 14th.

I speak for our amazing staff when I say that we are grateful to do this work with our students and look forward to continuing to thrive in Uptown New Orleans for years to come!

Forever Grateful-

Korbin Johnson

Principal, Booker T. Washington High School