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Brogdon Family Foundation and Indianapolis Public Schools Partner to Launch Spring 2022 Social Justice HBCU Tour

INDIANAPOLIS – **Malcolm Brogdon**, a guard for the Indiana Pacers and founder of the Brogdon Family Foundation, is pleased to announce the foundation’s inaugural **Social Justice HBCU Tour** to take place March 27 – April 1, 2022. The **Spring 2022 Social Justice HBCU Tour** will allow 60 students to learn about the fight for civil and human rights in the U.S. and will include visits to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the midwest and southeastern United States. Scheduled during the Indianapolis Public School (IPS) spring break and departing from Indianapolis, students will travel to Kentucky State University, Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Tuskegee University, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, and Morehouse College. Each visit will include a tour, Q&A with admissions representatives and students, and a classroom visit. Through HBCU classroom visits, students will learn the rich history of HBCUs and the contributions of their graduates to social justice movements, medicine, law, politics, and other important professions in the United States.

In addition to campus visits, students will explore the rich history of the civil rights movement and other social justice movements in the United States. Historic sites, museums, and memorials that will be included in the **Social Justice HBCU Tour** are The King Center, MLK National Historic Site, and Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia; the Equal Justice Initiative - National Memorial for Peace and Justice as well as the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama; and the Tuskegee Airmen National Memorial Site in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established to provide access to higher education for Black Americans. These colleges and universities were established prior to 1964 during a time when educational segregation was legally enforced. The first HBCU, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, was established in 1837. The first HBCU established by Blacks was Wilberforce University, founded in 1862 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

HBCUs educate students of all races, ethnicities, and national origins. Currently, 11% of Black students attending college are enrolled at an HBCU, yet HBCUs confer 23% of undergraduate degrees awarded to Black students. HBCUs confer 40% of all STEM degrees to Black graduates (STEM: science, technology, engineering, and math), and 70% of Black doctors and dentists earned their undergraduate degrees from an HBCU. Fifty percent of Black public school teachers graduated from an HBCU. The contributions of HBCU graduates span across discipline and profession. Some of the most famous graduates include Martin Luther King, Jr. (Morehouse College), Langston Hughes (Lincoln University), Thurgood Marshall (Howard University), Oprah Winfrey (Tennessee State University), Spike Lee (Morehouse College), Kamala Harris (Howard University), Chadwick Boseman (Howard University), and Stacey Abrams (Spelman College).

About the Brogdon Family Foundation

Malcolm Brogdon, a guard for the Indiana Pacers, launched the [Brogdon Family Foundation](#) in 2020. Reflecting a deep commitment to a more equitable world, the Brogdon Family Foundation works to empower children, families, and communities to reach their potential and thrive through education initiatives and strategic investments in clean water infrastructure. The Brogdon Family Foundation achieves these goals through two major initiatives: **Hoops4Humanity** and the **JHA Education Project**.

Hoops4Humanity: Clean Water for Africa

Worldwide, almost 800 million people lack access to clean water. Access to clean, safe water transforms lives by improving health, reducing waterborne diseases, and eliminating the intensive labor, most often required of girls and women, to gather water needed for survival. When families have access to safe water and schools are equipped to support educational achievement, community members are healthier and women and girls, especially, are able to pursue their educations and meaningful work.

The goal of **Hoops4Humanity** goal is to transform and empower communities using sustainable approaches to ensure access to clean water, improved health, and enhanced educational opportunities for children. **Hoops4Humanity** is committed to a holistic, collaborative, and sustainable approach. Through this initiative, the Brogdon Family Foundation partners with community leaders to bring clean water and education infrastructure to improve health and educational outcomes. "Empowered school" projects include solar powered water wells and hand washing stations, academic support and infrastructure, community gardens, and sport courts. These community enhancements support health and hygiene, and educational outcomes. The positive impact on entire communities, especially girls and women, transforms lives.

JHA Education Project: Education in the United States

Brogdon's pursuit of a M.A. in Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, and decision to enter the NBA after completing his degree, were influenced by the emphasis his remarkable family placed on education. **Brogdon's great-grandparents, grandparents, and**

brothers attended HBCUs. Brogdon's mother, Jann H. Adams, has served as a faculty member and administrator at Morehouse College for over 30 years. Brogdon's great-grandfather, Eugene A. Adams, received his B.A. from Johnson C. Smith University and held a Doctor of Divinity from Wilberforce University. His great-grandmother, Thelma Desselle Smith, received her undergraduate degree from Dillard University and held two master's degrees, while his grandmother, Dolly Desselle Adams, received her B.A. from Southern University (Louisiana) and holds a Doctorate in Education. In 1956 at the age of 29, Brogdon's grandfather, John H. Adams, who attended Johnson C. Smith University for his undergraduate studies and Boston College for his Master of Divinity, became the nation's youngest college president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, TX.

Honoring the legacy of Malcolm's grandfather, the **JHA Education Project** supports literacy, STEM, mentoring, and high impact experiences for children in the United States. The Project creates opportunities for children to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders through literacy, STEM engagement and experiences that expand students' perspectives and change the way they see themselves in the world. The Social Justice HBCU tour is one of several **JHA Education Project** initiatives implemented in partnership with the Indianapolis Public Schools.

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