From the moment they stepped back into the classroom, our poet-athletes were ready to get the ball rolling in and off the field.

But getting back to school full-time in-person after nearly two years of learning from home wasn’t easy for all students and coaches.

In partnership with 12 Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) schools, we successfully welcomed scholars back into a safe and nurturing environment and focused on what we do best: providing poet-athletes with core literacy skills, social-emotional learning opportunities, and physical activity.

From September through December, students engaged in our evidence-based poetry curriculum, participated in weekly soccer games, and filmed our annual Poetry Slam! so it could be watched virtually by their families and our community. A total of 19 team poems and 12 individual poems were performed.

Click here for our complete list of our 2021 Poetry SLAM Winners.

Thank you to our 2021 Poetry SLAM! Partners:

Watch all our 2021 Poetry SLAM! performances on YouTube
After the winter break, poet-athletes kicked-off the spring season by focusing on opportunities to support their communities through service-learning projects.

Once the snow cleared out, scholars got into soccer lessons and participated in weekly games, when they played against other SCORES schools and made new friends.

SCORES adult supporters also had a chance to play at our annual SCORES Cup soccer tournament.

The excitement continued through our annual Jamboree and our first in-person Red Carpet Poetry Slam since the pandemic. The event brought together a handful of poet-athletes and Emmy-nominated anchor and reporter Carmen Blackwell for an evening of celebration.

Once again in the summer, SCORES partnered with CMSD, city recreation centers, and other community organizations for summer programming. We closed the year with an Annual Golf Outing fundraiser.
2021-2022 AFTER-SCHOOL IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Bellaire - Puritas
- Artemus Ward School
- Robinson G. Jones School

Clark - Fulton
- Natividad Pagan International Newcomers Academy (formerly known as Thomas Jefferson)
- Scranton

Cudell
- Marion C. Seltzer School

Hough
- Wade Park School

Glenville
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy

Jefferson
- Garfield School

Slavic Village
- Albert Bushnell Hart
- Warner Girls’ Leadership Academy

St. Clair-Superior
- Willson School

Tremont
- Buhrer Dual Language Academy

For our complete 2021-22 impact, see our Program Outcomes Report

Program Age Group
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) 12.4%
- Jr. (Grades 1-2) 35.2%
- Core (Grades 3-5) 52.3%

Race/Ethnicity
- African American/Black 50%
- Caucasian 8%
- Hispanic/Latino 29%
- Asian 2%
- Other 11%

Gender
- Female 53%
- Male 47%
WHAT OUR POET-ATHLETES ARE SAYING

“SCORES taught me how to be respectful and helped me learn poetry [...] it made me better at soccer, and it helped my grades get higher so I can stay in soccer.”

Michael is a 4th grader at Buhrer Dual Language Academy. He has been on the team for two years and initially joined SCORES because he liked soccer.

He likes that in SCORES he learns new skills. As a teammate, he has learned how to respect others and how to listen to others.

One of his favorite memories is when his team won three soccer games in a row. When he writes his poems he is inspired by his mom, dad, and teacher.

Michael enjoys reading and solving math equations.

Kate is a 5th grader at Marion C. Seltzer school. She started in SCORES in 4th grade, but had her doubts. She wanted to quit but her mom asked that she gave us a try and she is glad that she did!

One of Kate’s best memories with SCORES was taping her team’s poem for SCORES’s 2021 virtual Poetry Slam!, which also happened to be her first slam.

During her time in SCORES, she has grown as a teammate and has become more involved with the community. As she grows up, Kate wants people to know that she wants to create a better community. She also wants people to know they can always better themselves and be the person they want to be.

“When I get older, I want to be a volleyball player, a doctor or an astronaut!”
Family
Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy
Core Co-ed & Juniors Teams

Family is different for everyone
Some families are strict, some are fun.
Some family members are crazy and some are lazy
Some are odd and some are young
A different perspective, some are protective
Work hard, get smart, do my part.
My best memory with my family
Involves holidays and vacations
My memories are both happy and sad

I love my family.
This is who we are in our families
We are athletic
We play games

We are the youngest, middle and the oldest
at the same time.
This is my family and me
This is not the end of our story.

Who am I?
Robinson G. Jones School
Core Girls Team

Who am I?
I am smart and kind
I am a butterfly as blue as the sky
I am a bird as light as the sun
I am a girl that likes making friends
I am bold as the raging seas
Who do I want to be?
I want to help people
I want to study life
I want to be a shoulder to cry on
I want to be a good friend
I want to teach life lessons
If I could save the world...
I would get rid of pollution
I would sacrifice my life for others
I would stop racism
I would stop gun violence
I would find a cure for all diseases
I would let everyone know that all people
deserve kindness and respect
This is who I am!
This is who I want to be!
Jen Holder, SCORES Liaison and Writing Coach at Robinson G. Jones School has been working with Cleveland poet-athletes since 2013.

Like many Coaches who are CMSD teachers, the opportunity to work with scholars and to make extra money was what got her involved with program. But the memories she’s made over the years and her impact are why she sticks with it.

"Once I started the program and saw the transformation it did for some scholars. I was sold for life!"

Amongst all fond memories over the years, Ms. Holder recalls being a true part of her poet-athletes’ lives:

"[I had] a scholar in SCORES with me from 3rd to 8th grade. [I remember] being at her 8th grade promotion [and] being invited to her high school soccer games. Her mother invited me to surprise her at her high school graduation. I impacted her life all those years because of SCORES."

"Every poetry SLAM I’ve been to, seeing how excited the poet-athletes are when they finish their poems is always so overwhelming awesome! I almost cry! They go from feeling like they can’t do it and nervous to being very proud. Full of pride!"

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