Purpose
The purpose of this University Seminar is to explore how the Provost Scholars can pursue a doctoral program at a university level. The Scholars will also learn about Mr. Leon Harris’s research on trauma and mental health inside juvenile justice settings. Mr. Leon Harris is a research assistant at The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education and a doctoral candidate at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

Presenter Biography
Leon Harris, III, is a research assistant with The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education. His work with the Begun Center currently includes the role of evaluation team member for the City of Cleveland’s MyCom initiative as well as family-centered, neighborhood-centered, and culturally competent services under the jurisdiction of Cuyahoga County’s Family and Children First Council (FCFC). In addition to acting as an evaluation member for the MyCom Initiative, he also works with the Regional Drug Court Project and the Enhanced Opiate Dependency Services Project. Mr. Harris received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Akron and is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in social welfare from Case Western Reserve University. For more information about Mr. Harris, please visit: http://begun.case.edu/leon-harris-iii-profile

Objectives
The Provost Scholars will...
(1) Learn how to apply for a doctoral program
(2) Explore how trauma and mental health affect youth living in at-risk communities or imprisoned in the juvenile detention system
(3) Discuss social stereotypes surrounding mental health and trauma

Agenda
• Lecture on mental health and trauma as it relates to youth and juveniles
• Visit from the Abington Foundation: Provost Scholars will introduce themselves
• Group discussion about the lecture topic
• New Word of the Week

Faculty
• Dr. Faye Gary
• Katrice Williams, Master’s Student, Program Manager
• Johnna Beversdorf, Student
• Step-Up Undergraduate Tutors: Matthew and Alicia
• Undergraduate tutors from the African-American Society Student Group

Guest
• Leon Harris, Doctoral Student at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Word of the Week: Acumen

Concierge and Matre’D
• Provost Scholars Anthony Price and Maranda Priah
  Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served