

THE DELAWARE VALLEY MINORITY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONSORTIUM



2008 2nd ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

“CHARTING A COURSE FOR SUCCESS”

March 10, 2008

University of Pennsylvania
Sheraton University City Hotel
Philadelphia, PA

2008 DVMSAC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAM

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

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

*Dr. Robert L. Jarvis, DVMSAC Co-Director,
Penn Center for Educational Leadership
University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education*

*Dr. Claudla Lyles, DVMSAC Co-Director
Cherry Hill Public Schools*

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

Introduction

Mr. David Poindexter, School District of Cheltenham Township



**Randal D. Pinkett, PhD., MBA - Founder, Chairman and CEO, BCT Partners
Newark, NJ
Season 4 Winner of Donald Trump's
"The Apprentice"**

Randal D. Pinkett is the Founder and the current Chairman and CEO of BCT Partners, a multimillion dollar, management, technology, and policy consulting services firm based in Newark, New Jersey, that works with corporations, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

BCT Partners is a minority-owned and operated company and one of the leading firms in the country with expertise in the following industries: housing and community development, economic development, healthcare, human services, nonprofit and community technology, and education.

Dr. Pinkett was named the winner of NBC's hit reality television show, "The Apprentice" Season 4, with Donald Trump. He was one of 18 candidates chosen from among one million applicants to compete for the opportunity to run one of Donald Trump's companies. He is currently overseeing both renovation and information technology projects for Trump Entertainment Resorts in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dr. Pinkett has received numerous awards including the following: NCAA Academic All-American and National Society of Black Engineers–National Member of the Year. He has been recognized by USA TODAY newspaper as one of the top 20 scholars in the country and has been featured in Parade magazine on CNN and Black Entertainment Television, and was featured in Black Enterprise and Ebony magazine, as one of their "30 Leaders Under 30."

He is listed in Who's Who Among American Entrepreneurs and Who's Who Among African-Americans. Most notably, Dr. Pinkett is a Rhodes Scholar, and was the first and only African-American ever to receive this prestigious award at Rutgers University.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Pinkett attends First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, where he resides, and is happily married to his wife Zahara Wadud-Pinkett, and they are both proud parents of their daughter, Amira. Dr. Pinkett firmly believes that "to whom much is given, much is expected," so throughout his endeavors he places great emphasis on his desire to give back to the community.

**10:00-10:30 PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH RANDALL PINKETT
Ben Franklin Ballroom 3-4-5**

10:30-11:45 MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. "ETHNIC NOTIONS OF THE MIND: AFRICAN AMERICAN STEREOTYPES AND CULTURAL LEADERSHIP"

FACILITATOR: Dr. Crystal Lucky, Associate Professor of English, Africana Studies and Women Studies
Villanova University
Villanova, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Jen Schueller, Teacher
Truman High School
Bristol Township School District
Levittown, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 1

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2. "GETTING IN AND GETTING OUT: FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE AND BEYOND"

FACILITATOR: Mr. Marshall Mitchell, Executive Vice President
Wilberforce University (America's Oldest, Private African-American University)
Wilberforce, OH

MODERATOR: Mr. David Poindexter, Teacher
Elkins Park School
School District of Cheltenham Township
Elkins Park, PA

ROOM: Ben Franklin 2

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3. "TOLERANCE & DIVERSITY...ARE YOU PART OF THE PROBLEM OR THE SOLUTION?"

FACILITATOR: Mrs. Julia M. Parker, Nationally Certified R.E.A.C.H. Trainer (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage) and Educator
Gwynedd, PA
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MODERATOR: Mr. Derrick Coleman, Teacher
Kennett High School
Kennett Consolidated School District
Kennett Square, PA

ROOM: University Sulte

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4. "EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT: ACHIEVE MORE IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE!"

FACILITATOR: Ms. Mary Ramirez, Director of the Bureau of Community and Student Services
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Harrisburg, PA

MODERATOR: Mr. Ken Kelman, Teacher
Morrisville High School
Morrisville School District
Morrisville, PA

ROOM: William Penn Sulte

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5. "THE COURAGE TO SUCCEED...AND BE YOURSELF"

FACILITATOR: Mr. Norman Bristol-Colon, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Latino Affairs
Harrisburg, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Liz Nardozi, Teacher
Kennett High School
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ROOM: Chestnut

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6. "FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS"

FACILITATOR: Mr. Mychal Wynn, Educator, Author and CEO Rising Sun Publishing
Marietta, GA

MODERATOR: Mr. Bill Hayes, Principal
Wissahickon High School
Wissahickon School District
Ambler, PA

ROOM: Fairmount 1

SESSION DESCRIPTION: In small group discussion, Mr. Wynn will engage students in an open and candid question and answer session. Students frequently raise such issues as peer pressures; whether or not certain dreams and aspirations are realistic; the issues confronting Mr. Wynn as a husband and father; the issues and obstacles which Mr. Wynn had to overcome growing up in poverty; and much, much more.

7. "DEMISTIFYING THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS PROCESS"

FACILITATOR: Mr. David Toomer, Director of Multicultural Recruitment Program, Undergraduate Admissions
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

MODERATOR: Ms. Lynne Partridge, Teacher
Belmont Hills Elementary School
Lower Merion School District
Ardmore, PA

ROOM: Fairmount 2

SESSION DESCRIPTION: We will overview many of the key decisions that students need to make when deciding which college or university to attend. In particular, we will discuss researching colleges and universities, academic preparation, narrowing down your choices, what makes a quality application, what colleges and universities are looking and making visits to colleges and universities. We will also talk about funding your college education with special emphasis on the no loan and reduced loan programs that many colleges and universities are promoting.

11:45-12:15 LUNCH
Ben Franklin Ballroom 3-4-5

12:15-12:45 STUDENT MIX AND MINGLE
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MODERATOR: Ms. Bernice Green, School Social Worker
Harriton High School
Lower Merion School District
Ardmore, PA

ROOM: University Suite

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6. "TAKING LIFE'S CURVEBALLS AND KNOCKING THEM OUT OF THE PARK!"

FACILITATOR: The Honorable Judge Renee Hughes
Court of Common Pleas
The Criminal Justice Center
Philadelphia, PA

MODERATOR: Mr. David Poindexter, Teacher
Elkins Park School
School District of Cheltenham Township
Elkins Park, PA

ROOM: Fairmount 2

SESSION DESCRIPTION: The objective of this session will be to share strategies with our students for dealing with life's challenges and to help the student use those challenges to leverage the student to a higher and better place. Students should be prepared to ask frank questions and to receive frank answers. Leaders don't wait for opportunity but rather CREATE opportunity!

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2:15-2:45 **END OF THE DAY WRAP UP ACTIVITIES**
Ben Franklin Ballroom 3-4-5

2:45 **BUSES DEPART**

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