



# JALEN ROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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## **JALEN ROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO PROVIDE NEW LAPTOPS FOR EVERY STUDENT WITH HELP FROM ARN AND NANCY TELLEM**

**Technology will support distance learning as school prepares for  
continued online instruction during COVID-19**

**July 23, 2020 (DETROIT)** — Jalen Rose Leadership Academy (JRLA) announced today that every student enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year will receive a new laptop computer as the State of Michigan transitions to a hybrid of classroom instruction and online learning due to coronavirus pandemic. The new laptops are made possible thanks to a \$139,000 donation from Arn and Nancy Tellem to help ensure all JRLA scholars have the necessary technology resources to succeed.

Tellem, Vice Chairman of the Detroit Pistons, is a board member of the Detroit Children's Fund (DCF) and this contribution is part of a broader city initiative the non-profit will announce in the coming weeks. In 2019, the Tellem's made a similar funding donation to the DCF in support of expanded curriculum at JRLA. The donation also further strengthens long-standing support for JRLA from Tom Gores and the Detroit Pistons organization. Gores and his wife, Holly, have been JRLA supporters since 2013, providing financial and other assistance to the school.

"Many of our families lacked the devices and internet connectivity that were needed for online instruction after the state ordered school buildings closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19," said Jalen Rose. "What Arn and Nancy are providing is a game-changer for us as we try to bridge the digital divide and meet our scholars needs during these uncertain times. The continued influence of Arn, Nancy, Tom and the entire Detroit Pistons Family has been paramount to our success."

Extending a relationship with Jalen Rose that began during his time as a sports agent while representing the Detroit native, Tellem recognizes and applauds the impact and example Rose sets for the students of JRLA and everyone contributing to the revitalization of Detroit and the region.

"Jalen's leadership in founding JRLA is inspiring and a great example of his passion for Detroit and its youth," said Tellem. "Education is vital to the city's continued growth and resurgence. Nancy and I are proud to support JRLA's growth by providing laptops and technology resources that will continue to drive the school's tremendous graduation and college acceptance rates in the future."

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In 2011, Rose founded JRLA alongside entrepreneur Michael Carter as they saw an urgent need to improve the educational landscape in their old neighborhood. Since that time, over 1,000 students have enrolled at the academy. JRLA boasts a 94% overall 4-year cohort graduation rate, with 100% college or post-secondary acceptance. In addition, JRLA currently ranks first for open enrollment high schools in the City of Detroit for college matriculation. The Academy is now enrolling (<http://jrladetroit.com>) for the upcoming school year.

For a seventh consecutive year, Gores and his investment firm, Platinum Equity, will serve as the presenting sponsor for the JRLA Celebrity Golf Classic in Detroit on August 23-24th. The charity golf event is recognizing 10 years of existence this August and additional information on this year's celebration can be found at <http://jalenrosegolfclassic.com>.

The Jalen Rose Leadership Academy is an open enrollment, college-prep public charter high school in Northwest Detroit with a mission to empower all scholars to develop the strength of character, skills, and knowledge needed to matriculate, be great in, and graduate from college so that they have opportunities to be successful in the competitive world and take care of themselves and the people that they love.

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