

History & Mission Statement

History of the Imperial S.A.M. (Shriners As Mentors) Program

The Shriners as Mentors (S.A.M.) Program started in 2005 at the AEAONMS Convention in New Orleans, LA by then Imperial Potentate Ralph Slaughter. Over its 17 years, this program has achieved high acclaim. Ninety-five (95%) of the Deserts (individual states or specific regional areas) throughout the Domain (Jurisdiction) have a mentoring program for at-risk-youths.

History of the D.I.M.E. (Daughters of Imperial Mentoring Excellence) Program

The Daughters Youth Mentoring program was established in 1995 as the brainchild of Past Imperial Commandress Mildred Crosby (2) as a project within her Court. The program was called Save One from Trouble (S.O.F.T.). During her tenure as Imperial Commandress, she sought to implement the program on the Imperial level, and it has stood the test of time. The name has changed over the years, but the dream has remained the same, providing assistance to our young people through mentoring. In 2011, our name was updated to the Daughters of Imperial Mentoring Excellence (D.I.M.E.) Program.

Mission Statement

The mission of the S.A.M. and D.I.M.E. Program is to provide positive role models for the purpose of building strong committed relationships, teaching life skills, and improving academic success, self-esteem, and social competency. We also strive to empower less fortunate, or at-risk youth, ages 8-22*, in our community to make positive life choices that enable them to maximize their personal potential and become productive citizens.

"Live your life so that your children can tell their children that you not only stood for something wonderful— you acted on it" - Anonymous

