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The Emerging Young Leaders Program Initiative, started by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated National President, Carolyn House Stewart, is designed to significantly impact the lives of young girls in 6th through 8th grades by focusing on leadership development, civic engagement, educational enrichment and character building.

For the second straight year, the Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) at Ryan Middle School and members of the Xi Alpha Omega Chapter EYL Committee attended the 2012 educational and theatrical production of Cinderella. The multi-talented and beautiful African-American cast of Cinderella, demonstrated the importance of having self-esteem, treating others with respect and never giving up on dreams.

According to one Emerging Young Leader, "I have never seen a play before and have never been to The Ensemble Theatre so I am glad I was able to be in EYL to have this opportunity and I learned a lot from the play".

Janette L. Cosley, Executive Director of The Ensemble Theatre states, "The play is fantastic family entertainment, however it represents more than entertainment. The original music in Cinderella by Carlton Leake serves to build self-esteem, to highlight the importance of love and to promote forgiveness. This Houston production of Cinderella is receiving rave reviews from adults as well as teens and young children from every ethnic group. It has brought hundreds of new audience members to The Ensemble Theatre".

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