

***THE DELAWARE VALLEY MINORITY
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONSORTIUM***



**2010-11
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
*“LIGHTING THE PATH TO YOUR FUTURE”***

January 13, 2011

**University of Pennsylvania
Sheraton University City Hotel
Philadelphia, PA**



2010-11 FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAM

8:15-8:45 **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**
Lower Lobby

9:00-9:15 **WELCOME**
Ben Franklin Ballroom 2-3-4-5

Dr. Robert L. Jarvis, Director
Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium
Penn Center for Educational Leadership
Graduate School of Education
University of Pennsylvania

9:15-10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Ben Franklin Ballroom 2-3-4-5

“A LEGACY OF HOPE”

What are you doing to make a positive difference? Does it really matter how you treat others? How are you going to achieve your life goals? During this motivational keynote presentation, Mr. Lance “Claysmile” Smith will use humor, music and experiential activities to engage the audience to explore the meaning of “Leading a Significant Life” in 2011 and beyond. Sharing personal stories and real-life examples of achievement in spite of life challenges, the audience will be inspired to live a life of resilience, self-control, and contribution as they make a positive difference in their life, for other people and in our global society.



Mr. Lance “Claysmile” Smith
Success By Choice
Wheaton, MD

Mr. Lance Smith is committed to making a difference in our global society. He is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and worked as an auditor with the federal government for over 6 years. However, his primary passion has always been and continues to be his career as a motivational speaker. Known as “Claysmile” to audiences throughout the United States, Lance delivers entertaining presentations that effectively engage, educate, and empower. He is the author of the book, ***“My Name is Victory: Eight Secrets to Achieving your Dreams in Spite of Obstacles”*** and he is the creator of “The Claysmile Show”, a weekly cable TV show.

Lance is on a mission to reach and inspire others with a profound legacy that he received from an older sibling. Sean, one of Smith’s older brothers, struggled with several life issues but yet had the altruism and compassion to reach out and give his little brother pieces of wisdom by using his own struggles as teaching tools. Lance used these profound life principles to overcome his own learning challenges, rising from being a student in special education into a successful working professional.

10:05-11:00

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

1. "BULLIES, PARENTS & TEACHERS - OMG: HOW TO FIND MY OWN VOICE"

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School of Education
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ROOM: University 2

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3. "SCHOOL OR EDUCATION: THE CHOICE IS YOURS!"

PRESENTER: Mr. Edgar Mitchell, Assessment Coordinator, Eastern University Charter School and Co-Founder, B.E.S.T. (Building Educational Success Together) Academies
Philadelphia, PA

ROOM: Chestnut

SESSION DESCRIPTION: Many believe that getting a good education is the true purpose for going school. In fact, it is the law which provides the grounds of the formal education system in the United States. The benefit of earning a diploma or degree provides an individual with society's recognition which states that with such achievements, a person is able to follow directions and complete a task; traits desired by every employer from the small business to large corporate organizations. In this workshop, "SCHOOL OR EDUCATION: The Choice is Yours," Mr. Mitchell speaks to each participant about the importance of what it really takes for someone to be successful in life referring to a term he has coined in the acronym: B.U.I.L.D. -- an educationally-centered lifestyle. The goal of this session to empower each student with insights of how one must maximize every experience in life as a tool for moving one step closer towards their passions and ultimately to a place where notion of merely "going to school" ends and the boundless road of education begins.

4. "CODE SWITCHING OR KEEPING IT REAL? A CONVERSATION ON STANDARD ENGLISH VS ETHNIC SLANG AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT YOU"

PRESENTERS: Mrs. Andrea Lawful-Trainer, Educational Consultant and Parent
Mrs. Robyn Tucker, Educational Consultant and Parent
Abington School District
Abington, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 1

SESSION DESCRIPTION: This workshop is designed to be a spirited conversation between the youth and the two facilitators on the merits/ consequences of speaking in a manner that may be misconstrued as negative or "trash" talking. When is it appropriate? Are you losing your identity if you "Code Switch?" The presenters are parents of teenagers who sit

on both sides of the spectrum and will keep you laughing while giving you food for thought on why first impressions are often lasting ones. Come and discuss with these adults how you can remain true to yourself and keep your identity in an increasingly competitive school environment without being perceived as offensive.

5. “LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED: FINDING & MAKING TIME FOR SUCCESS”

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ROOM: Fairmount 1

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6. “DISCOVERING YOUR PURPOSE AND PASSION”

PRESENTERS: Mr. Omar Barlow, CEO and Principal, Eastern University Academy Charter School and Barlow Enterprises: *Work. Love. Live. BE More Excellent* Cheltenham, PA

ROOM: Fairmount 2

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**12:05-12:45 LUNCH/MIX AND MINGLE
Ben Franklin Ballroom 2-3-4-5**

**12:45-1:45 SPECIAL SESSION: "MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
YOUR COMMUNITY: A LINE OF CHOICES"
WITH MR. LANCE SMITH
Ben Franklin Ballroom 2-3-4-5**

**1:45-2:15 FINAL REFLECTIONS-
"CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM"
Ben Franklin Ballroom 2-3-4-5**

2:15-2:30 BUSES DEPART

Special thanks to Mr. David Poindexter, Cheltenham Township School District, and Mrs. Alyse Halpin, Kennett Consolidated School District for their extraordinary leadership in organizing this event with support of many other dedicated teachers, counselors and school administrators from our Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium school districts.

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