

# "Tiny Tykes" Member Achieves Huge National Attention

It is no secret that Louisville Central Community Centers Kids Art Academy has some of the most talented youth in both our "Tiny Tykes" and "Youth Troupe" theater programs. Youth who are gifted artistically, who are actors, dancers, performers, and visual artists, are coached toward excelling academically and contributing positively to their community. One Tiny Tykes member in recent months has shown the ability to become a television star with his charming personality, interview savviness and outstanding musical renditions of the National Anthem and Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You". DCorey Johnson, a Bates Elementary 3rd grader, has gained national attention via several mainstream media outlets; and, his YouTube and social media video posts have gone viral, attracting over 100,000 views and counting.

DCorey has been covered by media giants like WHAS11's Sherlene Shanklin, Good Morning America's Aryana Azari and TJ Holmes and is receiving invitations to perform at professional football games as well as guest appearances on nationally recognized TV programs. We at LCCC are extremely proud DCorey and we congratulate him on his current and future success. It is no doubt that he has a voice that deserves to be heard across the world and a talent that can encourage other children to break out of their shell and share their gifts as well. As a Tiny Tyke member, DCorey has been a part of performing arts productions including C.hildren A.bout T.he S tage (C.A.T.S.), Annie Jr., The Broadway Revue, Aladdin Jr., The Crusade for Children Telethon Performance, and KAA's Drug and Alcohol Prevention PSA.

The Tiny Tykes Troupe is comprised of local school-aged children, ages 6 to 12, who are assessed and trained in competencies related to the National Core Standards of creating, performing, responding, and connecting in the disciplines of music, dance, theatre, and visual Arts. LCCC nurtures the development of these children as they strive to hone and showcase their talents and gifts.

DCorey is one of many talented children in our community that is committed to being great and achieving excellence. Today, we celebrate his success and give thanks to his parents, teachers, family and friends for their support of his development. LCCC is confident that DCorey Johnson will continue to be a shining star among his peers, globally.

LCCC's mission is to advance equity through empowerment of economically disadvantaged children and families within Russell, nearby neighborhoods and the larger community. Our goal is to assure families of school-aged youth have access to out-of-school-time (OST) services that prepare students for graduation and career beyond high school. Contact us at (502) 583-8821 or [info@lcccnews.org](mailto:info@lcccnews.org) to learn more about our programs.

