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A New Day Foundation

The A New Day Foundation was formally founded in 2017 by Dawnn Lewis. For decades Ms. Lewis has used her celebrity platform for mentoring, lecturing, giving concerts and donating her time and talents to causes across America and abroad on behalf of Organizations such as UNICEF, UNCF, Congressional Black Caucus Against HIV AIDS, American Heart Assoc., KIS Foundation For Sickel Cell Disease, The Urban League, NAACP, SAG/AFTRA and others. She is now continuing this walk of service under the umbrella of her own nonprofit organization – A New Day Foundation 501(c)3.

OUR MISSION

The A New Day Foundation is a non profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide financial and programmatic support toward the empowerment and education of underserved youth; provide capacity building pro bono services to assist small/ grassroots non profits; and to provide general support services in underserved communities.

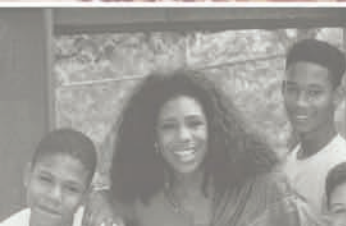
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***“You Can Create a New Day of
Opportunity through Giving”***



FOUNDING CEO WELCOME LETTER



A New Day Foundation

Dear Students & Parents

Welcome to the Annual Focused N F.I.T. For A Different World Conference 2023! We're excited to be returning to the USC Campus – where we held our first FNF Conference back in 2018! So much has happened to all of us since then. We are happy to say, a majority of the students that have attended our youth programs: MenTORS & Sisters Hangout!, or this very conference, have gone on to attend and graduate college! Many have graduated with honors and are now into the next phase of their successful life's journey.

So, here you all are today, Ready & Willing to maximize what we hope will be an interesting, empowering and beneficial day for you . . with a little fun thrown in for good measure! The A New Day Foundation has devoted it's resources to organize all of the amazing workshop leaders, guests and incredibly generous sponsors you will experience at this conference. Breakdowns for the workshops and contact information is provided in this program, in order to support your interests, long after this conference is over, so please hold on to this book!

My hope for you, is that today opens your mind to new opportunities, unexplored horizons and gives you the confidence to believe you can succeed at whatever you commit yourself to achieving! I believe in you! That's why I started the A New Day Foundation and this conference. All of the sponsors & leaders represented here today . . . they believe in you too! I'm telling you this because I realize it can be easy for you to think that things come so much easier for others; that money or fame or where you live, means you don't have obstacles or challenges in your life. That couldn't be further from the truth! I want you to know that yes, life can be easier for some, but, the reality is that most people get their positive results through hard work, patience with themselves and others, as well as digging in and having the ability to persevere through setbacks, haters, inequality and racism. How do I know?

I'm from a very low-income community in Brooklyn, NY called Bedford Stuyvesant. It's a community very much like some of yours, filled with gangs, crime, poverty and sub-par resources. I was bullied, told I'd never be anything or anyone that mattered, by kids in school AND my "so-called friends"! I stuttered and had real self-esteem issues. I'm so grateful that it was also home to some of the most caring, positive and encouraging people I've ever known. I was very fortunate to have my Mom, Brothers, Grandmother, teachers and other friends in my life that spoke positivity into me. That showed me that I possessed all kinds of different things that were "gifts", "talents" and intellect that deserved to be supported and trained to excellence. That kind of love, and care helped me realize that some people don't "hate you", they're actually "jealous" of you and it's easier for them to tear you down, than it is for them to do the work to build themselves up. That's not your fault! Celebrate & invest in being your best self. Surround yourself with positivity and information that moves your dreams, into realities. Know that you don't do it alone. Know that just like you have a dream, so does the person next to you! Support and encourage them, just like you want to be encouraged! Don't waste time being a hater!

We at the A New Day Foundation are committed to doing all that we can to be one of those positive forces in your life. As a student or as a parent, we want you to be empowered toward your best selves, and life's best possibilities. I'm so proud of each of you, and eternally grateful to all those that are standing with me to make today possible.

Thanks so much for coming today and I hope to see you next year!



Dawnn Lewis

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CEO

A New Day Foundation



SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.

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June 10, 2023



Dear Friends!

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter congratulating A New Day Foundation for hosting their 2023 Focused N F.I.T. for A Different World Conference. The annual event is designed to provide a network of support that will enhance the growth and betterment of college bound high school juniors and seniors, parents and college freshmen and sophomores in Los Angeles County.

Since its inception, A New Day Foundation has been instrumental in the shaping and inspiring of students and parents of color. The foundation continues to develop specific programming to support empowerment in the communities where these students and families live, work and play. Through self-love, exceptional volunteer work, activism and the creativity of unique projects, the programs are designed to enact change. Additional goals of their programming are to enable all to reach their full potential, develop a sense of responsibility, understand the importance of critical thinking and stimulate personal and professional growth within its participants.

The annual conference is a time to come together and recognize the efforts of the amazing young adults and parents who are making a difference in their community and their own lives. This year's conference participants will engage in activities to promote healthy choices, financial and technology literacy and other specialized workshops. The conference is also an opportunity for students to be recognized for their educational accomplishments.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2023 conference participants for their tireless dedication to the advancement of themselves and their community. You are truly one of this state's greatest treasures, and I look forward to your continued leadership.

I am proud to represent California, one of the most diverse states in the nation. On behalf of the State of California, I wish you all continued success and happiness in the coming year.

Warmest regards,

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
California Secretary of State



THE RASHIDA JONES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rashida Jones — President of MSNBC, the premier destination for breaking news, award-winning journalism, in-depth analysis and informed perspectives, is responsible for oversight of all programming, editorial units, business development and technical operations.

Prior to taking on the role of President in February 2021, Jones served as Senior Vice President, NBC News and MSNBC, spearheading cross-platform breaking news and major events for both networks, including coverage of the coronavirus pandemic, and the networks' Decision 2020 coverage including presidential debates, town halls, primaries and special election nights and forums. Jones also led MSNBC's dayside and weekend news programming, where she managed hours of live reporting and newsgathering backed by the journalism of NBC News. Jones won an Emmy for strategic coverage of the Supreme Court's decision on same-sex marriage in 2016 and executive produced the most-watched Democratic presidential debate in history during the 2020 election cycle.

Before joining MSNBC in 2013, Jones was the News Director for the NBC affiliate in Columbia, South Carolina, where she rebuilt and rebranded the news team to focus on deep investigative reporting and also served as Director of Live Programming at The Weather Channel, leading coverage and content for some of the network's most historic weather events, including Hurricane Katrina, mass tornado outbreaks and devastating snow storms.

Jones is an inductee into the Scripps Howard Journalism Hall of Fame, an ambassador for the Alliance for Women in Media, a board member of the Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Journalism, a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Association of Black Journalists. In 2020, Jones was named to Variety's New York Women's Impact Report and 37 New Yorkers Making an Impact in Entertainment lists.

Jones received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Media-Arts Broadcast from Hampton University.

Truly a Force To Be Reckoned With – Mrs. Rashida Jones congratulates the outstanding effort of the students who will receive today's achievement award presented on her behalf.

BLACK SCIENTISTS & INVENTORS

By: Ann-Marie Imbornoni (excerpt)

During slavery, most Black slaves were denied formal education and in fact many laws were passed in the South prohibiting slave literacy in the aftermath of various slave rebellions. Even the free Blacks in the century before and after the Civil War were limited in their access to mainstream quality education and vocational training.

This limited education and training meant that, for the most part, Blacks were shut out of professional occupations and confined to working in industries deemed acceptable for them, such as domestic services, some manual trades and agriculture. Nevertheless, a small number of exceptionally talented Blacks were able to obtain an education and, through their life's work, make significant contributions to American life.

Scientists

Two early African-American scientists, namely mathematician and astronomer Benjamin Banneker and agricultural chemist George Washington Carver, have become legendary for their intellect and ingenuity. Born free in Maryland, Banneker was largely self-taught. He constructed the first striking clock to be made in America, helped survey the boundaries for and design Washington, D.C., and published an almanac, which he compiled based on his own astronomical observations and calculations.

Carver was born into slavery at the very end of the Civil War. He attended Iowa State College of Agriculture, where he received degrees in agricultural science. During his career as a researcher and educator, he advocated innovative agricultural methods and developed hundreds of applications for certain agricultural products, such as the peanut.

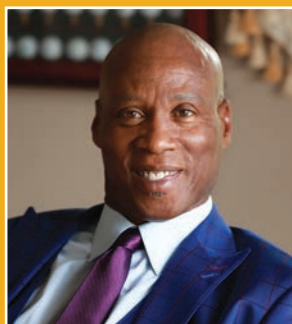


George Washington Carver

Inventors

Unlike Black slaves, free Blacks prior to the Civil War were entitled to receive patents for their inventions. Though, again, because Blacks lacked educational and vocational opportunities, few had the necessary skills or experience to develop their inventive ideas or patent them. Despite these constraints, there were a number of successful Black inventors whose inventions proved useful and important. Thomas Jennings, the first known African-American to hold a patent, used the money he earned from his invention to fund abolitionist causes.

Some slaves who were skilled craftsmen, did create devices or techniques that benefitted their masters' enterprises. According to a decision by the federal government in 1858, though, neither the slave nor the slave owner could claim ownership rights to such an invention. In 1870, following the Civil War, the U.S. patent laws were revised so that anyone, regardless of race, could hold a patent. Consequently the number of patents issued to African Americans soared!



Hard work doesn't guarantee you anything, but without it you have no chance of being successful."

— Byron Scott, LA Lakers (ret.), NBA Head-coach, Sports Announcer

We want to express our appreciation to our long time supporters of A New Day Foundation students and programs



Scholarship Sponsor The Massie Family

Noel Massie, previously VP of U.S. Operations and his wife Amanda Massie are strong advocates for the prosperity of the Black Community. They and their sons Pierce and Brayden Massie see education as the true equalizer. They realize that talent is universal, access to opportunity however is not. Noel served as chairman of the board for the Los Angeles Urban league from 2012 until 2019. He also was Chairman of the board for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in 2014.

While he was the President of UPS's Southern California Business from 2005 until 2016 he engaged with many civic and non profit organizations in Los Angeles to improve the opportunities being afforded black american individuals and families. Today he is a member of the Urban League Board of Directors, The Annenberg Foundation and is Chairman of the Board for Innovations for learning. An organization focused on early education support for young black 1st and 2nd graders. He and his family are honored to partner with the A New Day Foundation to provide educational scholarships.



Scholarship Sponsor Aubrey A. Stephenson, MBA, CGFM, AIB *President & CEO*

For over 35 years, Mr. Stephenson has directed teams of specialists in finance, accounting, auditing, banking, government procurement, information technology, and security services at several Federal, State, Local, and International agencies—including the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Services, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Health, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the European Union, and the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM).

Mr. Stephenson is a veteran of the United States Army where he served as a Military Police and a Public Affairs Specialist. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Police Academy and Defense Information School (DINFOS). He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (magna cum laude) Accounting; a Masters of Business Administration; Bachelor of Arts in Economics; and several professional certificates in accounting, auditing, banking and finance. He has completed several years of post-graduate studies in Public Administration and has served as an Adjunct Professor at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His professional designations include CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager), and he is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking (AIB).



DAWNN LEWIS

Founder & President

A New Day Foundation

"It's important to make the most of the opportunities, and relationships that you are blessed to have come your way. Once you do, make it a point to share what you've been fortunate enough to gain, with others! Pay It Forward!"



CHERI HAFT

Treasurer

*Haft Business Management;
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"I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is, after all, to matter: to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."

– Leo Rosten



LORIN LEWIS

Secretary / Legal Counsel

*CEO Lorin O. Lewis
Law Firm*

"If everything were to have turned out, just as I wanted, just as I had planned, I would never experience anything new. Allow yourself to Live your Life"



It is vitally important to be persistent in pursuit of dreams. Discouragement and heartache will inevitably come. Consistency in the little things will make all the difference in the world."

– Jazmyn Simon & Dulé Hill, Actors / Authors



GEORGE GIBBS

Advisory Board

Community Affairs Manager, West Region UPS (Retired)

"The greatest secret to winning-shared-thinking, is having the right people around the table." Students need to have people around their table who bring something to it. People who can bring out the best thinking and ideas to the table. People with "we" attitudes. People who believe in the vision for their life.



ARNOLD HACKETT

Advisory Board

Chief Financial Officer Metro Link

"Whatever you do, do it so well that when people see you do it, they'll want to come back to see you do it, and they'll want to bring others to show them how well you do what you do."



ADRIANE LAMAR-SNIDER

Executive Director, Riverside Rape Crisis Center

Snider Consulting Ltd., Principal

Adjunct Professor, University of Redlands

"Learn to be courageous in following your discomfort. It has something to teach and tell you. It is a lesson that's waiting to be learned. Life begins outside your comfort zone. I love you, and may you always know that you are a part of something much bigger than yourself."



***Perseverance, Perseverance, faith
and believing in your ability is what moves
you forward! If you don't believe in you,
who will?"***

– Lisa Vidal, Award Winning Actress, Singer, Producer

VENUS WILLIAMS

The first African American woman to be ranked world No. 1 by the Women's Tennis Association

All-time leader, male or female, in Grand Slams played, with 85

Date of Birth: June 17, 1980,
Saginaw, Michigan



Venus Williams is an American professional tennis player. Williams has been ranked world No. 1 by the Women's Tennis Association on three occasions, for a total of 11 weeks. She first reached the No. 1 ranking on February 25, 2002, the first African American woman to do so in the Open Era, and the second all time since Althea Gibson.

She has reached 16 Grand Slam finals, most recently at Wimbledon in 2017. She has also won 14 Grand Slam Women's doubles titles, all with Serena Williams; the pair is unbeaten in Grand Slam doubles finals. Williams also has two Mixed Doubles titles. Her five Wimbledon singles titles tie her with two other women for eighth place on the all-time list. From the 2000 Wimbledon Championships to the 2001 US Open, Williams won four of the six Grand Slam singles tournaments in that span. At the 2020 Australian Open, Williams extended her record as the all-time leader, male or female, in Grand Slams played, with 85. With her run to the 2017 Wimbledon singles final, she broke the record for longest time between first and most recent grand slam singles finals appearances. Williams was twice the season prize money leader in 2001 and 2017.

Williams has won four Olympic gold medals, one in singles and three in women's doubles, along with a silver medal in mixed doubles, pulling even with Kathleen McKane Godfree for the most Olympic medals won by a male or female tennis player. She is the only tennis player to have won a medal at four Olympic Games. At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Williams became only the second player to win Olympic gold medals in both singles and doubles at one Olympic Games, after Helen Wills Moody at the 1924 Summer Olympics.

With 49 singles titles, Williams trails only her sister Serena Williams among active players on the WTA Tour with most singles titles. Her 35-match winning streak from the 2000 Wimbledon Championships to the 2000 Generali Ladies Linz tournament final is the longest since January 1, 2000. She is also one of only two active WTA players to have reached the finals of all four Grand Slams, along with sister Serena.



"Stirring the imagination and opening wide the doors of opportunity for our youth is the most important function of our community. Our future depends on their success."

- Herb Wesson, Los Angeles City Council President



FOCUSED N FIT PROGRAM

University Southern California • June 10, 2023, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

HIGH LEVEL DAY PROGRAM SUMMARY

- 8:00 am – 9:20 am **Registration and usher all participants into Multipurpose room**
- 9:30 am – 11:00 am **Welcome / Panel Discussion**
- 11:00 am – 11:15 am **Group Photo**
- 11:15 am – 11:50 am **Lunch**

STUDENT CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- Finance
- Technology
- Motivation & Activation
- Health & Wellness
- Parents


12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

12:55 pm – 1:40 pm

1:50 pm – 2:35 pm

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

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Several times a year, Dawnn Lewis hosts Self Esteem, Self Awareness and Image Building outings for Teen Girls and Teen Boys ages 13 – 19 in groups of 8 – 20 at a time. “Each experience” focuses on exposing the teens to cultural and career opportunities that they don’t usually have access to or often any awareness of. Each outing builds self esteem, fellowship and mentoring opportunities through the “safe space” conversation portion of the day, with guest speakers and more.



For More Information visit: www.anewdayfoundation.org



Tanya Hart – Moderator

Broadcast Maven and Producer/Host, Tanya Hart's storied career spans several decades. Hart has garnered industry accolades for her documentaries and docu-series including Oscar-nominated *Tupac Resurrection*, Peabody Award winning *Mississippi Summer: the Unfinished Journey*, and 8 Emmy nominations (winning 4). Hart's latest documentary *The Birth of A Black Cinema Hero: Melvin Van Peebles* is currently airing on Showtime and BET +. Hart's scripted Podcast series *Invisible Eagles: Bessie Coleman* starring Oscar nominee Quvenzhané Wallis, will be available in June 2023. In 1990 Tanya built out BET's West Coast studio and launched that cable network's first shows, including *"Live from LA with Tanya Hart"* where she interviewed many of the major celebrities of the day in over 300 episodes.

Hart moved on to the Walt Disney company from 1992-1995 where her company developed and produced films, television programs, and music with Boston International Records and Touchstone Pictures. For the last two decades Tanya has created digital content for several media outlets including AURN. Currently she is host of *"Hollywood Live with Tanya Hart"* a syndicated program on American Urban Radio Networks. Along with the popular podcast *"Hollywood Live Extra."* In 2016 Tanya was elected as co-chair of the **Caucus for Producers, Writers and Directors** the first woman and first African American to hold this position. In 2022 Tanya Hart was inducted into the "Journalism Hall of Fame". Hart's master's degree is from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.



Shannon Ayers

Shannon's career spans over 30 years working in extraordinary places such as Capitol Hill, Pearl Harbor, West Point Military Academy, Veterans Affairs, Centers for Disease, Control, and Prevention, and now the Department of Labor. She is also a published author of the title, "Tunnel Vision: The State of Our Union." Through her business, STAR Management Consulting, she has made it her life's Mission to inspire, encourage and empower people to be their ultimate best. Shannon has conducted many workshops specializing in various topics and have had the privilege of interviewing celebrities for her "Hello Beautiful" platform. Her workshops are designed to inspire people to show up in the world as the best version of themselves.



Dream big. Then dream bigger. And open the door for others along the way."

— Rashida Jones, President, MSNBC

PANELIST BIOS



Dr Ronald S. Gamble, Jr.

B.S. / M.S. / Ph.D.

Dr Ronald S. Gamble, Jr. (B.S. / M.S. / Ph.D.) is an award winning Afro-Latino Theoretical Astrophysicist and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Accessibility (DEIA) Lead in the Astrophysics Science Division at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and the University of Maryland – College Park Center for Research in Space Sciences & Technology (CRESST), and a NASA Cosmic Origins Research Scientist. His efforts span across scientific research, STEM Education, science communication and visual arts. His current work is focused on exploring the physics of Supermassive Black Holes. In addition, Dr. Gamble works with schools,

institutions, industry representatives and government to promote an increased visibility and inclusion of Black and Latinx people within Physics, Astronomy and Space STEM career paths. Dr. Gamble Actively participates as a board member and science expert for the Science Haven and advisory board member for the Nichelle Nichols Foundation. Dr. Gamble is also an established oil/acrylic painter, graphic designer and illustrator.



Dawnn Lewis

Dr. Dawnn Lewis - Founder & CEO of the A New Day Foundation (ANDF) - a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, that provides financial & programmatic support to underserved youth and community based nonprofit organizations; President & CEO of Morning Jewel Inc. – a multi-platform production company in the areas of film, television, animation, music / music publishing & experiential events. ANDF Programs include: The annual Focused N.F.I.T. For A Different World Conference; MenTORS & SISTERS HANGOUT!, for Boys & Girls 13-19 respectively. These programs allow the A New Day Foundation to create a safe place for teens to have difficult conversations about life & goal issues, while introducing them to new cultural opportunities and experiences. In 2021 Dawnn was inducted into the Women

Songwriters Hall Of Fame in Washington, D.C., along with songwriting legends: Roberta Flack, Valerie Simpson & Naomi Judd (R.I.P), among others. Dawnn received an Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities for her more than 35 years of unwavering service and support to underserved youth and communities across the country and abroad. An: NAACP Image Award, Trumpet Award, Grammy Award-winning singer, multiple BMI & ASCAP Award-winning songwriter, film, television & stage actor, and a Series TV creator/producer. Current projects include: Animation – Star Trek Lower Decks (2021 Woman's Image Award Winner); Karma's World; Apple & Onion; HouseBroken; Duncanville; The Simpsons; Film: BlackJack Christmas; Broadway: TINA – The Tina Turner Musical; TV Series – Young Rock; Grey's Anatomy; 911; The Boys.



Be passionate about the work you do, once it is gone, it is time to find a new passion!"

***– Kat Delgado Kirkwood,
SVP Programs Junior Achievement***



Lenny McNeill

Executive Vice President, U.S. Bank Home Mortgage

With more than 35 years of service in the finance industry, Lenny has held executive and senior leadership positions in both banking and mortgage. His knowledge and expertise in sales development, multicultural lending strategies and implementation, allow him to address housing sustainability and affordability issues on a national level. As a member of the U.S. Bank Consumer Lending Executive Leadership, Lenny leads a team that applies advanced market analytics to enhance affordable homeownership programs throughout the country. This creates long term growth to benefit U.S. Bank business lines and all of the communities it serves.

Lenny has been named in Black Professional and Savoy magazine as one of the Most Influential 100 African American Executives in Corporate America for the last 3 years. He is the past Chairman of NAHREP Corporate Board of Governors and has board affiliations with AREAA and NAREB. Lenny currently serves on the MBA Affordable Homeownership Advisory Council and Fannie Mae's Affordable Housing Advisory Council.



Dr. Michele G. Turner, MBA, Ed.D.

Associate Vice President, Business Diversity & Economic Opportunity (BDEO) at University of Southern California

Dr. Michèle G. Turner is an accomplished higher education administrator with extensive entrepreneurial, corporate executive and academic experience. She remains deeply committed to involvement that advances policies and practices to transform access, equity and inclusion for individuals, businesses and communities. As AVP, Dr. Turner is responsible for anchor institutional policy, strategies and frameworks across USC's academic and healthcare enterprise focused upon targeted business diversity outreach, utilization and impact. As a founder and business owner in the healthcare industry for

over 25 years, Dr. Turner also credibly understands the journey of a minority business enterprise relative to growth, community benefit and wealth generation. Prior to assuming her current role at USC, Dr. Turner was the Executive Director of the USC Black Alumni Association, where she successfully spearheaded the organization's multimillion-dollar endowment campaign, scholarship, and mentoring retention strategies and programs, resulting in increased graduation outcomes for thousands of Black USC students.



Listen to your spirit, trust your gut, respect your craft enough to attempt to master it, be kind enough to yourself to know that you never will, and most importantly fall in love with your journey."

— Tyler James Williams, Actor, Writer, Producer, Activist

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

FINANCIAL LITERACY

PROTECT AGAINST FINANCIAL SCAMS

Presented by US Bank

Financial abuse comes in all shapes and sizes—cyber fraud, mail fraud, even abuse from family members—and is often targeted at students. Don't be a target.

MONEY SMART COLLEGE AND STUDENT LOANS

Presented by US Bank

The focus will be the cost of college and the different types of financial aid as well as the financial aid process.

FINANCE 101

Presented by: JR. Achievement

Students learn strategies for a savings plan, including identifying a savings goal and putting money aside consistently; critical concepts and vocabulary related to budgeting, examine the importance of SMART goals, and create their own SMART goals; and learn the importance of a credit score and how to maintain a healthy one

PARENT WORKSHOP HOW DO I PAY FOR COLLEGE

Presented by: Eric L Frazier, MBA

Learn strategies to set yourself up for success to pay for your child's college education and getting the most out of your dollar.

TECHNOLOGY

INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

Presented by: Dr. Darin Gray

Students will cover basic programming that will enable them to code a iRobot Root to perform specific and challenging tasks.

ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE

Presented by: Reginald Grant - NFL Vet. Business Executive & Entrepreneur

Learn about all things NFT, NIL, Blockchain, Crypto, Metaverse and the Blockchains That Power Them. This is the new frontier in digital widgets.

MAGNETIC MAGIC: FERROFLUIDITY IN OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

***Presented by: Dr. Ronald Gamble
Theoretical Astrophysicist
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
University of Maryland—College Park***

This workshop is focused on your ability to adapt and manipulate obstacles you may confront as young scientists, just like theoretical physicists manipulate the laws of physics in pursuit of new science. You will have the opportunity to learn, experiment, synthesize, and manipulate Ferrofluids. Ferrofluids are a type of magnetic fluid primarily composed of very small nanoscale particle compositions containing iron, and a liquid (usually oil). You will design and formulate a unique ferrofluid and test your compound's strength against the laws of electromagnetism.

PARENT WORKSHOP ELEVATE DIGITAL MARKETING WORKSHOP

Presented by: Jeni Williams, Rainbow Push Silicon Valley/Bay Area

Join us to learn the fundamentals of digital marketing and how to begin marketing on the Meta platforms (Facebook and Instagram). Every attendee will receive a FREE exam voucher to earn the Meta Digital Marketing certification.



Recognize and celebrate how unique you are. Diligently work on your unique talents and avoid being tempted to copy someone else's. The world needs the authentic gift of YOU! Be an ORIGINAL and not a copy."

**— Dr. Stacie NC Grant, 26th International President
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.**

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

HEALTH & WELLNESS

H.E.A.R.T. (HEALTH EMOTIONS & ATTITUDES IN RELATIONSHIPS)

Presented by: Ariana Vargas, Laura's House

H.E.A.R.T. - Healthy Emotions & Attitudes in Relationships workshop is a fun and interactive workshop to mark personal core values, compare qualities of love/lust/crush, set healthy boundaries, identify actions that signify abuse, explore the 4 pillars of a healthy relationship.

PARENT WORKSHOP SUBSTANCE ABUSE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

***Presented by: Julia Ruedas, Policy Analyst, LAC+USC
Medical Center Foundation***

Investigate and examine how the use of tobacco, inhalants, vaping and other drugs can impact your body. Find out how to recognize signs of substance abuse.

MOTIVATION & ACTIVATION

BE INSPIRED

Presented by: Tensie Taylor

Do you know what it takes to make your dreams come true? Do you have what it takes to make your dreams come true? (of course you do!) Have you always wondered what you have to do to live out your purpose and figure out your why? This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to succeed, believe in yourself, and make your dreams come true. After you leave this workshop, you will have no choice but to BE INSPIRED!

OWNING THE MISSION

by Shannon Ayers

This workshop is designed to help you develop your own personal mission statement which will provide clarity and the framework for determining your life's purpose and a vision of the bigger picture. "Owning the Mission" holds you accountable for where you are, where you're trying to go and what it takes to get there in excellence.

PARENT WORKSHOP BIG CROSS ROAD

Presented by: Shamel Riley

Learn Key principles and easy steps in finding your purpose and dream in life. Knowing your purpose puts you on a path of success. Get ready for a major change in your life, as you will leave with clarity for your next step in life.



***You come from greatness, and are now
standing on the shoulders of those who have
gone before you. Your purpose is calling out
to you. Soar!"***

– Angela J. Williams, Mother, Speaker, Author, Mentor, Life Coach

KAREN BASS

First African-American woman in United States history to serve as a speaker of a state legislative body

The first woman and second African-American mayor of Los Angeles

Date of Birth: October 3, 1953



Karen Bass is the 43rd Mayor of Los Angeles and the first woman and second African-American to be elected as the city's chief executive. Mayor Bass was raised in the Venice/Fairfax neighborhood and is a proud graduate of Hamilton High School. After serving as a front-line healthcare provider as a nurse and as a Physician Assistant, Mayor Bass founded the Community Coalition to organize the predominantly African-American and Latino residents of South L.A. against substance abuse, poverty and crime, and pioneered strategies to address the root causes behind the challenges faced by underserved neighborhoods.

She represented Los Angeles in the State Assembly and was elected to serve as Speaker, making her the first African-American woman to ever lead a state legislative body in the history of the United States. Her time in leadership intersected with the Great Recession, and she was honored with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage

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While representing Los Angeles and Culver City in Congress, Mayor Bass helped protect small businesses during the pandemic, created policy to drive local jobs from federal infrastructure funding, and led the passage of what the Los Angeles Times called "the most significant child welfare policy reform in decades."

Mayor Bass earned her bachelor's degree in health sciences from CSU Dominguez Hills before graduating from the USC Keck School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program and earning her masters degree in social work from USC.



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The "Byron Scott Challenge for Children" non-profit organization has raised more than \$15 million over the past decade with proceeds going to various children's charities. Byron's philanthropy involvement with various organizations include Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles, Kure It Cancer, Brighter Future, Feed My Poor, and the Community of Friends.



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Tensie J. Taylor

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Have respect for the age of your youth. A person isn't always who they were and quite often are not the person they are going to be."

— Sheila E.

SERENA WILLIAMS

One of the greatest female tennis players of all time

Date of Birth: September 26, 1981, Saginaw, Michigan

Grand Slams Won (singles): 23

Retired: September 2022



As the world knows, Serena is more than a record-smashing, boundary-breaking tennis champion. Her achievements, on and off the court, make her one of the most recognizable names and faces in the world – the G.O.A.T. Serena Williams is one of the greatest female tennis players of all time. She earned her first Grand Slam singles title at the U.S. Open in 1999, and won a string of five Grand Slam singles title wins: the 2002 French Open, Wimbledon, and U.S. Open titles and the 2003 Australian Open and her second Wimbledon title in 2003, all by defeating her older sister, Venus Williams in the finals. To date, she has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any player in the Open Era, and the second-most of all time. Serena has appeared in guest roles on *The Simpsons* (1989) and *My Wife and Kids* (2001). She was born in Saginaw, Michigan in 1981, to Richard and Oracene Williams. The youngest of five girls, Serena grew up with Venus and older sisters Lyndrea, Isha & Yetunde. She and sister Venus were coached in tennis from an early age by their father, Richard and her mother, Oracene Price.

Her father, Richard Williams, a former sharecropper from Louisiana determined to see his two youngest girls succeed, used books and videos to instruct Serena and Venus on how to play the game. Serena began practicing at three years old on a court near her home in Compton, California.

Williams became a professional tennis player in 1995 and won the French Open, the U.S. Open, and Wimbledon in 2002, defeating Venus in the finals of each tournament. She won her first Australian Open in 2003, making her one of only six women in the Open era to complete a Career Grand Slam. In 2008, she won the U.S. Open and teamed with Venus to capture a second women's doubles Olympic gold medal at the Beijing Games. Williams is also the only professional tennis player to accomplish a Career Golden Slam in singles & doubles.

In December 2015 she was named Sportsperson of the Year by *Sports Illustrated* magazine.



Your fear will allow you to doubt your place at the table. Understand if you do not claim your seat, because of fear someone else will. So, check your emotional baggage at the door. Push through your fears and step into your greatness"

— Rosie Perez, Actress, Activist, Author

GREG LOUGANIS

1st Olympic diver to score multiple perfect 10

Date of Birth: January 29, 1960

Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Irvine

New York Times Best-Selling Author: "Breaking the Surface"



Considered the greatest diver in history, at 16 years old, Greg Louganis first appeared in & won a silver medal in the 1976 Olympic Games and is the only male to win gold medals on both 3 meter springboard and 10 meter platform in consecutive Olympic Games (1984, 1988).

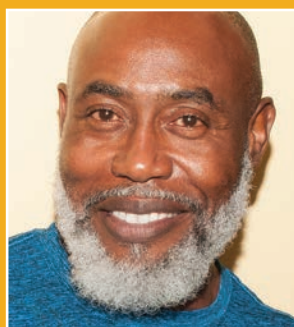
A trained actor, dancer, model and spokesman, Greg's wide repertoire of skills keeps him in demand and in the public eye. As the undisputed GOAT of mindset, Greg shares his knowledge and wisdom through his meditation and mindfulness course, as well as through his books, interviews and speaking engagements.

Greg Louganis is simply the greatest diver in history. Across the globe, billions who watched either the 1984 or 1988 Olympics were enthralled by the poetry that was Greg Louganis: the beauty and power of his diving captured the world. With a total of 5 Olympic medals, 5 World Championship titles and 47 national titles, more than any person in U.S. history, his records remain unbroken. Today,

as a coach, speaker, author, actor, activist and humanitarian he continues his tradition of excellence. Greg has been vocal about the need for inclusivity in sport... and life.

Sharing who he was authentically lead him to be overlooked for opportunities, although his accomplishments in diving were simply unheard of and unmatched by anyone else. Over the years his struggles have shaped him into a compelling speaker on the topics of HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ+, Adoption/Foster Care, Mental Health/Addiction, Human Rights, Animals, Environmental Issues and Climate Change.

Greg continues standing in his truth, with the belief that sharing our story helps others along their own journey. His passion for people, understanding the human experience and improving our world allows him to make an even greater impact today on audiences all over the world. Greg has trained three dogs to the American Kennel Club (AKC) dog agility nationals.



What we believe about ourselves determines our lives. So, we must purge who we aren't, to become who we are."

***— W. Gary Williams, Architecture Designer,
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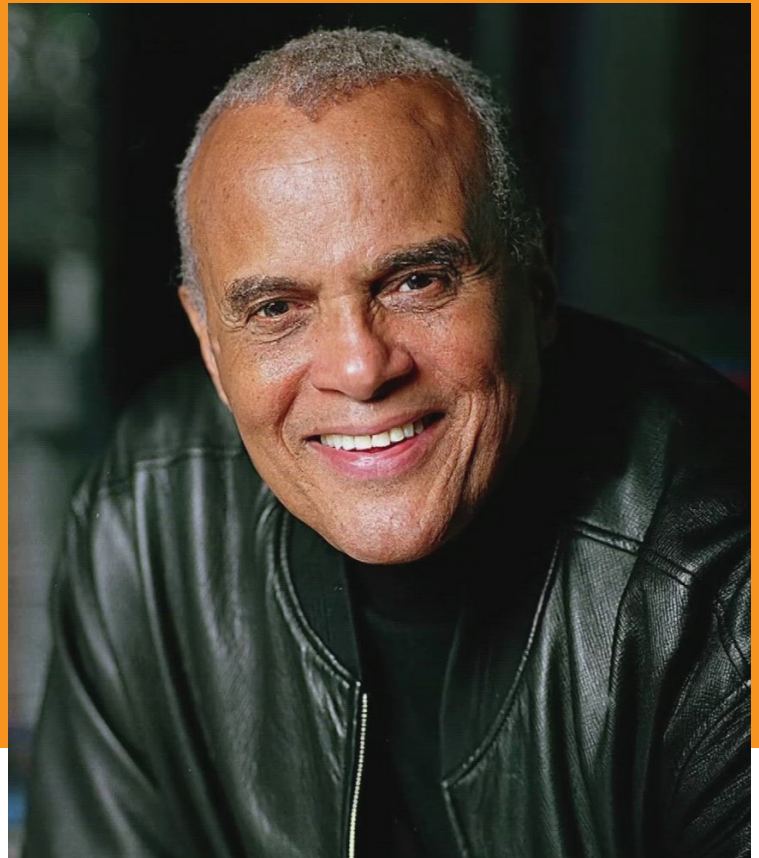
HARRY BELAFONTE

Singer, Actor and Tireless Activist

Date of Birth: March 1, 1927,
New York City, New York

Died: April 25, 2023,
New York City, New York

Veteran: US Navy - Served in
WorldWar II



In a career that spanned more than seven decades, Harry Belafonte made a host of trailblazing achievements in the arts and society. From being the first Black American to win an Emmy to using his voice and his wallet to finance social justice, Belafonte was dedicated himself to the improvement of his people and humanity across the globe.

Affectionately known as the “King of Calypso,” Belafonte was born in Harlem, New York, to Caribbean parents. At 17 years old, he decided to drop out of high school and joined the Navy. When he returned home, he became a janitor’s assistant. While on the job, he was given theater tickets as a tip. This was his first introduction to theater and that night he found his true calling.

His first film role was in “Bright Road,” which debuted in 1953, in which he co-starred alongside Dorothy Dandridge. The two then starred in Otto Preminger’s hit musical, “Carmen Jones” in 1954.

In the early 1970s, Belafonte appeared in more films, including two with Sidney Poitier – “Buck and the Preacher,” which debuted in 1972 and “Uptown Saturday Night,” and more.

Belafonte was the first Black American man to receive an Emmy Award, with his first solo TV special “Tonight with Belafonte.”

He would go on to produce the Grammy-winning single “We Are the World,” which raised consciousness and money around famine relief, selling more than 20 million copies.

Belafonte was instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as one of Martin Luther King Jr.’s most trusted confidants. Belafonte, will be remembered for helping break down the color barrier in film, bringing self-respect to the portrayal of Black characters, and fighting for equality across the globe.



***My motto through many years of teaching:
Never give up! Never quit! Be steadfast for
as long as it takes to achieve your goal!
Dedication, determination, perseverance,
and persistence are the keys to success”***

— Barbara Ames, Educator, Musician



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I choose life
I choose positivity
I choose integrity
I choose to honor those that have paved the way
By learning from their sacrifice
By choosing to make the most of my life
I am determined to be excellent
I will create a fresh start
Today is a day like no other
It's a new day*

DOLORES HUERTA

Labor Leader And Civil Rights Activist

Date of Birth: April 10, 1930,
Dawson, New Mexico

Education: University of the Pacific's
Stockton College (later to become
San Joaquin Delta Community
College), Teaching Credential



Dolores Huerta is one of the most influential labor activists of the 20th century. She coined the popular protest chant decades before it would become an enduring campaign slogan for President Obama “Yes We Can”.

Dolores worked tirelessly to launch a worker's rights revolution along with Cesar Chavez during a time when the United States had a dark history buried in its farmfields at a time when some were afraid to fight for their rights

In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as Vice President and played a critical role in many of the union's accomplishments for four decades. In 2002, she received the Puffin/Nation \$100,000 prize for Creative Citizenship which she used to establish the Dolores Huerta Foundation.

She has received numerous awards: among them The Eleanor Roosevelt Humans Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998. In 2012 President Obama bestowed Dolores with The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States. Dolores has 7 schools named after her in California and the State of California has named April 8, Dolores Huerta Day.

She has worked for labor rights and social justice for over 50 years. Her strength and determination helped shape one of the 1st farm worker's unions And in turn Dolores became a pioneer of modern day social justice. She is a civil rights hero who is also a symbol of change.



Invite peace and joy into your life. Turn your thoughts away from everything negative—blame, shame, regrets. Fill your heart with gratitude for the mighty blessings so easily taken for granted.”

— Susan L. Taylor, Founder and CEO National CARES Mentoring Movement, Editor-in-Chief Emerita, Essence Magazine

MICHELLE YEOH

The first Asian woman to win best actress Oscar

Date of Birth: August 6, 1962

Education: She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in creative arts with a minor in drama in 1982.



Michelle Yeoh was born in Ipoh, Malaysia. She's the daughter of Janet Yeoh & Kian Teik Yeoh. She's of Hokkien descent, speaking English and Malay before Chinese. A ballet dancer since 4, she moved to London to study at the Royal Academy as a teen. After a brief dance career, she won the Miss Malaysia beauty pageant title in and the Miss Moomba beauty pageant title in Melbourne, Australia in the early 1980s. Her first on camera work was a 1984 commercial with martial arts star Jackie Chan. In 1985, she began making action movies with D&B Films of Hong Kong. She was first billed as Michelle Khan, then Michelle Yeoh. Never a trained martial artist, she relied on her dance discipline and on-set trainers to prepare for martial arts action scenes.

She uses many dance moves in her films and does most of her own stunts. In 1988, she married wealthy D&B Films executive Dickson Poon and retired from acting. Even

though they divorced in 1992, she's close to Poon's second wife and a godmother to his daughter.

When she returned to acting, she became very popular with Chinese audiences. She later became known to Western audiences through her role in the James Bond film *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997) and in the phenomenally successful *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000). She turned down a role in a sequel to *The Matrix* (1999).

She has her own production company, Mythical Films. She trained with the Shen Yang Acrobatic team for her role in *The Touch* (2002), an English-language film she both starred in and produced. She hopes to use her company to discover and nurture new film-making talent. She also aspires to act in roles that combine both action and deeper spiritual themes.



Do not let fear, insecurities or other people block your blessings. Surround yourself with positive energy. You were created for greatness so be great!"

— Kiesha Nix, Executive Director Lakers Youth Foundation

NICHELLE NICHOLS

Singer, Actor and one of the first African-American women featured in a major television series

Date of Birth: December 28, 1932, Robbins, Illinois

Died: July 30, 2022, Silver City, New Mexico

After the cancellation of Star Trek, Nichols volunteered her time in a special project with NASA to recruit minority and female personnel for the space agency.



Nichelle Nichols was one of 10 children born to parents Lishia and Samuel Nichols in Robbins, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. She was a singer and dancer before turning to acting and finding fame in her ground-breaking role of Lt. Nyota Uhura in Star Trek: The Original Series (1966) series.

Nichols was instrumental in the recruitment of several trailblazing African-American astronauts. Her advocacy for inclusion and diversity wasn't limited to the space program.

As one of the first African-American women in a major television role, Nichols understood the importance of opening doors for minorities and women in entertainment. Nichols continued to push for African-Americans to have more power in film and television. As long as she could remember, she wanted to do nothing but sing, dance, act and write despite no one else in her family following any of those tracks; although her father could tap dance.

He not only became mayor of their town, Robbins, IL, but also a magistrate. On stage, Nichelle was twice nominated for the Sarah Siddons Award as Best Actress of the Year.

In a complete change around soon after the Star Trek television series came to an end, she played a blousey madam, then co-starred with Lynn Redgrave in Antony and Cleopatra. She has been married twice and had a son, Kyle Johnson, from her first marriage to a tap dancer.

She trained and dreamed of singing, dancing and acting and at 16 sang with Duke Ellington and his band in a ballet that she'd created for one of his compositions then later turned to acting, Songs From the Galaxy and authored a book, The Uhura Connection. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



In a world that now measures us on everything from our choice of coffee to our choice for a life partner, know that you are and always will be enough, jmagicalust as you are. You are a beautifully imperfect, flawed and ever-evolving magical work of wonder."

— Lisa M. Price, Founder, Carol's Daughter

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CHARLES RICHARD DREW, MD

Known as the “father of blood banking”

Date of Birth: June 3, 1904, Washington, D.C.

Died: April 1, 1950, Burlington, North Carolina

Numerous schools, Institutions and health-related facilities, have been named in honor of Drew, including the Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles.

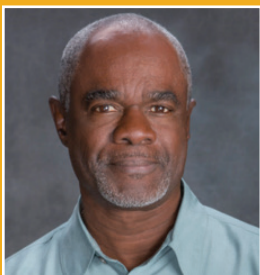


Charles Richard Drew, MD, pioneered blood preservation techniques that led to thousands of lifesaving blood donations. Drew's doctoral research explored best practices for banking and transfusions, and its insights helped him establish the first large-scale blood banks. Drew directed the Blood for Britain project, which shipped much-needed plasma to England during World War II. Drew then led the first American Red Cross Blood Bank and created mobile blood donation stations that are now known as bloodmobiles. But Drew's work was not without struggle. He protested the American Red Cross' policy of segregating blood by race and ultimately resigned from the organization.

Despite his renown for blood preservation, Drew's true passion was surgery. He was appointed chairman of the department of surgery and chief of surgery at Freedmen's Hospital (now known as Howard University Hospital) in Washington, D.C. During his time there, he went to great lengths to support young African-Americans pursuing careers in the discipline.

He also became the first African American to be appointed an examiner for the American Board of Surgery. For the next nine years he devoted himself to training and mentoring his medical students and surgical residents, and raising standards in black medical education. He also campaigned against the exclusion of black physicians from local medical societies, medical specialty organizations, and the American Medical Association.

Drew's innovative work was recognized by awards and honors including the 1942 E. S. Jones Award for Research in Medical Science from the John A. Andrew Clinic in Tuskegee, AL; an appointment to the American-Soviet Committee on Science in 1943; the 1944 Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, for his work on blood and plasma; honorary doctorates from Virginia State College (1945) and Amherst College (1947); and election to the International College of Surgeons in 1946.



***Stay ready to keep from having to get ready,
Because there is no finish line!"***

***— Glynn Turman, EMMY Award winning Actor,
Director, Producer, Humanitarian***

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