

BLOOD BRINGS OUT THE BEST



Eighteen year old Science Leadership Academy senior, Shalia Wallace defeats every stereotype Philadelphia has about the majority of its teens. Set to attend La Salle University next fall with a GPA of 3.8, this Philadelphian teen is constantly looking for ways to help her city. This year, Shalia decided to run a blood drive at the Science Leadership Academy on May 22nd 2012. "It all started when began volunteering at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. My job was to transport blood to the ER which helped me realize the importance of the need for blood". Shalia says it only took her a month and a half to organize the drive but over a entire school year of work to complete all of her research. "I didn't have a ton of donators but the ones who did donate saved many lives" Shalia says. On May 22nd 2012, Shalia had 72 supporters and of the 72 supporters, 50 of them were able to donate blood. The drive ran from 8:30am that morning until 2:30pm that afternoon and was a big success. "I would definitely do the drive again but being as though I'm going to school majoring in biology, I'm not sure if I'd have enough time" was Shalia's response when asked if she'd do the drive again. With many assignments to complete and preparing for college, Shalia still manages to do a good deed and run a successful drive which makes her a phenomenal student; we commend you Shalia.