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Twin Brothers Gain College and Medical Career Insights at Prairie View A&M UMA Summer College Prep

Twin brothers, **Kentorion and Kentravion Gaines**, students from **New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church** and **Peabody Magnet High School in Alexandria, Louisiana**, recently returned from an unforgettable educational experience at the **Prairie View A&M University Texas Undergraduate Medical Academy (UMA) Summer College Prep Program**, held **June 22–26, 2026**. The week-long camp not only introduced them to college life and healthcare careers but also marked their **first trip to the state of Texas**.

The opportunity was made possible through the generous sponsorship of the **Gloria Jane Harvey Foundation**, whose commitment to investing in students' futures allowed the brothers to participate in this life-changing program.

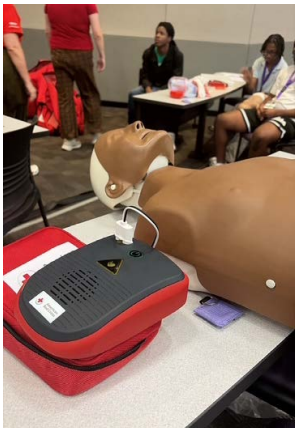
Kentorion enrolled in the **Medical Skills Track**, where he gained hands-on experience in emergency preparedness and healthcare practices. Throughout the week, he learned valuable skills in blood pressure management, pathogen safety, suturing techniques, and emergency response. He also earned certifications in

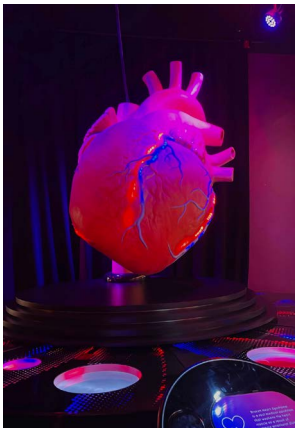
American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED and **American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed**, equipping him with practical skills that will benefit him both personally and professionally.

As part of a medical skills assessment, Kentorion participated in a timed scenario that required him to quickly remove the clothing from a mock infant and perform immediate CPR medical interventions. He completed the clothing removal in a record-setting 8.59 seconds, becoming the first student in the university's history to accomplish the task in under nine seconds.

Meanwhile, Kentravion participated in the **College Readiness Track**, which focused on preparing students for academic success beyond high school. Through workshops in study skills, professionalism, research, time management, and college preparation, he gained a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed in higher education. He also connected with UMA alumni, medical professionals, and scientific researchers while exploring career opportunities in health science and medicine. By the end of the program, he earned certificates in **College & Career Readiness and Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence Ethical Awareness** in Academia and Healthcare.

Together, the brothers toured a Houston-area medical school, experienced the vibrant campus life at Prairie View A&M University, and explored exciting STEM and healthcare opportunities that broadened their perspectives about future careers.





Reflecting on their experience, Kentorion and Kentravion shared their appreciation for the Gloria Jane Harvey Foundation.

> ***"We are incredibly thankful to the Gloria Jane Harvey Foundation for believing in us and making this opportunity possible," the brothers said. "Without their support, we would not have had the chance to attend this amazing camp, travel to Texas for the first time, and experience college life in such a meaningful way. We learned so much about preparing for college, working with others, and the many careers available in healthcare and medicine."***

The twins also emphasized how the program strengthened their confidence and inspired them to pursue their future goals. Kentorion plans to study Nursing in college, while Kentravion plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

> ***"This camp showed us what we can accomplish if we stay focused on our education. We came home with new knowledge, new friendships, valuable certifications, and a better understanding of what college will expect from us. We feel more prepared and excited about taking the next steps toward our college journey."***

The Prairie View A&M UMA Summer College Prep Program is designed to prepare high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in health science and medicine through rigorous academic workshops, professional development, and experiential learning. For Kentorian and Kentravion, the experience served as both an educational milestone and an inspiration to continue pursuing excellence.

The Gloria Jane Harvey Foundation remains committed to empowering young scholars by providing opportunities that expand educational horizons, encourage leadership, and prepare students for success in college and beyond. Through investments in students like Kentorion and Kentravion, the Foundation continues to help build the next generation of leaders in healthcare, science, and their communities.